

# 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,

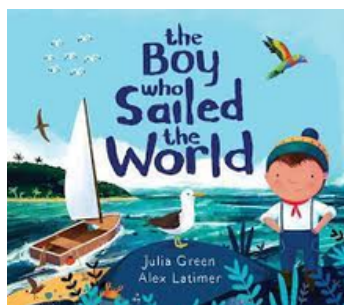
Jan 12th 2024

### WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

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**Attendance this week: 95.3%**  
**School & Trust target: 96%**

Happy New Year! It has been so lovely to have everyone back in school this week, even if it has been a little chilly. Thank you so much for supporting our outdoor learning opportunities by sending children with thick coats, waterproofs, wellies, hats & gloves - they have been very much needed and I think will continue to be vital in the following weeks.



This term's curriculum driver is adventure and the children have started by sharing the book 'The Boy who Sailed the World' by Julia Green & Alex Latimer.

A curriculum which develops a healthy sense of adventure; allowing children to experience learning beyond the classroom, to take risks, follow an active lifestyle and to be excited about the world around them.



They have all been enjoying their immersive starts to engage them in this term's learning from making marmalade sandwiches for a particular special bear, tent constructing for base camp Everest without sight and food tasting from the Alps - yummy!

### Reminders:

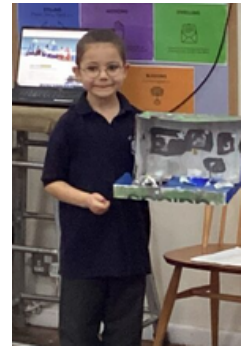
- Thank you so much for your patient and understanding as we update our booking systems to be inline with other VAT schools. Please remember to **continue booking** school lunches and club on parentMail, it is currently possible to do this all the way up to Easter! This has to be done two weeks in advance as required by our catering company and to give the wonderful Ms Green & Mrs Bevan enough time to process it all. If you haven't booked school dinners for next week and you would like to please contact the school Office - particularly for Thursday 18th January as that is Census day and the number of meals taken effects our funding for the year!
- Please adhere to the parking restrictions outside of school, for the safety of all and to park at the Village Hall and walk down to school. Many thanks!

## Staff News:

- We are very pleased to officially welcome Mrs Hatcher to the St James team as Inkpen teacher and Early Years Lead.
- Congratulations to Mrs Oreffo who has given birth to a healthy baby boy Lowen Eliot!

## Learning Celebrations:

This week Year 6 spoke to us all about some of the brilliant activities they did on their residential trip to Yenworthy. It was lovely to hear the children speak with such enthusiasm! We also heard about some brilliant ski school achievements, some challenging reading & phonics learning happening at home as well as a wonderful story box with characters. Well done everyone!



**St James Helping Hands email: : [helpinghandshanney@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandshanney@gmail.com)**

**NEXT HELPING HANDS MEETING: TUESDAY 16th JAN - 7pm, school library (or join on Zoom)**



**Enrichment at St James CE Primary School**  
**Are you a sewer? A knitter? Love amdram? Sparty?**  
**Play chess? Could you spare some time to share your**  
**Passion with the children of St James school?**

Enrichment is a very important part of what we offer for the children of St James. To gain the best possible provision we are hoping that there may be members of the Hanney community who might be able to give some time and offer a skill they could share with the children. This could happen at lunchtime or as an after school club, ideally for a 6 week block.

If this is something you may be interested in please contact the school by email: [office@stjamesce.vale-academy.org](mailto:office@stjamesce.vale-academy.org)

Phone: 01235 868232

# Key Dates for the Diary

Jan/Feb 2024

<p>15<sup>th</sup> Jan</p> 	<p>All enrichment clubs started this week Please book through Parent Mail.</p>
<p>15<sup>th</sup> Jan</p> 	<p>Year 6 IMPS Trip Visit to the hospital for safety and first aid training.</p>
<p>16<sup>th</sup> Jan</p> 	<p>Helping Hands Meeting 7pm Please come along to the Helping Hands meeting in the library.</p>
<p>17<sup>th</sup> Jan</p> 	<p>Coffee Morning (in the afternoon!) 2pm St James will be hosting termly drop-ins with guest speakers. This term, Laura Morgan from Autism Oxford will be joining us. Please come along to meet Laura and hear about the service they offer. Refreshments provided!</p>
<p>26<sup>th</sup> Jan</p> 	<p>Celebration of Learning! 3:15 in classrooms 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 show-off all their hard work</p>
<p>30<sup>th</sup> Jan</p> 	<p>Year 1 trip to Uffington White Horse Date to be confirmed - More details to follow.</p>
<p>31<sup>st</sup> Jan</p> 	<p>Rags to Riches (Bags to School) This is a great way to raise funds for the school by getting rid of unwanted clothes, shoes etc. Bring your bags to school (by 9am) or leave them at the village hall car park and SAC will ensure the bags get into school.</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Feb NSPCC</p>	<p>Dress up for Digits Day (NSPCC) A great way to raise money for the NSPCC and fun too! More details to follow.</p>
<p>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</p> 	<p>Engineering Fair open classrooms 3-3.30pm This term, the children will be designing and creating a product for our Engineering Fair. These will be judged on 8<sup>th</sup> February and parents are invited to walk round school and see all the children's entries. The winners will be invited to the final at Williams on 27th March.</p>
<p>9<sup>th</sup> Feb</p> 	<p>Last day of term School ends at 3.20pm</p>

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



Happy New Year! And on behalf of Wantage and Grove Food Bank can I say a huge thank you for all the very kind and generous support we have received over the past year. Your support in terms of money and food donations has been hugely appreciated - whether that was Harvest or Christmas or both!

Last year we delivered over 1000 food parcels. We're averaging 3-5 parcels a day on a normal week - although we saw a record 44 parcels delivered in the final week before Christmas! (that's between 8 and 10 parcels a day) So your support is very much needed and appreciated :)

Looking ahead to the year to come - our biggest need is perhaps a single larger venue to pack and store our food. We very much appreciate the willingness of Wantage Baptist Church to house us at the back of the kings centre shop. But when we are so busy - there just isn't enough room - so if you know of anywhere suitable (ground floor, parking, space to store and pack food) do get in touch with D Townsend (denise@wantagecc.org.uk)

Many thanks wantage and grove food bank

A young boy with light brown hair, wearing a white school polo shirt and dark shorts, is running happily towards the camera on a green grassy field. In the background, other children and an adult are visible, some holding colorful umbrellas. A pink speech bubble is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**“THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!”**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



**HM Government**

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



# WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?

# iRock

Book now online

Visit [www.irockschool.com/enrol](http://www.irockschool.com/enrol)

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Bookings are now open for your child to join their own rock and pop band at school! Enrolling is straightforward, and iRock offers a **first lesson money-back guarantee!**

Discover the benefits of band lessons: not only are they fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

#### How it works:

- Children don't need music experience to join, and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar, or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their bandmates in 30-minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches, who will guide your child through every session. *Some sessions may take place straight after school.*
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6, with children grouped by age. Children can choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, providing a great way to showcase just how far they have come.
- Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 will be enrolled in a Group Performance qualification by RSL.
- Access the iRock parent portal to view your child's band memories, song choices, manage your subscription and much more!

You can subscribe to iRock through our monthly subscription plan, which spans 11 months with no payment required in August. We offer full flexibility, allowing parents to cancel their subscription at any time. By subscribing, you're guaranteed a minimum of 33 lessons throughout a full academic year.

For availability and cost please visit: [www.irockschool.com/enrol](http://www.irockschool.com/enrol) and search for your school. For any helps please call 0330 174 2655

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin  
Founder  
iRock School of Music

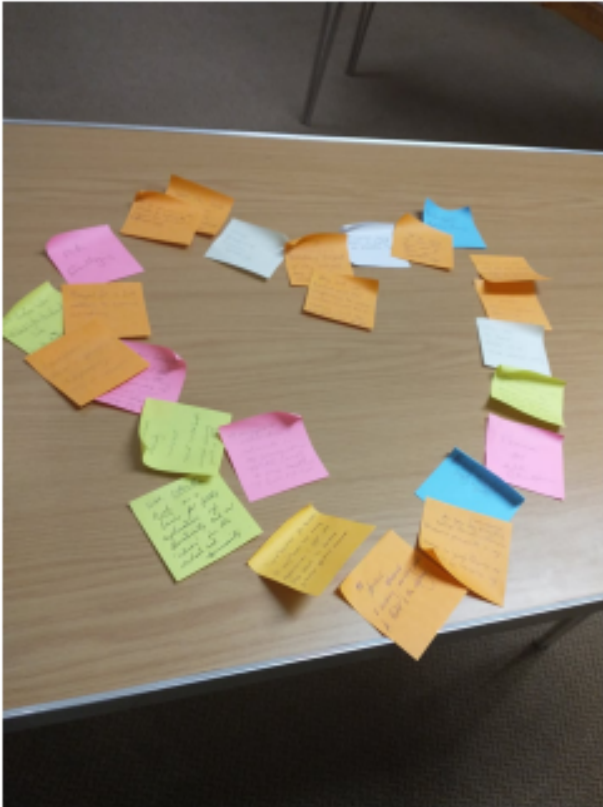
Proudly supporting



“ My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band ”  
Google Review



## Grove and Wantage Schools Prayer Group 2023/24



Come and join us to pray for our local schools.

We meet from **4.00-5.00** in the **St John's Rooms at Grove Parish Church** on the last Wednesdays of September, January, and April.

- **27th September 2023**
- **31st January 2024**
- **24th April 2024**

Please do advertise these dates in your own churches and fellowships. As you know, we are glad to welcome any Christians who wish to pray for our local schools.

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# TENNIS AT HANNEY TENNIS CLUB



## COACHING SESSIONS:

Children aged 4 - 16 years old

Adult Beginners and 'Rusty Rackets'

### Adults

Beginners / Rusty Rackets - Thursdays 18:30 - 19:30

Improvers / Club Players - Thursdays 19:30 - 20:30

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

Born 2012 - 2008 - Wednesdays 17:45 - 18:45



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Our enthusiastic, LTA accredited tennis coaches ensure each camp delivers a fantastic blend of fun, activity, skills development as well as plenty of opportunities to make new friends.

For everyone aged 5 to 15 (players organised into smaller groups by age each day).

Childcare vouchers accepted.

Camps run over Easter, Summer and half term holidays through the year at various venues across Oxford.

# Oxfordshire Spring Parks Programme 2024 Weekly timetable

Book now at [TennisOxfordshire.com](https://TennisOxfordshire.com)



DAY	TIME	COURSE	PARK
Monday	9.30 - 10.30am	<b>Adult Intermediate</b>	Alexandra Park
Monday	10.30 - 11.30am	<b>Adult Beginner</b>	Alexandra Park
Monday	4.00 - 4.45pm	<b>Mini Red 4-6 yrs</b>	Florence Park
Monday	4.45 - 5.30pm	<b>Mini Red 6-8 yrs</b>	Florence Park
Monday	5.30 - 6.30pm	<b>Adult Beginner</b>	Florence Park
Monday	6.30 - 7.30pm	<b>Adult Intermediate</b>	Florence Park
Monday	7.30 - 9.00pm	<b>Adult Invitational</b>	Florence Park
Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30am	<b>Adult Beginner</b>	Florence Park
Tuesday	10.30 - 11.30am	<b>Adult Intermediate</b>	Florence Park
Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00am	<b>Adult Beginner</b>	Bury Knowle Park
Wednesday	10.00 - 11.00am	<b>Adult Intermediate</b>	Bury Knowle Park
Wednesday	10.30 - 11.30am	<b>Adult Intermediate</b>	Hinksey Park
Thursday	9.30 - 10.30am	<b>Adult Intermediate</b>	Alexandra Park
Thursday	10.30 - 11.30am	<b>Adult Beginner</b>	Alexandra Park
Thursday	4.00 - 5.00pm	<b>Mini Orange/Green</b>	Florence Park
Thursday	5.00 - 6.00pm	<b>Junior Invitational</b>	Florence Park
Thursday	6.00 - 7.00pm	<b>Adult Beginner</b>	Florence Park
Thursday	7.00 - 8.00pm	<b>Adult Intermediate</b>	Florence Park
Thursday	8.00 - 9.00pm	<b>Adult Advanced</b>	Florence Park

DAY	TIME	COURSE	PARK
Friday	1.00 - 1.45pm	<b>Home School Group, Minis 6-9yrs</b>	Bury Knowle Park
Friday	1.45 - 2.30pm	<b>Home School Group, Juniors 9+</b>	Bury Knowle Park
Friday	2.30 - 3.15pm	<b>Home School Group, Juniors 12+</b>	Bury Knowle Park
Friday	4.00 - 5.00pm	<b>Mini Red 4-8 yrs</b>	Florence Park
Friday	5.00 - 6.00pm	<b>Mini Orange/Green</b>	Florence Park
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm	<b>Adult Intermediate</b>	Florence Park
Friday	7.00 - 8.00pm	<b>Adult Matchplay</b>	Florence Park
Saturday	9.00 - 10.00am	<b>Mini Red 5-8 yrs</b>	Botley Park
Saturday	10.00 - 11.00am	<b>Adult &amp; Junior Free Play</b>	Botley Park
Saturday	10.00 - 11.00am	<b>Adult, Junior &amp; Mini Free Play</b>	Hinksey Park
Saturday	11.00 - 12.00pm	<b>Adult Beginner</b>	Hinksey Park
Saturday	11.00 - 12.00pm	<b>Junior Coaching 10-13yrs</b>	Hinksey Park
Sunday	9.00 - 10.00am	<b>Mini Red 4-8 yrs</b>	Bury Knowle Park
Sunday	10.00 - 11.00am	<b>Junior 11-16 yrs</b>	Bury Knowle Park
Sunday	11.00 - 12.00pm	<b>Adult Beginner</b>	Bury Knowle Park

For more information or to book please visit [premier tennis.co.uk](https://premier tennis.co.uk) or call us on 01865 689 754  
For help please email us at [hello@premier tennis.co.uk](mailto:hello@premier tennis.co.uk)  
[#improvinglivesthroughtennis](https://twitter.com/improvinglivesthroughtennis)

## PARK ADDRESSES

**Alexandra Park**  
Middle Way  
Oxford  
OX2 7LG

**Botley Park**  
Botley Road  
Oxford  
OX2 0BT

**Bury Knowle Park**  
178 London Road  
Headington  
Oxford  
OX3 9ED

**Cuttleslowe Park**  
Harbord Road  
Oxford  
OX2 8LU

**Florence Park**  
94 Cornwallis Road  
Oxford  
OX4 3PJ

**Hinksey Park**  
Abingdon Road  
Oxford  
OX1 4PZ

Coaching is delivered by Premier Tennis. An established provider of quality tennis with LTA qualified coaches



# Juniors Kickboxing: Ages 5-12

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## FREE TASTER SESSION!

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Wantage  
OX12 8DJ  
Wednesdays at 5:45-6:30pm



Clive Elliott's Martial Arts Academies Juniors - Wantage

Make sure a  
trusted adult  
knows where you  
are



Don't go off  
with anyone,  
even if you  
know them!



## Safety Tips

Put phones and  
devices away if  
walking alone



Display  
confidence!

Stay alert and  
aware of your  
surroundings



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