

Learning together with courage and kindness 'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

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Dear St James Families,

Attendance this week: 95.4%

School & Trust target: 96%

It's getting super festive in school now! The Nativity performances by Inkpen (Reception class) and Rosen (Year 1 class) were absolutely gorgeous! The children were brilliant with beautiful singing and excellent clear voices! Thank you to all the staff for their time and effort to make this such a special event and to the Helping Hands team for providing refreshments.



Santa Fun Run in aid of Helen & Douglas House

Helen & Douglas House
your local children's hospice



Governors update:

Dear parents & carers

Governors were pleased to visit school at the beginning of October and met some of you at the school gate. We received an update on school progress implementing the new curriculum which is going well. Governors are also monitoring behaviour, attendance and safeguarding very closely.

Governors visited classrooms and observed calm and happy children. The younger children were listening to and practicing phonics and the older ones were using dictionaries and thesaurus to develop meaning and spelling. Governors observed good behaviours in the visited classrooms, orderly and purposeful learning, and the inclusion of children with special needs. Governors spoke to children who were generally confident and enthusiastic to share their learning.

In summary, Governors found the ethos of the school to be welcoming, inclusive and purposeful. We have seen the positive impact of the school vision and values. These observations are consistent with visits by governors individually and, of course, the SIAMS inspection.

Governors have also received the feedback from the parent survey: thank you for taking part. Your views on how the school is doing are so important. The school will repeat the survey in Spring.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of governors and the Trust to say thank you to all the staff who are wonderfully dedicated to ensuring your children receive the best education, and to thank you for supporting the school. Happy Christmas and New Year!

Learning Celebrations:

This week we celebrated the brilliant performances of Inkpen and Rosen pupils in the Christmas Nativity with well earned Headteacher awards! We also awarded Reception to Year 4's with their Santa Run medals (Year 5 & 6 were at the theatre and will get their medals next week). We ended with a lovely range of out of school achievements. Well done everyone!



Events:








13th Dec 2:30: Mince-pies & Mulled wine at Donaldson's singing performance

The Holy Fair was a wonderful community event for the school to be part of. Thank you so much to everyone who made this possible and all of you who were able to support the event.



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Key Dates for the Diary

11 th – 15 th December 	Year 5 Swimming Intensive Week Please ensure children have their swimwear with them in school every day this week.
13 th & 14 th 	Christmas Lunch 13 th December: Reception, Years 1, Yr2 & Yr 6 14 th December: Years 3, 4 & 5 Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on their Christmas dinner day.
13 th December	Donaldson Class Christmas sing song 2:30pm
13 th December 	Christingle Service 4pm at St James Church – Please come and join us at St James Church. Children from Years 4-6 will be invited to sing or read. Details to follow.
15 th December 	Festive Film Club: 3.20pm - 5.00pm Children are invited to stay at school and enjoy a festive film. If you would like your child to attend, please donate £5 (which will go towards a light tea and refreshments).
18 th December 	Rock Performance 2.15pm: Parents of children who attend Rock are invited to their performance in the hall.
19 th December 	Years 2 & 3 Carol Concert 2.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.
20 th December 	Last day of term – School ends at 12:30

Reminder:

Please make sure your child/children have a waterproof coat and wellies in school. (If you would like support with this please let us know) We love being outside and to allow us all to be on the field wellies are essential!



Please remember to keep your contact information up to date and let us know immediately if anything changes.

Notices:



Enrichment at St James CE Primary School

**Are you a sewer? A knitter? Love amdram? Sporty?
Play chess? Could you spare some time to share your
Passion with the children of St James school?**

Enrichment is a very important part of what we offer for the children of St James. To gain the best possible provision we are hoping that there may be members of the Hanney community who might be able to give some time and offer a skill they could share with the children. This could happen at lunchtime or as an after school club, ideally for a 6 week block.

If this is something you may be interested in please contact the school by email: office@stjamesce.vale-academy.org

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Christ Church Cathedral School

Boys' Prep School with co-ed Nursery



Christ Church Cathedral School



Would your son like to join our world-famous choir?



Saturday 13th January 2024, 2.30 - 7.00 pm

Boys, currently aged between 7 to 10, are invited to come and see what it's like to sing with our current Cathedral Choristers for an afternoon. No prior choral experience is needed.

Potential choristers can join a choir rehearsal led by CCCS' Director of Music, followed by refreshments, and then sing with our internationally acclaimed choristers at Evensong. The afternoon provides a great opportunity for boys to have first-hand experience of what it's like to be a chorister at Christ Church Cathedral School.

Being a Cathedral Chorister is a life-changing opportunity. Boys learn: self-discipline, social skills, a sense of responsibility and teamwork, as well as outstanding musical and vocal skills.

All Cathedral Choristers receive a bursary equivalent to two-thirds of fees to support their education at CCCS and means-tested fee remission may be available up to 100%. In the last 5 years, all of our Cathedral Choristers have won music awards to leading senior schools.

To participate, please complete our online registration form: www.cccs.org.uk/visitus or for more information, please contact our Registrar, Laura Kemp, email: registrar@cccs.org.uk

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Register for our 'Be a Chorister for an Afternoon' for boys in current Years 2, 3, 4 & 5. All Cathedral Choristers receive generous bursaries.