

Learning together with courage and kindness

'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

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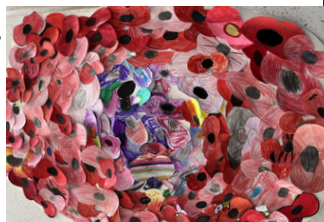
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Dear St James Families,

Attendance this week: 95.58%

School & Trust target: 96%

After a slightly soggy, but busy week there is lots to celebrate! We started the week with a visit from the Royal British Legion. Many thanks to Chris and Kirstine for their visit, which gave the children a first hand account of being in the armed forces and emphasised the importance of Remembrance. I look forward to seeing some of you on Sunday (10:15 at the Legion) for the parade and service, where we will be presenting our school reef. Thanks to those of you who were also able to donate something to the Poppy Appeal in school.



We also had a visit from our school Governors on Monday, who were so positive about how engaged the children all were with their learning. Well done everyone and thank you to all the Governors for their continued support to ensure St James CE School is enabling all to flourish to be the best they can be 'for the good of all'!

On Tuesday I was invited to the Church Parish Council meeting to share the school's vision of being a central part of the local community. They are such an incredible support to the school and I'm so excited about growing and developing our links.

On Wednesday we had two excellent opportunities for parents to engage with our brilliant English team and find out about phonics, reading and writing in school and how to support at home. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and your overwhelmingly positive feedback. I know lots of you were sad to have missed this opportunity and the team will be sharing a recorded online presentation soon, so that you are able to find out more about the excellent English offer at St James. Thank you so much to the incredible hard work of the staff team involved in this!

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!



On Wednesday staff also had some excellent shared training with another VAT school, which continues us on our journey developing our pedagogical (methods and practices of teaching) approach, so that all children are learning to enable them to flourish to be the best they can be 'for the good of all'. For further information [click this link to the page on our website.](#)



Friends of St James

On Sunday we had our indoor community day and I'm so grateful to those who were able to attend. We are yet to start the painting but we made lots of good plans. A special thank you to Ankie Lam (professional curtain & blind maker), Ryan Charlett (scaffolder) and Sim Spencer (local handyman) who all donated their time and expertise this weekend to help us prepare the windows for their new blinds. The material for the blinds are kindly supplied at cost price by Drapes (Oxon), and are being made as we speak for free by Ankie.

We will be continuing to open the hall for painting and decorating days in the coming months, so watch this space if you would like to get involved for future dates.

We warmly invite the school community to join us in a meeting to propose the new parent team who will continue the efforts of the departing team in fundraising activities for St James.

Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 14th November, School hall, or join on Zoom (invite link to follow next week)

We now have a team of people who have volunteered to fill the required, legal positions . This is excellent news for the children and means we can continue our efforts with charity status to support the school community. It goes without saying there are huge thanks to all those who have devoted their time and effort in many ways to support the school to date. Fresh faces welcome and we would love to hear from you if you would like to get involved.

Learning Celebrations:

This week we celebrated some individual achievements, particularly Ben and Ivy, who had written an entry for the National 500 words story competition and Johanna who had been busy writing, in their own time. Anna had also done lots of great maths practise at home and it was a family fair for Olivia and Lottie and their gymnastic competition success! Hollie & Elysia also shared the brilliant reef they had created of all of the children's poppies!



After School Enrichment Clubs				
3:20pm-4:15pm				
Clubs are £3.00 per session, please book via <u>Parentmail</u>				
<i>This clubs are enrichment opportunities, not childcare</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	 Reception, Yr 1, 2 Tennis Where: MUGA	 Multi Sports Who: Yr 1, 2 & 3 Where: MUGA/ Field	 Martial Arts Who: Yr 2- 6 Where: Hall	
		 Dungeons & Dragons Who: Yr 4 – 6 Where: Year 5 Finish 4:30pm	 Netball Who: Yr 4 – 6 Where: MUGA	

**Netball now available to
Year 3 - sign up on
parentmail!**

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












Key Dates for the Diary



Nov/Dec 2023



Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 14th November, School hall, or join on Zoom (invite link to follow next week)

13 th – 20 th November 	Christmas Shoebox Appeal Drop-off week A wonderful opportunity to support the Samaritans charity and help give children across the globe a better Christmas. If you would like to take part, you donate £5 and collect a leaflet from the Office.
17 th November 	Children <u>In</u> Need Children are invited to <u>make a donation</u> and dress up in something spotty!
27 th – 1 st December 	Year 6 Residential Year 6 are away at Yerworthy <u>Yerworthy</u> Lodge for a week of making memories!
4 th – 8 th December 	SEND Review parent meetings Parent teacher meetings to review ISPs and set outcomes for Term 2 & 3.
1 st December 	Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Years 1 - 4 will be travelling to the Oxford Playhouse for some pantomime fun.
3 rd December 	Family Advent Service 9.30am at St James Church.
8 th December 	Christmas Carol Performance Years 5 & 6 will be travelling to Creation Theatre at Longwall in Oxford for this Christmas classic.
8 th December 	Fun Run for Helen and Douglas House 11am on the school field. More details to follow.
6 th & 7 th December 	Reception & Year 1 Nativity 2.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.
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 <u>Yr</u> 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 <u>rock</u> 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

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

Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group presents a pantomime by Tom Whalley

Cinderella

23-25 November 2023
Southmoor Village Hall

Adult: £14
Child: £8
Family ticket: 2 adults, 2 children £40



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or call ticket source on: 0333 666 336
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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
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- They help with things like shopping, transport, household tasks, dog walking, gardening, befriending - whatever is most needed in your area.
- £500 start-up grants are available for new schemes; existing informal schemes may also be eligible for funding.



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Wantage Band presents

THE SNOWMAN

Wantage Band return for a Christmas spectacular for all the family! With a film screening of The Snowman along to the full live brass band soundtrack and lots of festive singalongs, this is THE must see event in the area for Christmas 2023!

"Highly recommend - I came to see this last year and it was phenomenal!"

Adults £15
Students £12
Children £10
Family tickets available
Under 2s (on laps) FREE

ticketsource.co.uk/wantage-band
or scan below

Saturday 2nd December
The Beacon, Wantage
3:30pm and 6:00pm

Sunday 3rd December
The Arney Theatre, Abingdon
1:30pm and 4:00pm

