

St James' C of E Academy

Newsletter



Autumn 1 - 05-09-25

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This half term we will be focusing on the Christian value of Hope

Dear Parents

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome children back to school this week. They all look super smart in their uniforms and have made an excellent start to the new term. Behaviour in classrooms, around school, in collective worship and outside has been fantastic all week and we are feeling really excited about the school year ahead. We would also like to say a really big 'well done!' to our Reception class. They have made an great start to school this week and we are delighted to welcome them as the newest part of our Southam St James family.

Useful dates have been updated below and you will also see a copy of 'Key Dates 2025-26' uploaded to Clasdojo too. We hope that this will help you to plan ahead for key events. Please do bear in mind though that things sometimes need to change - we will keep you updated via the calendar below and do our best to post all events on Clasdojo so that you get updates electronically too.

Best wishes, Laura Richards

Let Your Light Shine

ATTENDANCE

Thank you for helping children make a positive, punctual start to the school term. It's been great to see so many children entering via their class doors with their friends. Whilst we know sometimes events can make you late unavoidably, we know that children make the best start to the day when they arrive on time and through the door of their own classroom.

From next week, we will once again be monitoring class attendance and rewarding classes weekly.



USEFUL DATES

- 10/09/25 - Meet the Teacher, 3.30pm and 4pm
- 15/09/25 - PTFA Activate launch in Collective worship**
- 17/09/25 - Academy Governance Meeting, 5pm
- 19/09/25 - Individual school photos in school
- 25/09/25 - PTFA school discos**
- 25/09/25 - Phonics Info session, YR parents, 5.00pm
- 03/10/25 - Harvest Festival in church, 2.30pm
- 10/10/25 - World Mental Health day, wear yellow
- 10/10/25 - Open Morning for Sept 2026 starters
- 16/10/25 - Parents' Evening, 3.30-5.30pm
- 20/10/25 - Parents' Evening, 4-6.30pm
- 24/10/25 - Training Day - school closed to pupils
- 27/10/25 - 31/10/25 - Half term
- 03/11/25 - Children return to school
- 14/11/25 - Children in need - non uniform



Celebration Worship

We will begin awarding certificates next week once children have had time to demonstrate their skills in classrooms. If your child is chosen to receive a certificate, you will be invited to our Celebration Collective worship to watch this. Children are also welcome to bring in certificates for achievements out of school and you are welcome to join us to watch these being celebrated too. In fact, you're welcome to join us for Celebration worship any week - we enjoy seeing you and I know that the children enjoy having an audience to help them celebrate each week. All we ask is that a few of you help us pop chairs away at the end of collective worship please.



WEEK TWO

08/09/25
29/09/25
20/10/25

Option One

Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Pork or Chicken Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce

Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy

Chefs Special Chicken and Chickpea Korma with Rice

Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce

Option Two

Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads

Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce

Vegetable Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips

Vegetables

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Dessert

Iced Vanilla Sponge

NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard

Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad

Peaches and Ice Cream

Vanilla Shortbread



LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS



We are looking forward to continuing to award lots more Lunchtime Superstar awards this year. Look out next week for our first Lunchtime superstars of the school year.



Team Points



Our students earn team points for their academic efforts and achievements across all lessons. Team points have been reset at the start of this term, and certificates will be awarded when children reach the following number of points:

Bronze - 50

Silver - 100

Gold - 200

Platinum - 300

Diamond - 500

STAY FOCUSSED



We concentrate on one task at a time, giving that task 100% of our attention, and don't allow ourselves to be distracted by anything else

This half term, we will be concentrating on our first SHINE value - Stay focussed. We have already spent time in collective worship this week discussing this and it has been great to see children already working hard to demonstrate this in class too.

For more information, our Shine Values posters are on the school website [here](#).

House teams will be able to see their running total for the year on display in the hall!



With the new year starting, we would like to remind parents of our uniform and PE Kit expectations.

School Uniform

- School sweatshirt/cardigan **with School Logo (No hoodies)**
- Red polo shirt (no logo required)
- Grey trousers or shorts for boys or girls (**No leggings**)
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Red and white check summer dress
- Grey, black or white socks or tights (**no** patterns, bright colours or characters please)
- Black sturdy shoes (**no** trainers, open sandals or shoes with high heels)
- One/pair of small stud/s (which can be removed for PE lessons) and a watch permitted.

Please remind your child to bring their coat or a waterproof layer to school every day, especially as we run into the colder, wetter months. Children will be outside for break time and lunch time unless the weather is unsuitable; there is nothing worse than sitting in class with a damp jumper, or unable to warm up properly because they weren't prepared for the weather outside.

Water bottles and school equipment required for the day should be in school every day. If the weather is warm, please remember to apply sun cream in the morning and send in a sun hat. Our weather is very unpredictable - it is much better to be over-prepared than to get caught out!

PE lessons

Continuing this year, children will be expected to arrive in school in appropriate PE kit on their designated PE days, which should have been communicated to you by your child's class teacher.

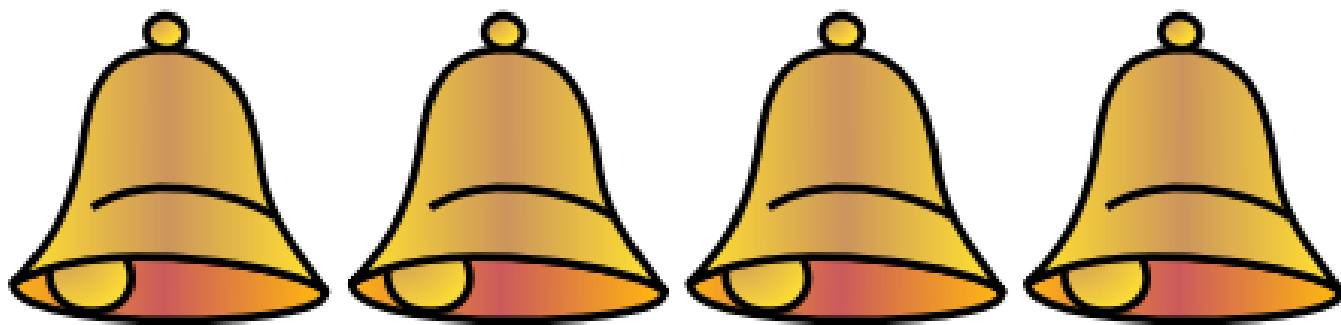
A reminder of our PE Kit expectations:

- Plain black sports trousers - these **must not** be branded, nor carry additional colours or words on them
- Plain black shorts or skirt
- School polo shirts and sweatshirts should be worn on the top half, with the option of the school fleece in the winter
- Trainers should be worn to school, and PE pumps are allowed for indoor PE lessons

ALL jewellery should be removed for every PE lesson, this includes sports watches, as a matter of health and safety. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, we ask that earrings be removed before they come to school in the morning.

Even in the colder months, we will endeavour to take the children outside for PE wherever possible. With this in mind, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof layer in school with them (a coat is perfectly suitable).

As PE is part of the curriculum, every child is expected to participate. Refusal to participate in PE lessons will be treated in the same manner as refusing to complete written work in other lessons. If your child is unable to participate due to injury, this should be communicated to the class teacher via Class Dojo or email prior to their lesson.



Walking family treasure hunt

Sunday 14th Sept

St James Church , Southam.

Begins at St James church between 2 & 2:30pm,
to be completed by 4pm.

Pushchair friendly!

£10 family entry (2 adults and preteen children)

£5 Individual adults and older children

Tea and Cakes available

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