

# St James' C of E Academy

## Newsletter



Autumn 14 12-12-25

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

A huge well done to our KS1 pupils for two fantastic performances of their Christmas production "A Midwife Crisis"! KS2 and our invited guests thoroughly enjoyed watching on Thursday, and parents and families have shared lots of wonderful feedback today. The children truly let their light shine on stage, showing confidence, creativity, and teamwork. We are all incredibly proud of them. A big thank you to all the staff who supported and helped make these performances such a success.

Congratulations also to KS1 for their brilliant visit to the theatre to watch "The Tiger Who Came to Tea". The children were excellent ambassadors for the school, showing impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm. They thoroughly enjoyed the production and were an absolute delight to look after.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Cake Break. The PFA raised just over £200, which is fantastic! A huge thank you to the PFA for organising this event. They are still desperately in search of new members or helpers for future events. If you would like to lend a hand and support our school community, please contact the school office and we'll pass your details on, or you can reach out via the PFA Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping our children to let their light shine every day!

**Let Your Light Shine**

### ATTENDANCE

Reception 100%  
Year 1 100%  
Year 2 93.72 %  
Year 3 98.15 %  
Year 4 97.32%  
Year 5 93.30%  
Year 6 90.34%

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

### USEFUL DATES

15/12/25 - KS1 Performance, 1.30pm  
15/12/25- KS2 choir performing to Tithe lodge  
16/12/25 - KS2 theatre visit- Peter Pan  
17/12/25 - KS2 Carol service in church 2:30pm  
19/12/25 - Carols round the tree 2:45pm  
05/01/26 - Teacher training day  
21/01/26 - Academy Governance meeting  
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.  
13/03/26 - Mothers day service in church 2:30pm  
16/03/26 - Assessment week  
20/03/26 - PTFA Easter cake break  
26/03/26 - Easter service in church 9:30am



## Reading Rockstars

*This half term, we are celebrating children who have really shone with their reading and phonics. This could be in class, out loud, explaining a reading comprehension answer or super effort with home reading.*

Year R Jaxson for his brilliant effort in phonics.

Year 1 Joseph for improving his focus and attention in Guided Reading sessions and home reads

Year 2– Flo for her brilliant effort in class reading and performance.

Year 3– Rosie for her perseverance and brilliant reading of the life cycle of frogs.

Year 4 - Jonah for always reading and trying hard.

Year 5 - Aicha for her excellent reading of and understanding punctuation, and improved fluency.

Year 6 - Alex for joining in sensibly during whole class reading and using the text to support answers.



Congratulations to Ruby for earning the most team points this week



### WEEK ONE

3/11/25  
24/11/25  
15/12/25  
19/01/26  
9/2/26

#### Option One

Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice



Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread



#### Pork Sausages

Vegetarian sausages

NEW Chicken Biryani

Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce

#### Option Two

Autumn Vegetable Lasagne

Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges



NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread

Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce

#### Vegetables

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#### Dessert

Cheese and Crackers

NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard

Fruit Medley

Syrup Sponge with custard.

Jelly with mandarins.



### LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS



Reception– Emily for her lovely manners

Year 1—Zala for playing sensibly.

Year 2– Phoebe For being kind to friends and letting everyone play.

Year 3– Lizzie For being kind to another pupil and offering to share her aeroplane

Year 4 Chloe For being a fantastic friend and helping others.

Year 5– Jack For being kind to midday supervisors and offering to help.

Year 6– Henry for helping set the barrier



### 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.

Year 1

Zala

Rupert

Year 3

Lizzie

Rosie

Scarlett

Arthur

Year 6

Freddie



## HONESTY



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

This half term, we will be concentrating on our second SHINE value - Honesty. We will begin learning about this in Collective worship and lessons after half term but it would be great if you can begin conversations about this at home before then.

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