

# 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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Dear St James Families,

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**Attendance this week: 95.9%  
School & Trust target: 96%**

As we celebrate our success at Ofsted hopefully lots of you have seen our window display in the village shop. We will have banners going up soon and a piece in the next Hanney News. I will also be sharing on facebook and if people could add positive comments and share that would be much appreciated! Thank you to all of you who have shared your congratulations it has been lovely to have so much positive feedback. Positive publicity is vital for us as a school so that we can attract as many pupils as possible to enable us to be sufficiently funded, as our budget is directly linked to the number of pupils we serve. Being part of the community is such an important element to what makes St James such a special school and you as parents are such an important part of that!



Anything that you can do for our school has such a huge impact from being a Governor or running our

Helping Hands Fundraising group, to volunteering on trips, at community events and running after school enrichment clubs. We are so lucky to be part of such an amazing community and I look forward to growing this as we move forward.

**If you think there is something you could offer or a way you would like to get more involved please do contact us using the email: [office@stjamesce.vale-academy.org](mailto:office@stjamesce.vale-academy.org)**

# Thank You

## Keeping safe in school:

The children may have shared with you that on Friday we had a practice at a lockdown. This is in case we need to keep everyone inside the school for safety, for example if a wild animal was on site. The children were all brilliant and incredibly sensible during the practice and are now ready if this was ever something we needed to implement.

We continue to talk and teach the children about building relationships and what a good relationship is. We have also talked about ways we can resolve conflict and practised our technique of 'Friendly voice, Firm voice, Talk to an adult'. Staff are also having training to encourage their interactions with children to promote positive play.

### 1. Friendly voice

"Please stop because I don't like it."



### 2. Firm voice

"STOP!"



### 3. Talk to an adult

"I've tried using my friendly and firm voice but they aren't stopping ..."



## Helping Hands:



Next events: **Bacon buns on sports days**

**school disco on Friday 17th May** - please volunteer if you can.

Contact us on: [helpinghandshanney@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandshanney@gmail.com).

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## Celebration Collective Worship:

Another wonderful week of learning in school! Year 4's drumming was incredible, well done Rowling class a well earned Headteacher's Award! Thank you to Mr Cockerham for organising with our Trust Music lead Mr Campbell. We also celebrated the incredible effort all the Year 6 pupils are putting into their learning at the moment, preparing for their Year 6 tests. They have been amazing and I know Mrs Dipple and Ms Grice are particularly proud of them! Finally we celebrated lots of brilliant out of class learning and achievements!



# Key Dates for the Diary

<p>6<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Bank Holiday</b> School closed</p>
<p>7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Year 3 – Hill End residential</b> The children in Year 3 will be going to Hill End on a one-night residential to Hill End More information to follow</p>
<p>8<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park</b> More information to follow</p>
<p>10<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Celebration of Learning! 3:15 in classrooms (Years R-5)</b> Parents are invited to come into class and see their children's books and ask their teacher any questions about their learning. We hope as many parents and carers as possible will be able to attend, so the children can really <u>show-off</u> all their hard work.</p>
<p>W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Year 6 SATS week</b> Year 6 parents will receive more information about this week from Mrs Dipple.</p>
<p>15<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>New Reception Intake Open Evening 6pm</b> Our Early Years Team will be hosting an open evening for new and prospective Reception parents.</p>
<p>16<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Census Day</b> There may be a change to the lunch <u>menu</u> this day.</p>
<p>17<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Donaldson, Reception and Year 1 - Sports Morning – 9:15 – 11:00</b> Please do stay after drop-off, and make your way onto the school field, signing in at the table provided. The children will go to their classrooms for registration and get ready. Sports morning will start at approx. 9:15/30am.</p>
<p>17<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>School Disco (Yrs R-6)</b> More information to follow from Helping Hands  4.00pm - 5.15pm: Reception, Year 1 &amp; Year 2    5.30pm - 7.00pm: Years 3 - 6</p>
<p>21<sup>st</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Coffee Morning – 9.00-9.30</b> The CAMHS Mental Health Support Team will be our guest speakers for this term's coffee morning. We will be discussing the service they can offer to families and answer any questions you may have.</p>
<p>22<sup>nd</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Year 2 – Year 6 – Sports Morning – 9:15 -11:30</b> Please do stay after drop-off, and make your way onto the school field, signing in at the table provided. The children will go to their classrooms for registration and get ready. Sports morning will start at approx. 9:15/30am.</p>
<p>22<sup>nd</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>New Nursery Intake Open Evening 3.30pm</b> Our Early Years Team will be hosting an open evening for new and prospective Nursery parents.</p>
<p>24<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Year 6 – Junior Citizens Trip to <del>Rewley</del> Road Fire Station</b> The Year 6 children will visit <del>Rewley</del> Road Fire station to learn about how to keep themselves safe in everyday life. More information to follow</p>
<p>24<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>Year 2 sleepover at school</b> The Year 2 children are invited to a sleepover at school. More information to follow.</p>
<p>24<sup>th</sup> May</p> 	<p><b>End of term</b> Finish at 3:20</p>



## Charlton Primary School

### Are you looking to make a difference?

#### ----- Teaching Assistant Vacancy ----

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed teaching assistant to join our team for September '24 or sooner.

The successful candidate will work with children from across the school, falling under the line management of the Assistant Head/SENCo. Duties and responsibilities can range from supporting children on a 1:1 basis in a key worker role to delivering targeted interventions and also supporting teaching & learning in classrooms, as well as supporting at lunch time.

#### We are looking for someone who:

- is patient, reflective and nurturing;
- has excellent communication and interpersonal skills and will work closely and collaborate with colleagues;
- is committed to supporting individual pupils with a range of strengths and special educational needs;
- has excellent literacy and numeracy skills (ideally, with GCSE at grade C or above in both subjects);
- is positive and resilient;
- is excited by the future and keen to develop themselves as a practitioner.

#### We can offer you:

- a welcoming community where staff, parents and governors are dedicated to working together to achieve sustainable improvement and the best outcomes for every child;
- motivated and friendly children;
- high quality training and strong support from our staff team.

Previous experience in supporting children in a primary school setting or working to support children's differing needs would be advantageous.

**Contract/Hours:** up to 32.5 hours per week. This post will be permanent, with a six-month probation period. Additional hours also available, working in our Before and After School Club.

**Salary Type:** Grade 4 based on 32.5 hours per week - £17, 023.

**Closing date for applications: 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**(we reserve the right to appoint on finding the right candidate)**

#### Application Procedure

Please complete our online application form [see '[Work for us](#)' section on school website] or email [officech@charlton.vale-academy.org](mailto:officech@charlton.vale-academy.org) for an application form. All completed applications must be accompanied by a separate short covering letter stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualifies you would bring to Charlton Primary School. Visits to the school are strongly encouraged; please call 01235 762861 or email [officech@charlton.vale-academy.org](mailto:officech@charlton.vale-academy.org) to arrange a visit.

#### Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children

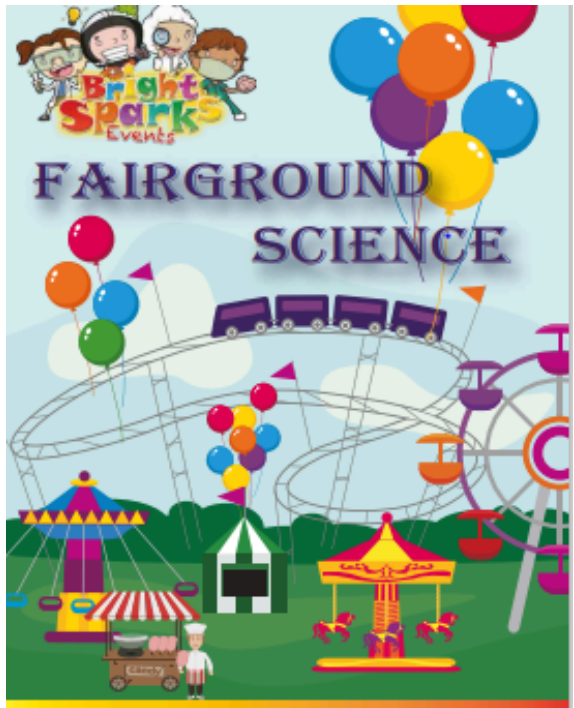
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**FUN SCIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

## May Holiday Camps 2024: 8 Venues over 4 Dates

<b>Tuesday 28th May</b>	Barton Park Primary School, Barton Fields Rd, Headington, OX3 9WN Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 5HL
<b>Wednesday 29th May</b>	Didcot Civic Hall, Binwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Woodstock, OX5 1RN
<b>Thursday 30th May</b>	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Curbridge Rd, Witney, OX28 5JZ
<b>Friday 31st May</b>	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Rd, Abingdon, OX14 5HB Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Reading, RG31 6YG

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

## FAIRGROUND SCIENCE

Join us on a roller-coaster adventure of fun fair physics! During the day, children will discover the different forces involved in fairground rides and why we don't fall off; from friction to gravity and centripetal force. We will also look at the science behind the adrenaline rush you get when you experience the biggest and scariest of rides. After all these twists and turns, we will cool off with a look at how the fair's most iconic treat, candyfloss, is made - with a yummy sample to taste!



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

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### WHENEVER YOU ARE AROUND WATER

**STOP AND THINK**

Take time to assess your surroundings.  
Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

**STAY TOGETHER**

When around water always go with friends or family.  
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

### IN AN EMERGENCY

**CALL 999**

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast.  
Don't enter the water to rescue.

**FLOAT**

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.  
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

## HALF TERM SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMP

For ages 3-14 years old



OFSTED REGISTERED HOLIDAY CAMP FOR YOUR EASTER CHILDCARE NEEDS

### Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May

St John's Primary School, Stanley Hall Road, Grove OX12 0GR



Our sports camp helps children improve their skills in a variety of fun and exciting sports/games throughout the week such as Dodgeball, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Badminton and much more!

Our activities camp will help spark your child's creativity, promote wellbeing, as well as developing their social and essential skills in a range of different topics, from building to baking, from crafts to gardening.



**MAIN EVENT DAY**  
Wednesday 29th May  
**CARNIVAL DAY**  
INCLUDED



**Full Day:** 9am-3.30pm - £25  
**Half Day:** 9am-1pm or 11.30am-3.30pm - £20  
**8am 'Early Bird'** (£10)  
**4.30pm 'Added Time'** (£10)  
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