

# St James' C of E Academy

## Newsletter



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

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the last 12 months. It has been a year full of hard work, progress, enthusiasm and fun and we are very proud of all our children and grateful for your ongoing help in so many areas.

During our recent inspection the inspectors were incredibly complimentary about the journey our school has been on in such a short space of time, noting the significant progress we've made together. They shared how much they enjoyed speaking with our children, describing those conversations as a true joy. They were particularly struck by how polite, respectful, and enthusiastic the children were – a reflection of the values we hold dear at SSJ. We are proud of our inclusive school community, and it was clear from the inspection that everyone at SSJ shines. Your support as parents and carers plays a vital role in that, and we are truly grateful.

We wish Year 6 all the very best as they move to secondary school and look forward to welcoming our new pupils into Reception in September. We also hope you all have a wonderful summer holidays and are able to enjoy time together with your families.

Best wishes, Laura Richards

*Let Your Light Shine*

### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance data this year shows some great improvements on last year and we are really proud of all our pupils and grateful for your support in ensuring children are in school, on time, every day.

Remember, if you have concerns, need some support or would like to chat to us about anything attendance related, please contact the school office.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on **Wednesday 3rd September**.



### USEFUL DATES



- 01/09/25 - Training Day - school closed to pupils
- 02/09/25 - Training Day - school closed to pupils
- 03/09/25 - Children return to school for the new school year
- 15/09/25 - PTFA Activate launch in Collective worship**
- 17/09/25 - Individual school photos in school
- 25/09/25 - PTFA school discos**
- 24/10/25 - Training Day - school closed to pupils
- 27/10/25 - 31/10/25 - Half term
- 03/11/25 - Pupils return to school

## Education Experts

We made the decision not to choose Education Experts in our final week of term as teachers were finding it impossible to choose just one person. Also, as we all feel so proud of our entire school for their amazing behaviour this week, we felt that it would be unfair to just choose one person.

We hope that you will all enjoy your extra break time as a well earned reward this week.

Well done to **Emerald** for winning the team point challenge this week.

Well done to **Ruby** for being our overall winning team this year.



WEEK ONE	Option One	Option Two	Vegetables	Dessert
01/09/25	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Vegetables of the Day	Apple Flapjack
22/09/25	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads	Mild Chilli with Rice	Vegetables of the Day	Summer Lemon Cake
13/10/25	Roasted Pork Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Sausage Potatoes, & Gravy	Vegetables of the Day	Fruit Platter
	Pasta Bolognese	<b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Chickpea Curry with Rice	Vegetables of the Day	Savoury Cheese Scone
	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Vegetables of the Day	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins

### LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS

Well done to all of our lunchtime superstars from this year. We have been incredibly proud of you all for the many great reasons you've been chosen as superstars this year.

We are looking forward to continuing awarding lots more Lunchtime Superstar awards next year and sharing lots more cakes with you all.

### Team Points

Our students earn team points for their academic efforts and achievements across all lessons.

This week we are awarding certificates to:

#### Silver 100 Certificates

**Reception** - Joseph K, Arlo, Vinnie

Year 5 - Lacey, Will

#### Gold 200 Certificates

Year 5 - James

#### Platinum 300 Certificates

Year 1 - Florence

Congratulations to you all - we are super proud of you for all your hard work.



#### **STAY FOCUSED**

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.

#### **HONESTY**

We always tell the truth and this means that we are trusted by others.

#### **INDEPENDENCE**

We take ownership of our own learning. We try and complete our learning by ourselves first before we ask for support.

#### **NEVER GIVE UP**

We bounce back after challenges and tough times. We know that we can overcome difficulties.

#### **ENCOURAGE OTHERS**

We acknowledge, appreciate, celebrate, respect and support the learning of others.

Next school year we will begin our Autumn term with our value 'Stay Focussed'.

Watch out for more information about this in September.

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