



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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## Newsletter

## 18 October 2024

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Kindness**

Congratulations to our:

### Values Cup Winners



### Good Work Winners



**Congratulations to 6A who won the weekly attendance award this week with 98% with 6B close behind with 97%. The whole school was 94% which is good but could be better!**

## Important Dates & Holidays

Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2024-25 [here](#).

Wednesday 23 October

Parents' Evening

Monday 21 – Friday 25 October – Year 4/5 Residential to Wick Farm

Friday 25 October 3.20 pm End of Term 1

**Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November – October Half-Term**

**Monday 4 November Start of Term 2**

Wednesday 11 December 9.00 am Aladdin Panto at Everyman Theatre

## School Hours

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>8.15 am</b> | Gates Open/Breakfast Club   |
| <b>8.30 am</b> | School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am |
| <b>8.50 am</b> | Pupils come into school   |
| <b>9.00 am</b> | First session   |
| <b>3.20 pm</b> | End of school day   |

**Pupils should be in school by 8.55 am.** All children who are late (when gates are shut) need to be brought into school by a parent to sign them in. If children arrive in school later than 10.30 am we may not be able to order them a hot lunch so they should bring in a packed lunch.

Breakfast Club is available from 8.15-8.45 am. **Children are expected to be punctual, but they should not arrive in school before 8.15 am when the gates open.**

**REMINDER:** School meals are **£2.71** per day and **£13.55** for a week and should be paid in advance via Parentpay. Please make sure all accounts are up-to-date and in credit.

**Parentpay logins** for all new children are available in the office. The school office is open from 8.30 am – 3.30 pm.

**Data Sheets** will be sent home via children over the next couple of weeks. Please check them, make any amendments and bring back to school signed. Thanks

## School emails

Please check your 'spam' folder for emails as we have changed our email addresses.

**Swimming for Year 5 and Year 6** - Payment for Year 5 and Year 6 swimming of **£2.50** needs to be made every week unless it has been paid for in full. Swimming is a part of the curriculum.

## Doctors, Opticians and Dentist Appointments

Routine doctors, opticians and dentist appointments **SHOULD NOT** be made during school time. Only emergency appointments and hospital appointments should be made during the school day. All other appointments should be made after school, at weekends or during the school holidays. If an appointment has already been made children should be in school before, if possible, and should be brought into school after the appointment, if time. A whole day is not required for a local appointment. Please email or text if your child is going to an appointment. If you have to make an appointment for your child at the beginning of the day, please inform the school.

## Got a question? Need to know something?

Term Dates ● School Calendar ● Trips and Visits


Please take a look at the website first before ringing us – [www.st-james-junior.co.uk](http://www.st-james-junior.co.uk)

## Girls' Football



Yesterday, the girls football team travelled down Barton Street to take on one of our closest rivals, Widden. The game started well with both teams pressing and attacking each other's goal. It must be said that St James were the stronger on the two teams in the first half, but Widden took the lead with what must be said an absolute awesome shot into the top left-hand corner of which no goal keeper could have saved! In the second half Widden did impose themselves and took control of the game as our St James' started to tired. However, with superb defending St James kept the ball out of the net and were unlucky when attacking their goal. The final score was 0 – 1 to Widden. Well done girls for a vast improvement in this game and a special mention should go to Ava, Millie and Anayah.

**LATENESS**  
How much time can you lose?  
IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR  
**5 minutes**  
late each day  
  
**= 3**  
days off

**ATTENDANCE**  
**MATTERS**  
IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR  
**97% = 6**  
attendance days off  
**= 30 hours**  
of learning lost  


## Home Story

At St James', we enjoy reading 'Home Stories'. Home stories are a chance for parents and staff to read stories to a group of children that share the same home language. Last week, children thoroughly enjoyed listening to 'The Little Red Hen' in Kurdish! Thank you Shilan for giving up your time to make this happen.

If you would like to volunteer to read a story in your home language, please let Miss Kirby know.



## Mini Police

PCSO Trina came in and spoke to the class all about the role of the police and what they do within our community. We really enjoyed trying on some of the uniforms. 11 children have been chosen from the class to take part in some extra activities as 'Mini Police' and have been given their own special uniforms. We look forward to our sessions and will keep updating what we get up to.





# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Chickenpox                                     | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over  |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                         | 48 hours after their last episode  |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo                                       | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics  |
| Measles  | 4 days after the rash first appeared   |
| Mumps  | 5 days after the swelling started  |
| Scabies  | they've had their first treatment  |
| Scarlet Fever                                  | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |
| Whooping Cough                                 | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics   |

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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## Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

### 175 days not in school!



# \*Free UNDERSTANDING A NEURODIVERGENT CHILD

A 4-week ONLINE course looking at different types of neurodivergence, how they can present and how to support someone with neurodivergence.

This course provides a safe space to gain a deeper understanding of a neurodivergent child.



Following this course you may progress to:

- Further learning
- Employment
- Volunteering

\*Participants must be aged 19 or over; have lived in the UK for 3 years or longer, qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); or earning below £25,000.00 per year.

## COURSE DETAILS:



TUESDAYS 12TH NOVEMBER - 3RD  
DECEMBER 2024



9:30AM - 11:30 AM



ONLINE



PLEASE CONTACT  
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FOR MORE INFO AND TO ENROL



## Help Your Child with English for parents from Hatherley & St James



A 6-week course to support families whose first language is not English. These sessions are designed to support parents to understand how their children are learning to read and write in school whilst also supporting their English skills.

**Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> November – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**1.00pm – 3.00pm**

At  
Hatherley Infant School

To book a place, or for more information,  
please contact the school office.

\* The course is free if you are over 19 years old, have lived in the UK/EU for 3 or more years, or have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed/retired or earning below £25,000.00 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability.

