

# 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,

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

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

Happy March everyone! It has been quite a busy one, particularly on Tuesday and Wednesday with our special visitor in school! Thank you so much to the whole school community for being so wonderful and supportive! I feel very proud to be part of such a great team, who work so hard to give our fantastic children the education they deserve! Please see below a message from Alan McPherson our brilliant Chair of Governors. The children have been enjoying a well earned treat this afternoon, for all their hard work!

We also had a visit from the Local Fire Service with their engine - which was very exciting. The Year 2s had a great time and we are so grateful for the time they gave to do this for us!



### St James Ofsted

A visit by an Inspector from the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) under the Education Act 2005 is a significant event for any school. It is an independent, external, expert assessment of how well the school is doing. It is a statutory validation of the leadership of the school. The inspection also helps the school to focus on areas for further improvement. So, we were pleased to have the inspection this week and look forward to reading the report. The outcome of the inspection will be confidential until the Inspector publishes the report in 4 to 6 weeks' time.

Despite preparing for the the inspection for some time, there was still considerable work and activity once the call came on Monday for the inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was a very busy 2 days for the school providing information for the Inspector and making space for meetings and observations. The Inspector was incredibly busy and visited every area of the school. No stone was left unturned.

I would like to thank Mrs Ottaway and Mrs Ash, all the staff and pupils, the parents who provided feedback, the governors, the staff from the central team, and the Board Trustees, for their participation in the inspection. It was a magnificent team effort by the St James community.

Thank you.

Alan McPherson  
Chair of Governors

## Helping Hands:



As the children continue to benefit from all the great resources that Helping Hands are buying school, we want to say a massive thank you to the team for all their hard-work! Please remember to get involved where you can and support our upcoming events!

This week fundraising has had a big boost of over £1600 from Match Funding; if this is something your company offers please let Helping Hands know:

helpinghandshanney@gmail.com



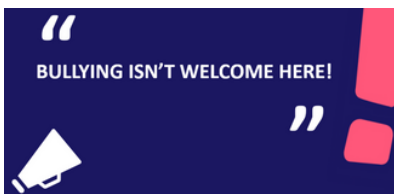
Next events -

**Friday 8th March** - Wonky bar sale taking place in the playground. Some fantastic golden ticket prizes inside that the children will love! Will you be a lucky winner?

**Saturday 16th March 2-4pm** - Easter trail with extra fun and games. Join us for a family fun afternoon as we prepare for Easter with lots of Easter themed activities! Tickets will be on parentmail for sale soon so keep your eyes peeled

## Anti-bullying week:

This week we have had our anti-bullying week. This started with an Assembly for the whole school focusing on what bullying is and what we should do about it. This was then followed up in classes with a variety of activities, including some brilliant poster making!

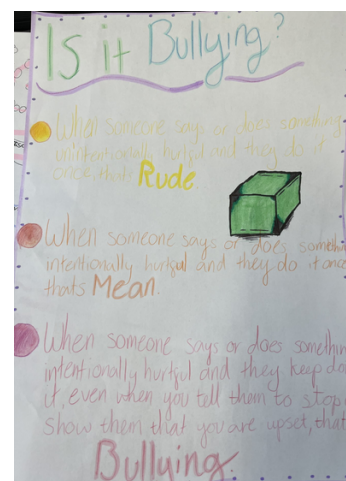
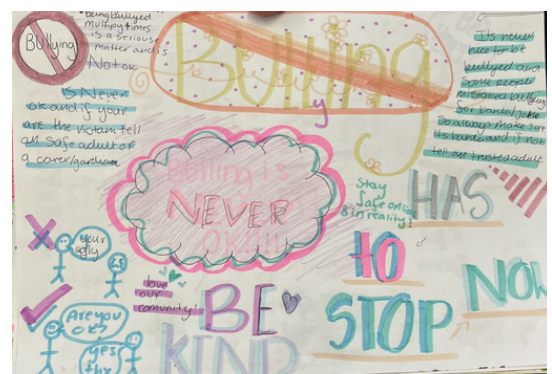
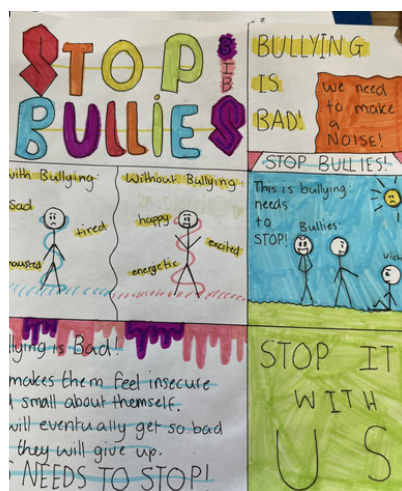


is it  
**BULLYING?**

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it*, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's **BULLYING.**



## Celebration Collective Worship:

This week we heard the wonderful speeches from Chloe and Maya - well done! We also got to see some of the brilliant posters produced by some of our older children for our Anti-Bullying week! We also had lots of out of school learning celebrations, see photo below. Particular congratulations go to Lucy and Ben who did a mammoth swim and raised a brilliant amount of money for the charity Seasaw!





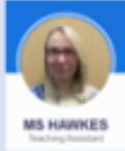



# After School Enrichment Clubs

3:20pm-4:15pm

Clubs are £3.00 per session, please book via Parentmail

*This clubs are enrichment opportunities, not childcare  
\*charged via provider not £3.00 a session*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <b>iRock</b> Who: Reception upwards Where: Library Booking <u>direct</u> with <b>iRock*</b>	 Singing Choir Who: <u>Yr 1</u> – Yr6 Where: Library	 Multi - sports Who: Yr1 – Yr3 Where: MUGA/ Field	 Martial Arts Who: <u>Yr 2- 6</u> Where: Hall	
		 Dungeons & Dragons Who: <u>Yr 4</u> – 6 Where: Year 5 <b>Finish 4:30pm</b>	 Piano Lesson Who: <u>Yr 1</u> upwards Where: Harbour Booking <u>direct*</u>	



















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# Key Dates for the Diary

Feb/March 2024

<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>Coffee Morning 9.00-9.30</b> Rhonda Oliver (Communication and Interaction Team), will be our guest speaker for this term's coffee morning. We will be discussing Zones of Regulation and de-escalation strategies for challenging behaviour.</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>Year 1 History Talk</b> Year 1's history learning will be brought to life with a visit from a historical expert</p>
<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>Reception trip to Farmer Gows</b> Inkpen Class will enjoy an exciting day at Farmer Gows. More details to follow.</p>
<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>VAT Singing Festival – 7.00pm</b> <b>The Beacon</b> Representatives from St James will perform in this Academy-wide festival.</p>
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>World Book Day</b> Your child is invited to dress up as their favourite book character on the day or if they don't want to dress up they could wear their pyjamas ready to snuggle up with a book at school. More details on our World Book Day celebrations to follow.</p>
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>Mothers' Day Service 9.30am</b> <b>St James Church</b> There will be a special Mothers' Day service, which all families are invited to take part in.</p>
<p><b>W/C 11<sup>th</sup> March</b></p>  	<p><b>SEND Review parent meetings</b> Parent teacher meetings to review ISPs and set outcomes for Term 4 &amp; 5.</p> <p><b>British Science Week</b> There will be lots of Science-linked activities throughout this week in school.</p>
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b></p>  	<p><b>Red Nose Day</b> Children are invited to wear red and donate money for this great cause. Details of how to donate will follow.</p> <p><b>Reception and Year 6 Child Measurement progress</b></p>
<p><b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>Helping Hands Family Easter Event</b> More details to follow from Helping Hands</p>
<p><b>W/C 18<sup>th</sup></b></p>  	<p><b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> We will have the Scholastic Book Fair in school all this week. Children will have the opportunity to look round in their classes. The book fair will then be available for parents to walk round with their children and purchase books after school. This is a great way to buy books and raise funds for the school.</p>
<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>Easter Service 10am</b> <b>St James Church</b> We would love parents to join us for our Easter Service. Inkpen Class will be performing, alongside some school readers and our choir.</p> <p><b>Nursery (Donaldson Class) afternoon closure due to staff training</b></p>
<p><b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>Science Fair Final at Williams F1</b> The winners of our Science Fair will be going to Williams F1 to join the science competition winners from other schools.</p> <p><b>Reception Stay and Play 8.45 - 9.30</b> More details to follow</p>
<p><b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> 	<p><b>Last day of term</b> School ends at 12.30pm after lunch</p>

# WONKY BAR SALE

8 MARCH 2024

Do you ever dream of winning a Golden Ticket to enter Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory to see the **OOMPALOOMPAS**, sample the fizzy lifting drinks and eat all the chocolate you can get your hands on? Well, we might just have the next best thing!

After last year's **SCRUMDIDDLYUMPTIOUS** Chocolate Bar Sale, Friends of St James is bringing the 'Wonky Bar Sale' to you again. If you are the lucky winner of a Golden Ticket slotted into your Chocolate Bar, you will win prizes better than an **EVERLASTING GOBSTOPPER!** Good luck.....

## Golden Ticket Prizes

Extra playtime ~ Extra table tennis time ~

Class games on the MUGA ~ Storytime in Library ~

Extra time on laptops ~ Class movie and popcorn ~

Hot chocolate and brownies at playtime ~ Shadow Mrs Ottaway

~ Board games in the Cabin ~ Extra class session in Forest

School ~ Choose the music in Collective Worship ~

High Tea with three friends ~

Class parachute games ~ Breaktime in the Staff Room ~

Ring the Playtime Bell for a week ~

Doughnuts for your Class.



Hop on over for our  
**St James**



# EASTER

**trail, fun & games**

Join us on

**Saturday March 16th 2-4pm**

**held at school**

*for some egg-citing fun!*

**Tickets £3 per child - Included is a chocolate prize for completing the trail & Easter story sessions in the library**

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## **Annual Egg Delivery**

**'To serve the King and my Community'** is part of the guiding promise and to fulfil this promise every year Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Grove and Hanney enjoy taking part in a community service by delivering Easter cards and Fresh eggs to the Senior Citizens of **Grove and Hanney**.

This year they will be delivering from  
**20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

To Keep our list up to date

We would really love to hear about anyone new to Grove or Hanney who is now over 65 and wishing to be included in our annual egg delivery.

To be included or if our service is no longer appropriate at your family or friend's home

**Please telephone or message Jane on 07914539136 or email [jane.syme59@gmail.com](mailto:jane.syme59@gmail.com)**

**By Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

May the Guiding family of Grove take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and if anyone would like to hear more about Guiding in Grove or Hanney and would be interested in helping in any of our units please visit - [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested).

April 2nd - 12th  
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# EASTER



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