

# St James' C of E Academy

## Newsletter



Spring 1 Week 6 2026

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*This half term we are focusing on the Christian value of Independence*

We've had a fantastic week filled with colour, creativity and brilliant learning experiences!

### PTFA "Yes Day"

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting PTFA Yes Day. The children looked absolutely amazing with their crazy hair, mismatched socks and temporary tattoos—it was such a joyful sight around school! We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful PTFA for all their hard work and dedication in raising valuable funds for our school.

### Reception and Year 1 Library Trip

Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the library this week. Their behaviour was exemplary, and they had a brilliant time choosing their own books. If you haven't yet signed your child up for their own library card, please do consider doing so over half term. It's a great way to get involved in our Get Caught Reading competition (see Dojo for details).

### Children's Mental Health Week

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we welcomed the Sixth Form Wellbeing Team, who delivered thoughtful and engaging sessions to our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils. The children responded beautifully, and it was a valuable opportunity to explore ways to support wellbeing.

Parents are also reminded to sign up to My Happy Mind using the link in the pinned Dojo post if you haven't done so already.

### Happy Half Term!

We would like to wish all our families a very happy and restful half term. We hope you enjoy some well-deserved time together, and we look forward to welcoming the children back rested and ready for school on Tuesday 24th February.

*Let Your Light Shine*

## ATTENDANCE

Reception 98.15%

Year 1 98.82%

Year 2 94.17%

Year 3 92.93%

Year 4 95.20%

Year 5 84.62%

Year 6 93.24%

Well done to Year 1 who have this week's highest attendance!

## USEFUL DATES

23/02/26 - Teacher training day

04/03/26 - AGC meeting

05/03/26 - World Book Day - details TBC

13/03/26 - Mothers day service in church 2:30pm

16/03/26 - Assessment week

26/03/26 - Easter service in church 9:30am

13/04/26 Children return to school

11/05/26 SATs week

13/05/26 Academy Governance meeting 6pm

14/05/2026 PTFA School discos

18/05/2026 Assessment week

25/05/2026 May half term holiday

1/06/2026 Multiplication screening fortnight year 4.

08/06/2026 Phonics screening check week.



## Presentation Perfectionists

This half term, our Celebration Collective Worship will be spotlighting the importance of presentation across all subjects. Each week, the certificate will go to pupils who take real pride in the way they set out their work. We'll be recognising neat handwriting, careful layout, and attention to detail, as well as the effort put into making learning look its very best. It's about celebrating not just what we learn, but how we show it, encouraging everyone to value clarity, care, and creativity in their work.

Year R - Emma Louise for continued improvement in everything and improved confidence!

Year 1 - Dylan for fine motor control, his pencil grip and handwriting posture.

Year 2– Tommy for his brilliant handwriting!

Year 3– Jack for always presenting work neatly and putting in lots of effort and Harriet for always trying hard in her writing.

Year 4 - Skyla for working hard on her finger spacing.

Year 5 - Ruby for her beautiful creative skills in presenting her art work.

Year 6 - Oli for always making a great effort in his presentation.



**Congratulations to Ruby for earning the most team points this week**

K TWO	Option One	Option Two	Option Three	Option Four	Option Five	
	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Spaghetti Bolognese	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chili Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	



### LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS



Reception– Emily for trying a new food.

Year 1— Alice for independently eating a jacket potato.

Year 2– Louis for being polite and well mannered.

Year 3– Scarlett for playing nicely.

Year 4 - Lucy for being a good friend.

Year 5– Ted for being a good helper in the hall and playground .

Year 6– Harry for good manners.

Well done everyone—we hope that you enjoyed your treat



### Team Points



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

Well done to these children who have earned their Bronze and silver awards.

Bronze

Bella– R

Phoebe– 2

House teams can see their running total for the year on display in the hall. Keep up the hard work everyone!



## INDEPENDENCE



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

This half term, we are concentrating on our third SHINE value - Independence. We have already begun learning about this in Collective worship this week and pupils have begun to think about the ways in which they can be independent learners in school. We hope that these skills will support children to become more independent at home too.

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

Family Fun  
**Pancake Party**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

2-4pm

St James Church,  
Southam.  
CV47 0EA



**All Welcome!**

**Eat Pancakes,  
Play Games,  
Do Crafts,  
Have Fun!**