

# Learning together with courage and kindness

## 'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



## St James News

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### WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

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- Dates for your diary

**Attendance this week: 95.6%**

**School & Trust target: 96%**

Dear St James Families,

After another busy week at St James, I would just like to say an enormous thank you to the whole school community! Parents Evenings were well attended and I heard lots of really productive conversations about pupil's learning and how the children have settled into their new classes. Please make sure you contact school to rearrange your appointment if you were unable to attend.

We also had a special visitor at the end of the week, for our SIAMs inspection. This gave us a chance to celebrate all the wonderful things that are happening in school and talk about our new vision. We will have the report after half term and I look forward to sharing it with you all. A massive thank you to everyone involved: pupils, staff, parents, governors our CEO and Director of Education for our Trust, Rev. Alec & Rev. John from the church and our Oxfordshire Diocese Board of Education Advisor. I feel very privileged and proud to be part of such a supportive and kind team!

### Staffing update:

I am very pleased to welcome three new members of staff to the St James team:

- Mrs Wiggleworth-Yeates - Learning Support Assistant in our Early Years team
- Mrs Badunenko - Learning Support Assistant in our Early Years team
- Mrs Bevan - Office Assistant

It has also been wonderful to see Mrs Baker back in school and I know that Dahl Class have been really enjoying getting to know her properly. Just after half term the wonderful Mrs Oreffo will be having some time away from school to have her baby, we are currently recruiting for her maternity cover.

### Friends of St James (PTA)

We are still looking for someone or 2 people to step into the role of Chair for the Friends of St James (PTA). It is such an important part of the St James community and cannot continue without a Chair. Sam really does want to step down but is happy to support whoever takes over the role for as long as is needed! Please come and speak to me or Sam if this is something you would consider taking on.



## Learning Celebrations:

This week we celebrated Year 3's wonderful art work, inspired by Henry Matisse. All the children were courageous enough to speak in front of the whole school and our special visitor! They should feel so proud of themselves - a very well earned Headteacher's Award!



We also got to celebrate our brilliant 'Ultimate Frisbee' Team, who represented the school so brilliantly with their sportsmanship and team work at a recent tournament, having never played before! In further sporting achievement we heard about Blake's goal keeping camp and some brilliant swimming from Tilly and Harry. Harry had swam so far they didn't have a high enough certificate!!








# Key Dates for the Diary



Sept/Oct 2023

<b>Individual School Photos</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	These will be held within the school day. Details on how to order your child/ren's photo will follow after the day.
<b>Harvest Festival</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	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.
<b>End of Term 1</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b> 	Last day of term. Schools ends at 3.20. <b>Thursday!</b>



**Harvest Festival- This Wednesday - children performing in church - everyone welcome!**

We ask that children bring a donation to school, for our local foodbank (see information below). Many thanks!



## Donate Food

### How to make donations of food

Thank you for your help for Food Bank. Below is a list of items which go into our food parcels – unfortunately due to storage problems and health regulations we cannot use fresh or homemade food, or items past their 'best before' date.

Donations of the following with one or more months to go on their 'best before' date are very welcome



Tins or packets of soup  
 Packets of rice  
 Tins of fish  
 Packets of pasta  
 Tins of meat  
 Jars of pasta sauce



Tins of tomatoes  
 Tins of fruit  
 Tins of potatoes  
 Tins of rice pudding  
 Tins of baked beans/spaghetti  
 Tins of custard (not needing milk added)  
 Tins of other vegetables  
 Jars of jam



Packets of biscuits  
 Packets of teabags  
 Packets of breakfast cereal  
 Packets/jars of hot chocolate (not needing milk added)  
 UHT milk Packets of sugar  
 Jars of coffee  
 Large cartons of long life fruit juice



Packets of sweets  
 Packets of treats

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

## ACTIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC

### Get your smiles ready

We are on our way to photograph  
your schools photos on

**Monday  
16th October 2023**

To help us take the best photos possible, please  
make sure everyone has the correct uniform,  
and hair is how you want it.



Your child will come home with an  
order form which has a choice of 3  
different images linked on their  
gallery.

All orders are delivered directly to  
your door.

[www.activephotographic.co.uk](http://www.activephotographic.co.uk)

## Helping Hands Indoor Community Day

St James Hanney Primary School

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 10am – 3pm**

Refreshments and food provided

Here at St James Hanney Primary, we're dedicating our next Community Day to make some big strides in reaching our goals for the School Hall to make it a more useable peaceful space for all our pupils. If you can spare some time – long or short – to make it possible, we would be very grateful.

We plan to paint the School Hall walls, build some wooden frames to help with storage, put some blinds up on the windows right at the top of the hall, and do some general sorting out across the school. The time of year means we will focus on activity inside the school, and stay warm and dry!

If you have any specialist skills, advice, or kit that you think would help us get the most out of the day (e.g., reaching above-height areas, making the most of nooks and crannies for storage frames), we'd love to hear from you via [HelpingHandsHanney@gmail.com](mailto:HelpingHandsHanney@gmail.com).

We are also accepting donations of **DULUX MATT PURE BRILLIANT WHITE EMULSION PAINT\***, both before and on the day. If you're able to do so, please let us know via the email (via which you can also request collection if you can't bring it to the school). Anyone able to bring paint brushes and rollers with them would be great!

Many thanks

Mrs Ottaway, Headteacher

\* all white paints are slightly different, so unfortunately we are unable to accept other types

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- 2 We'll send you a YouMove Welcome Pack and membership cards
- 3 Your local Activators will be on hand to provide lots of support & advice
- 4 Enjoy getting active together!

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Cherwell District: 01295 221980

West Oxfordshire: 01993 861561

Vale of White Horse: 07801 203571

South Oxfordshire: 07717 225679

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## HALLOWEEN FUN, FAMILY CHALLENGE

EXPLORE THE PARK, FIND THE MARKERS, COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE, HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Wednesday 25 October,  
10am-midday  
Long Furlong Play Park,  
Abingdon, OX14 1XP

Scan the QR code to  
book or email  
[active.communities@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:active.communities@southandvale.gov.uk)





## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY BADMINTON TRIALS

Radley College Sports  
Centre Radley  
SATURDAY 14TH  
OCTOBER 2023  
1-4pm!

All levels welcome  
- both community  
and county places  
offered!

See age group  
timings & book  
now:  
[https://bookwhen.  
com/nb-trials](https://bookwhen.com/nb-trials)

[HTTPS://NATIONALBADMINTON.  
ORG.UK/](https://nationalbadminton.org.uk/)



**Free!**

## ACTIVE COMMUNITIES October half term activities

Xplorer

Multi-sport

Yoga

Scan QR to see what we have planned over  
the October half term



## Family Tennis

Join our new tennis session open to non members to get  
playing this Spring!

**Wednesdays  
4 - 5 pm**

**Starting 19 April  
FREE for YouMove  
Cardholders or £3**

**Wantage Tennis Club,  
Memorial Park, Manor Rd,  
Wantage OX12 8DW**

Booking in advance advised

For more information and to book contact Andy  
Aitken [andy@aatennis.co.uk](mailto:andy@aatennis.co.uk)



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## Family Yoga and games

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER  
10AM - MIDDAY  
DEAN COURT,  
BOTLEY, OX2 9DG

FREE  
FOR AGES 3-10YRS  
TO BOOK (NEEDED) EMAIL:  
[ACTIVE.COMMUNITIES@SOUTHANDVALE.GOV.UK](mailto:ACTIVE.COMMUNITIES@SOUTHANDVALE.GOV.UK)