

St James' C of E Academy

Newsletter



Autumn 13 05-12-25

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

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising such a successful *Cake Break* this afternoon. It was wonderful to see our choir performing and so many visitors joining in the fun – what a lovely school community moment!

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents to collective worship this morning. Everyone enjoyed the photos and videos from the recent Year 6 residential – what great memories! Well done again to Year 6 for being such brilliant ambassadors for our school.

We're loving all the festive tunes filling the corridors and can't wait to welcome KS1 parents and families to watch their Christmas performance next Friday and the following Monday. Our choir will also soon be visiting Tithe Lodge to sing for the residents and spread festive cheer into the local community – such a special way to share the season's joy.

As we head into the final two weeks of term, please keep a close eye on ClassDojo for messages and updates. Wishing all our families a joyful and festive season as we head towards Christmas – thank you for being such an important part of our school community!

Have a lovely weekend!

L Richards

Headteacher

Let Your Light Shine

ATTENDANCE

Reception 96.85 %

Year 1 94.81%

Year 2 95.17%

Year 3 97.53%

Year 4 95.58%

Year 5 96.44%

Year 6 91.39%

Well done to Year 3 who have this week's highest attendance!

USEFUL DATES

09/12/25 - KS1 theatre visit– Tiger who came to tea

10/12/25 - School Christmas Dinner

11/12/25 - Christmas jumper day

12/12/25 - KS1 Performance, 1.30pm

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

09/2/26 & 12/02/26 Parents evenings

13/2/26 PTFA Yes day

23/2/26 Teacher training day

4/3/26 AGC meeting.



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 Emily Her excellent effort in reading and phonics.

Year 1 Zala for Learning the words to all the Christmas songs and delivering her line in rehearsals well!

Year 2– Evie for brilliant reading as the narrator !

Year 3– Jack C and Ivy for demonstrating excellent comprehension skills.

Year 4 - Joshua excellent reading during guided reading.

Year 5 - The whole class Their brilliant effort in their reading assessments this week.

Year 6 - Henry his effort and enthusiasm in class reading.



Congratulations to Topaz for earning the most team points this week



WEEK THREE		Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
17/11/25 8/12/25 12/1/26 2/2/26	Option Two	NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart	



LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS



Reception– Colby for settling in amazingly

Year 1—Noah for playing sensibly

Year 2– Lacey-Mae for helping a friend

Year 3– Mason for remembering the rules

Year 4 Albie for always being polite

Year 5– Fraser for helping tidy the playground

Year 6– Zarin for offering help to others

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

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](#).

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

Florence

Grace

Year 5

Toby F

Jack Roe

Tess

Ethan

Tommy

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

