

# St James' C of E Academy

## Newsletter



Summer 11 - 10-07-25

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are about to head into our final week of the school year - it seems to have flown by but at the same time we have packed so much in!

As the warm weather made a return this week we've been really proud of how well pupils have adapted and adjusted. Routines have continued as normal in school (a few PE lessons have been adapted to avoid the heat) and the sounds of Year 6 rehearsing their leaver's assembly have drifted round the school. We look forward to welcoming Y6 parents to watch this next Friday at 9am. We also hope to see some Y6 parents in school on Tuesday for our collective worship when pupils in year 6 will be presented with Bibles gifted by All Saints Church, Ladbroke.

Please note that our final Celebration assembly of the school year will be held next Thursday 17th July at 9am.

I hope you all have a lovely, sunshine filled weekend!

Best wishes, Laura Richards

*Let Your Light Shine*

### ATTENDANCE

Our attendance data this year shows some big 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.

As we draw nearer to the end of the school year, there are more events and activities happening in school than ever. We hope that this will encourage children to keep up great attendance right to the very end of the final week. Remember, if you have concerns, need some support or would like to chat

to us about anything attendance related, please contact the school office.



### USEFUL DATES

17/07/25 - Final Celebration Worship - **THURSDAY!**

18/07/25 - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly - 9am

18/07/25 - Break up for summer holiday

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



**Reception** - Zala for giving her best and always trying her hardest.

**Year 1** - Elsie for always being inquisitive and showing such enthusiasm for the whole curriculum.

Eimear for working hard following instructions accurately so that she is successful in her learning

**Year 2** - Oscar for a wonderful attitude and being a star.

**Year 3** - Chloe for working hard on her independence in maths and excellent roleplay work in English.

**Year 4** - Bella for her improved performance and positive attitude to learning.

**Year 5** - Noel for his writing performance and perseverance in writing a dilemma narrative.

**Year 6** - Isabella for her excellent story writing.

Congratulations to **Topaz** who are our winning team this week!



## WEEK TWO

05/05/25  
02/06/25  
23/06/25  
14/07/25

### Option One

Lentil and Sweet  
Potato Curry  
with Rice

Pork 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

Guom Fillet, Stuffing,  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Spaghetti and  
Meatballs

Cheese and Tomato  
Guiche 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



**Reception** - Grace for lovely manners and great cutting of food.

**Year 1** - Eimear for helping friends and playing nicely.

**Year 2** - Harriet for being polite and respectful all the time.

**Year 3** - Skyla for being polite and having great manners.

**Year 4** - Toby C for always being polite and having good manners.

**Year 5** - Charlie G for being a great helper on Reception  
playground.

**Year 6** - George R for helping midday supervisors out.

**Well done to you all - we hope you enjoyed your treat and visit  
to top table.**



## 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** - Zala, Daisy

### Gold 200 Certificates

**Year 1** - Phoebe, Mason, Layla Evie, Florence

**Year 3** - James

**Year 4** - Bella

**Year 6** - Stanley, Jenna

### Platinum 300 Certificates

**Year 1** - Elsie, Isabelle

**Year 3** - Millie, Elliot

### Diamond 500 Certificates

**Year 3** - Albie, Henry

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.

This term we will be  
focusing on all of our  
Shine values. We  
have encouraged  
pupils to focus on the  
value they think will  
help them the most.

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