

# 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%**

Welcome back to school for the Summer Term! I hope everyone had a restful chocolatey break! This term we revisit our curriculum driver of Empathy and the whole school started the term sharing in the book 'All Are Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman.

If you would like to share this book at home here is a link to a U-tube clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vc8IEcr1Uwc>.

In collective worship this week we revisited our whole school vision and reminded ourselves of 1 Corinthians 12 'Many parts making up one body'.

This was also a time to welcome new members to our school family, adding peddles to our whole school shell - emphasising the importance we place on having a sense of belonging at St James.



Many parts



One body



### Staffing update:

We are excited to welcome two new staff members to our team. Mrs Southey and Mrs Haines will be working as Learning Support Assistants and have already got stuck in supporting the children.



**Raised a fantastic £310.58 in rewards for the school to spend on books - Thank you everyone!**

## Helping Hands:



*Helping to create the best Library ever!*

As we move into the summer term, we want to start by again saying a huge thank you to all parents and wider families for all the support at our fundraising events this academic year. We are delighted to be in the position where we are hopeful that with the proposed upcoming events scheduled for this term that this will complete our fundraising goal for the library. (Fingers crossed!) How wonderful is that! We all look forward to seeing how this comes together as we transform and enhance its current offering to students.

**Matched fundraising** has been so essential to be able to reach this point. Without that we would only be half way there. This is with only 2 matched fundraiser contributors, one of who, the employer has matched every fundraising event so far. Across the school there may be more parents who's employers provide some sort of matched fundraising scheme. If we have more this could totally transform our total funds raised. Please do come forward to either one of us, send an email or speak to the office if this is something your company does. We can happily explore that with you. **Easyfundraising** is still working well in the background with our next payout coming next week. This is such an easy way to continue to receive funds whilst our normal online shopping takes place so please continue to use it.

Our next upcoming fundraising event is the school **disco** on **Friday 17th May** and we will be reaching out for volunteers to support this.

Huge thanks go to Steph for organising the grand national sweepstake and to both of the local Hanney pubs for supporting the sale of tickets. After all prize funds have been paid out, we're delighted to say this raised £163.61.

Not only has the library been our main fundraising focus, we gave each class funds towards items of their choosing to enhance their classroom supplies or enrichment experiences for their curriculum learning, which you would have seen across dojo and the newsletters over the last few months. This month we're delighted to support year 3 on their residential trip to Hill end which they will be going on at the beginning of May to help lower the cost per child for parents.

As always we would love more people to join us to get involved, the summer term looks full of fun with lots of ideas being bounced around!

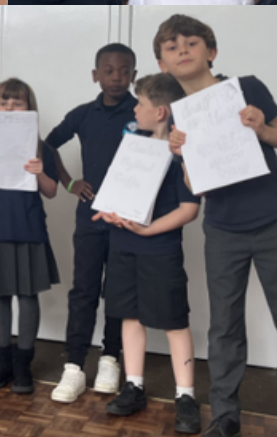
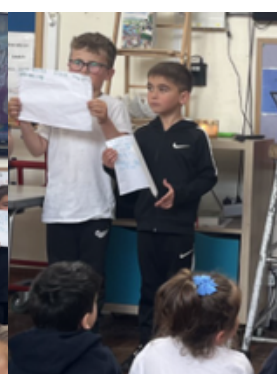
Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 30th April** to take place after school in the year 6 classroom. Children of course welcome.

If you would like to join the WhatsApp group to be able to see what is going on or for easy communication of when help is needed, please send your mobile number to **helpinghandshanney@gmail.com**.

Emma, Lucy & Fiona

## Celebration Collective Worship:

This week the children have been enjoying lots of time outside and a range of immersion activities including a visit from the foodbank, creating of rainforests and Indian food tasting! As usual we had lots of out of class learning and achievements to celebrate, from competitive horse riding to book writing and some beautiful artwork!



# Key Dates for the Diary

<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b> 	<b>Nursery Parents Evening 3pm</b> Parents in Donaldson Class will be contacted to book their appointment with their child's key worker. These will take place in Donaldson Class.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>Bank Holiday</b> School closed
<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<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
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>Year 1 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park</b> More information to follow
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<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.
<b>W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>Year 6 SATS week</b> Year 6 parents will receive more information about this week from Mrs Dipple.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>New Reception Intake Open Evening 6pm</b> Our Early Years Team will be hosting an open evening for new and prospective Reception parents.
<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>Census Day</b> There may be a change to the lunch <u>menu</u> this day.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<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.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>School Disco (Yrs R-6)</b> More information to follow from Helping Hands  <b>4.00pm - 5.15pm: Reception, Year 1 &amp; Year 2    5.30pm - 7.00pm: Years 3 - 6</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> 	<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.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> 	<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.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> 	<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.
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>Year 6 – Junior Citizens Trip to Rewley Road Fire Station</b> The Year 6 children will visit <u>Rewley Road</u> Fire station to learn about how to keep themselves safe in everyday life. More information to follow
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>Year 2 sleepover at school</b> The Year 2 children are invited to a sleepover at school. More information to follow.
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b> 	<b>End of term</b> Finish at 3:20

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scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Parish Council Chairman  
Councillor Mrs J M Stock

## Art competition - Grove and Wantage Extravaganza – Saturday 15 June 2024

Grove Parish Council have agreed to sponsor an Art competition at this event to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day (6 June 1944) with prizes up to £500 in total.

- The competition is open to all those identified in the five categories below
- The five categories have equal prize money of £50 for 1<sup>st</sup> prize, £20 for 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and three prizes of £10 for runners up
- The five categories are:
  - Under 5/Pre School
  - Key Stage 1 Ages 5-8 Years Reception 1 and 2
  - Key Stage 2 Ages 8-11 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
  - Key Stage 3 Ages 11-14 Years 7, 8 and 9
  - Key Stage 4 Ages 15-18 Years 10, 11, 12 and 13
- Art may be of any kind – painting, drawing, sculpture using any materials but must relate to D Day. For the Under 5 Pre School we have made available black line landing craft for them to colour in
- Judges will be two Councillors and two members of the Wantage Art Group
- Entries will be displayed at the Extravaganza
- The winners will be announced during the Extravaganza and prizes awarded
- Entries may be collected after 1600 hrs on 15 June 2024 or before 1200 hrs on 30 June 2024 after which time they will be disposed of
- There is no entry fee but entries must be accompanied by name, telephone number, street address, school attended and the Key Stage Age Group (as above)
- Winners who are unable to attend will be contacted after the event so that the prize can be sent

Please publicise this competition as widely as possible

Yours sincerely

June Stock – Chairman



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

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# OPEN MORNING INVITATION

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

[Click here to book your places](#)

Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry



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## **Co-educational boarding and day school for pupils aged 11-18.**

Christ's Hospital is a remarkable school, it is the UK's leading charitable school and the country's most generous bursary charity. The School was established in 1552 and provides free or substantially reduced cost places to over 630 of its 900 pupils each year – this is more than any other organisation in the UK. Through first-class education and exceptional pastoral support, Christ's Hospital provides each pupil with stability and the opportunity to thrive and fulfil their potential. 98% of pupils go on to university and leavers take with them the confidence and resilience they will need to achieve success at university and beyond and to make a meaningful contribution to society.

Christ's Hospital welcomes day pupils who are within a commutable distance of the School. Day pupils enjoy all the advantages of a top boarding school with access to an exceptional broader curricular programme.

What is so special about Christ's Hospital is the extent of the resources on offer: outstanding teachers and pastoral staff, a broad range of activities including societies like the Medics Group to help with university applications as well as extensive and impressive sports facilities. When pupils start at Christ's Hospital they are encouraged to join in and to have a go, to discover new hobbies, to make use of the wonderful facilities on site and to ensure they get the most out of their time at the School.

Boarding pupils' fees are assessed according to family income, so that it is a child's ability and potential to benefit from a Christ's Hospital education that determines their selection. This results in a social and cultural diversity that enriches our school community and offers our pupils unique opportunities as we prepare them to take their place in the modern world.



# HELP WITH FEES

## Bursaries and Scholarships

**Bursaries:** A bursary is means-assessed financial assistance given to help support a family who would not otherwise be able to afford some or all of the school fees. Bursaries at Christ's Hospital are available to applicants for boarding places only.

**Scholarships:** A scholarship rewards outstanding achievements and talent in, for example, academic work, music, sport, art or drama. Scholarships may be honorary or may provide a discount of up to 20% of the assessed fee level.\*

Scholarships are awarded to students who are entering the school at Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12 and to existing students who are moving into Year 9 and Year 12. Bursaries make places at Christ's Hospital affordable; scholarships are an additional bonus for a limited number of outstanding students.

**Students may be awarded both a bursary and a scholarship at the same time.**

We welcome fee paying day students who are within a commutable distance from the school. Should a day applicant be successful in receiving a scholarship we can occasionally, depending on individual circumstances, offer a small amount of additional fee assistance to support the scholar in taking up their place at the school.

## Entry Process

Our selection process is designed to determine whether a child will flourish in a busy boarding school environment with a strong academic ethos, enjoying the wide range of opportunities on offer and feel at home at Christ's Hospital. Parents are advised to start the admissions process as early as possible and ideally 18 months before their child would be due to enter the school. Places are academically selective and are offered on the basis of Christ's Hospital's own assessment process.

\* If a significant bursary is awarded, parents should not assume that a scholarship will provide additional financial support.



## How do I apply for a place?

The first step is to complete an application form, either a paper copy or online via our website, and pay the registration fee. This adds your child's name to our admissions register and we will then take you through the various stages of the application process, letting you know what is required at the different stages and keeping you fully informed of all the important dates for your diary. When you first complete the application form, kindly tick the box(es) asking about bursary support and/or scholarship awards. We will send you all the relevant information and forms. The bursary forms become increasingly detailed and require proof (e.g. in the form of bank statements etc.) as the applicant moves through our admissions process.

## Head's Award

The Head Teacher has a discretionary award for all-round academic and broader curricular achievement and/or significant potential. This is awarded at the end of the assessment process, can be honorary or financial and can be awarded to a boarding student as well as to a day student.

## Key Dates 2025 Entry

### Year 7 and Year 9

Friday 13 September 2024

Deadline for 2025 bursary and scholarship applications

Friday 27 September 2024

Initial assessment invitations sent to candidates

12 and 19 October 2024

Initial assessment dates (candidates attend one of these)

W/C Monday 11 November 2024

Initial assessment results

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 January 2025

Residential assessment / scholarship assessment

W/C Monday 17 February 2025

Residential assessment results

Monday 17 March 2025

Deadline for acceptance

### Sixth Form

Monday 28 October 2024

Deadline for 2025 bursary and scholarship applications

Saturday 16 November 2024

Initial assessment

W/C Monday 25 November 2024

Initial assessment results

Saturday 7 December 2024

Interviews for selected candidates

Saturday 7 December 2024

Scholarship assessments for selected candidates

W/C Monday 16 December 2024

Offers made

End of January 2025

Confirmation of scholarship awards

Friday 7 February 2025

Deadline for acceptance

Mid-August 2025

GCSE results to be confirmed

