

St James' C of E Academy

Newsletter



Spring 1 Week 4 2026

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

It's been another wonderfully settled week in school. It has been great to see the children working so hard and talking so enthusiastically about their learning across all year groups. Our Year 2 pupils particularly enjoyed their library visit and came back full of excitement about the books they discovered.

Mrs Hothi and I have also been incredibly impressed during our visits to Reception. The children have been sharing their learning about constellations and planets with such confidence, and we have been amazed by their fantastic use of language. Well done, Reception!

We are already looking forward to next week, especially Number Day on Friday. Please remember, there is *no need to buy anything new*. Children simply need to wear a top with a number on it. If you don't have one at home, a great alternative is to cut out a number and attach it to a top you already own. We're also very excited for the TTRS challenge—keep practising at home so we can aim to climb to the top of the tables!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Let Your Light Shine

ATTENDANCE

Reception	96.30%
Year 1	96.08%
Year 2	92.13%
Year 3	93.57%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	94.44%
Year 6	85.51%

Well done to Year 4 who have this week's highest attendance!

USEFUL DATES

06/02/26	- Number Day in school
09/02/26 & 12/02/26	Parents evenings
13/02/26	- PTFA Yes day
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



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 - Beau for her effort in letter formation and trying her best.
- Year 1 - Grace for improving her letter formation and handwriting.
- Year 2- Phoebe for her effort in her writing.
- Year 3- Eliza for trying really hard in her handwriting.
- Year 4 - Chloe for working hard on her handwriting.
- Year 5 - Habi for her thoughtful presentation
- Year 6 - Alex for his brilliant presentation across all subjects.



Congratulations to for earning the most team points this week

WEEK TWO	Option One	Option Two	Vegetables	Dessert
01/26	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegetables of the Day	NEW Gingerbread Cookie
02/26	Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegetables of the Day	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate
	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa		Vegetables of the Day	Fruit Salad
	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Vegetables of the Day	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard
	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chip Tomato Sauce	Cheese Whirl with C and Tomato Sau	Vegetables of the	Vanilla Shortbrec

LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS

- Reception- Emma Louise for using her manners.
- Year 1- Joseph for independently eating his jacket potato.
- Year 2- Elsie for being kind and generous to a friend.
- Year 3- Willow for settling in amazingly
- Year 4 - Albie for picking up litter and being helpful.
- Year 5- Casey for trying a new food.
- Year 6- William for helping a friend to fix the playground.

Well done everyone—we hope that you enjoyed your treat and trip to top table today.

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

Silver

Year 2- Clara, Eliza, Lacey-Mae, Louis

Year 6- Will, Zarin, James

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 17th Feb

2-4pm

St James Church,
Southam.
CV47 0EA



All Welcome!

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