

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,

As we arrive at the end of September, I'm amazed at how quickly the time has flown. Everyone is now well settled into their new classes and school feels like a calm and happy place to be. We have had our first few Open The Book collective Worships over the last few weeks; this week's gave us a dramatic retelling of the Bible story of Joash. There were some great performances, including the pupil volunteers.

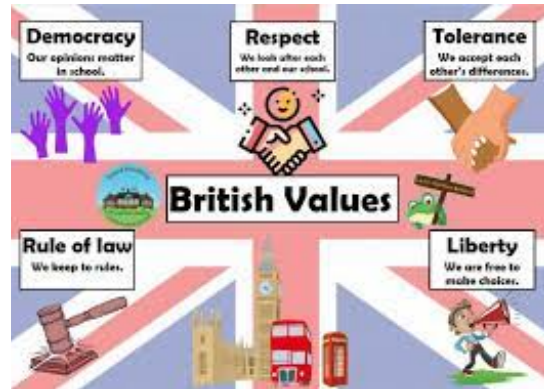


Notices:

- For safeguarding reasons we ask that smart watches don't come into school - like mobile phones if your child is in Years 5 or 6 and need them for safety getting home, we ask that they are stored in the class cupboard (school can take no responsibility for their safety).
- We have been making Christmas designs in school for you to order - these will be coming home soon.
- Please return student information forms – it is very important to have all data up to date.
- Communication: It is vital all families are connected to Parentmail - in order to give permissions and pay for things. Events and learning celebrations are shared on Dojo. If you are struggling to connect or use these please contact the School Office.
- Census day lunch is on 5th October – this is how funding is decided for the year, so the more hot dinners ordered the better!
- School may be able to claim more funding for children if families meet particular criteria, if you think you may be entitled please let the school Office know or contact our Home School Link Worker: mrichardson@stjamesce.vale-academy.org

School Council:

As part of our school value of community we are developing pupil leaders within school. The pupils are rising to the responsibility brilliantly and our first meeting was a great success; the year 6 leads have organised future meetings and ensured everyone's voice was heard, so all the pupils ideas were represented. Class representatives were voted for by the pupils - supporting the children's understanding of democracy, as part of our work with the British Values.



Learning Celebrations:

Pupils across the school this week, visited our Trust Phizz Lab to have a day of Science explorations. They all came back full of excitement about Science - this is a facility we will now have access to throughout the year with the hope that lots more pupils will visit soon!




This week in Celebration Collective Worship Year 5 came in protesting about a proposed pipeline that would destroy Native American Land. It was a powerful performance demonstrating some great Geography knowledge and a passionate display of courageous advocacy - standing up for other people. It was also to hear every child speak in front of the whole school. Well done Year 5!



Lyle also shared his amazing Blue Peter Badges and Kit celebrated 'man of the match' for sportsmanship and standing up for others!



Save the Date
St James Hanney Primary School
Helping Hands Indoor Community Day
Saturday 4th November 2023
10am – 3pm


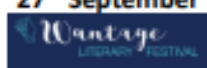










PTA AGM
Tuesday 3rd Oct
7PM
at school
Please come!



Key Dates for the Diary



Sept/Oct 2023

Year 1 local walk 26th September 	Year 1 will be taking a walk in the local area as part of their learning this term.
Wantage Literary Festival 27th September 	Year 5 and 6 will be attending the literary festival in Wantage. Following the success of the mini 2022 Festival, 2023 sees the return of some great names, poetry events, history and fiction panels along with more free family-friendly activities.
Michaelmas Fayre 30th September 2.00pm 	Come and support the wonderful Hanney Michaelmas Fayre, which raises money for local grants. It's a great day out for the whole family too!
KA Open morning 3rd – 5th October 	King Alfred's Academy are running open mornings for Year 6 students from 9.00am-11am on 3 rd – 5 th October. Please notify school if your child will be attending.
Parents' Evening 10th & 11th October 	Parents' Evening will be on 10 th and 11 th October from 2pm-6pm. More details on how to book your slot/s will be out soon.
Friends of St James AGM 3rd October 	St James PTA are a crucial part of our school community and have successfully raised significant amounts of money for the school and our children. Please continue to support them by attending this years' AGM and find out what plans there are for the coming year! Our PTA needs you!
Year 5 Science Trip to Harwell 10th October 	Year 5 will join other students from UK schools at Harwell campus and meet NASA astronauts Nicole Stott and Susan Kilrain. The whole day is being provided free of charge by Harwell Campus. Full details to follow.
Rags to Riches Bags to school 12th October 	This is a great way to raise funds for the school by getting rid of unwanted clothes, shoes etc. Bring your bags to school (by 9am) or leave them at the village hall car park and SAC will ensure the bags get into school. We can store bags in the shed if you want to get rid of them before this.
Individual School Photos 16th October 	These will be held within the school day. Details on how to order your child/ren's photo will follow after the day.
Harvest Festival 18th October 	All parents are invited to join us at St James Church from 10-11am. Each class will be performing something for the Harvest Festival. Details of donations to follow.
End of Term 1 19th October 	Last day of term. Schools ends at 3.20.

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

5th October

KIDS CHOICE MENU

KID APPROVED

Hotdog or
Quorn Hotdog
Chips
BBQ Beans
Sweetcorn
Chocolate Brownie



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TENNIS AT HANNEY TENNIS CLUB

EXCEL
Tennis Academy

COACHING SESSIONS:
Children aged 4 - 16 years old
Adult Beginners and 'Rusty Rackets'

Adults

Beginners / Rusty Rackets - Thursdays 18:30 - 19:30
Improvers / Club Players - Thursdays 19:30 - 20:30
Cardio Tennis - Wednesdays 09:00 - 10:00

Juniors

Born 2019 - 2017 - Tuesdays 16:15 - 17:00
Born 2018 - 2016 - Tuesdays 17:00 - 18:00
Born 2018 - 2016 - Wednesdays 16:45 - 17:45
Born 2015 - 2013 - Tuesdays 18:00 - 19:00
Born 2012 - 2008 - Wednesdays 17:45 - 18:45



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October Holiday Camps 2023: Venues and Dates



Monday 23rd October	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Rd, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 24th October	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Wednesday 25th Oct	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Kidlington, OX5 1RQ
Thursday 26th October	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Friday 27th October	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Rd, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £30 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

Monster Science



What if terrifying creatures were indeed prowling the big, wide world? Could they really exist? And if so, how? Explore the scientific principles behind the legends such as Frankenstein, Vampires, Zombies and Werewolves. Uncover your phobias and find out what happens to your body when you are afraid. With fun games and science crafts, there is plenty to satisfy an appetite for all things monster and engage the imaginations of children to get them excited about science.

Call a member of our team or visit our website for more details

To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website, and click the 'Register Here' button on the holiday camps page. All bookings are processed through Active Network. Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years. Spaces are subject to availability.

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