

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?

- Trust Awards
- Helping Hands
- Learning celebration
- Dates for the diary

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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

Dear St James Families,

As we head towards the end of the academic year, there has been much to celebrate and this week has really demonstrated this, both as a school and as part of the Vale Academy Trust. Within school it was lovely to see so many of you being able to support your children at Sports Day, which I hope provided all children with a shared feeling of success, as well as some stand out individual performances. Transition Day was also a very special day and I saw lots of happy faces excited about next year!



Trust Awards:



As part of our Trust we are very lucky to have the opportunity to be part of some special awards ceremonies, which I have been very proud and honoured to attend over the last few weeks. These awards have celebrated our Year 6's either because of their sporting achievements or the incredible commitment they have shown to our school community, as part of the VAT Character & Citizenship Awards. Congratulations to all those involved!



Helping Hands:



Contact us on:

helpinghandshanney@gmail.com.

This week Helping Hands sent out welcome packs to our new Reception children. These were done brilliantly and I know must have taken a lot of time and hard work. I just wanted to say a massive thank you to all those involved! Our Helping Hands group really are a great group of parents who are having a massive impact on our children across the whole school and I can't thank everyone who supports this enough!



Look out for your opportunity to add your counter(s) in Grove at the Tesco Express, and at Abingdon's Extra, Fitzharris Express, and Oxford Road Express stores.

Don't forget that our last event of the academic year - the Lego Fayre on Saturday 20th July, at the school.

St JAMES' LEGO FAYRE
July 20th at 2-4pm Supported by Helping Hands

Can you win a Lego speed-building challenge?
Will you make it across the Lego Walkway?
Have you got a favourite Lego creation you would love to put on show?

Come join the LEGO Fun!!!!

Community Lego Exhibition - Lego Challenges - Figure Hunts
Cookie Decorating - Just for fun Lego Building

Refreshments Available

Ticket Price - £3 each or 4 for £10
Grab your Tickets through Parentmail or The Sum-up Shop

Scan here for tickets

School and Community members are invited to display their favourite Lego build, big or small, in the Exhibition. Please bring it to St James Primary on Friday 19th July (8.30am- 6pm)

Charity Number - 1183336 St James Primary School, East Hanney, OX12 0JN

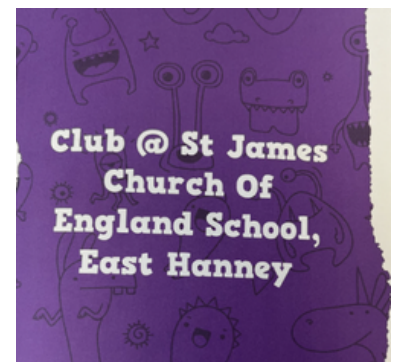
Celebration of learning:



Congratulations to the Key Stage 1 Quad Kids team, who represented St James brilliantly at the Trust tournament this week. A special mention to Anna who won overall for her age group!

Well done to all the children who took part in the Sports Days this year! It was an incredibly close competition this year, with only a few points in it, however the overall winning House Team was Pegasus - well done yellow team!










We also had a winner from a different sort of talent, recognising their creativity, with Maya being the overall winner of a competition entered by The Club to design the best monster for a book that these children were all published in - well done all!



Well done to our Year 6 cyclists for completing their bike-ability training. Finally well done to everyone who celebrated their out of the classroom achievements and learning this week, with a special mention to Elliott for his amazing playing at the end of the day!



Key Dates for the Diary

<p>14th July</p> 	<p>Year 6 Treat More details to follow! Funded by Helping Hands</p>
<p>17th July</p> 	<p>Reception Stay and Play 2.30pm in Inkpen Class More details to follow</p>
<p>18th July</p> 	<p>Y6 dress rehearsal Year 6 will perform their dress rehearsal of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' for Nursery-Year 2 children in school in the morning and for Year 3-Year 5 children at the British Legion in the afternoon</p>
<p>19th July</p> 	<p>Nursery Graduation 12.15pm Parents are invited to join Donaldson for a family picnic to celebrate their Nursery graduation! More details to follow</p> <p>Year 6 performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' to parents 6pm Families are invited to the British Legion for what promises to be a swashbuckling adventure of a performance! More details to follow.</p>
<p>Sat 20th July</p> 	<p><u>New date moved from earlier in the month!</u></p> <p>Lego Fayre 2-4pm Helping Hands are excited to be putting on our first Lego Fayre in school Children will be invited to exhibit their own models as well as being able to join in a variety of Lego <u>brick based</u> activities and enjoy a picnic tea on the school field. Save the <u>date</u> an event not to be missed!</p>
<p>22nd July</p> 	<p>Rock Concert 2.15pm <u>Parents</u> of our <u>rock</u> musicians are invited to their final concert of the year!</p>
<p>23rd July</p> 	<p>Break the Rules Day! Organised as a fundraising event by this year's School Council More details to follow</p>
<p>24th July</p> 	<p>Y6 Leavers' Service at Church 10am Year 6 parents are invited to join us at the church to say farewell to our Year 6 children.</p>
<p>25th July</p> 	<p>Last day of term School finishes 12.30</p> <p>Have a wonderful Summer Holiday!</p>

Summer
Holiday Club
Hanney Chapel, Main Street,
East Hanney, OX12 0HX

Detective SQUAD

Tues 27th-
Fri 30th Aug.,
9:30am-12:00pm

Games, Competitions, Craft, Bible
Stories, Quizzes, Refreshments -
all free!

For Children in
Reception-Year 6

Run by members of
Hanney Chapel.

29 JULY -
30 AUG

ACTIVE
COMMUNITIES

summer OF FUN

- ✓ Skateboarding
- ✓ Fun Days
- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Xplorer
- ✓ and more

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2024

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge
Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

Wantage Library Events!

- Junk Modelling Workshop! Saturday 13th July and Saturday 31st August - 10am - 12pm - just drop in!
- Painting Without Brushes! Saturday 20th July - 10.30am - 12pm - booking required!
- Lego Artwork Challenge! Saturday 27th July 10am - 12pm - just drop in!
- Skeletons and Lanterns! Tuesday 30th July - 10.30am - 12pm - booking required!
- Leis and Luau! Wednesday 7th August - 10.30am - 12pm - booking required!
- An 'Amoo-sing' Storytime! Saturday 10th August - 10.30am - 11.30am - just drop in!
- Dragons and Fireworks! Friday 23rd August 10.30am - 12pm - booking required!
- Mardi Gras Masks! Wednesday 28th August - 10.30am-12pm - booking required!

All activities are suitable for children aged 5yrs +
Please book your FREE ticket for bookable events.
by ringing Wantage Library on 01235 762291!

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

The Library
Oxfordshire

Marvellous Makers

Get creative this summer with a
FREE children's reading challenge at
your local Oxfordshire library!

6 July to 7 September 2024

Read library books and meet the Marvellous Makers,
a creative club who are making amazing things for a
festival at their local library. Unfortunately some objects
have mysteriously gone missing from the club's creative
toolbox...

Finish the challenge and get your
own medal and certificate!

Look out for fantastic new
books and activities at your
library!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Mini Grey - Children's Author!

Tuesday 20th August 10.30am - 12pm
at Wantage Library



The **STORY**
OF **LIFE**
is about
to begin...



ROLL UP ROLL UP for the WHOLE STORY of Life on Earth

Suitable for anyone over 5 yrs old



Please book your free
ticket by phoning
01235 762291!



BRILLIANT BOTS @WANTAGE LIBRARY!

Join in and have fun
experimenting with robots,
and listen to a robot story -
'The Little Robot and the Mars Mystery'
- you will also get a chance to design
your own useful gadgets for living on
Mars!

**WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST -
10.30AM**

**BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET BY PHONING
01235 762291**

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 5YRS+



Science and
Technology
Facilities Council



OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL

 SATURDAY 6TH JULY - 3PM OXFORD CITY BARRY TOWN	 SATURDAY 13TH JULY - 3PM OXFORD CITY CIRENCESTER	 TUESDAY 23RD JULY - 7.45PM OXFORD CITY SUTTON UTD	 SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST - 3PM OXFORD CITY BRAINTREE
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SCAN HERE FOR YOUR FREE TICKETS



OXFORD CITY FOOTBALL CLUB, RAW CHARGING STADIUM, COURT PLACE FARM, MARSH LANE, MARSTON, OX3 0ND

South Oxfordshire District Council | Vale of White Horse District Council

WIMBLEDON PICKLEBALL

Summer | Holidays 2024

Free for all the family

FARINGDON TENNIS CLUB	WANTAGE TENNIS CLUB	WHITE HORSE LEISURE AND TENNIS CENTRE, ABINGDON
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to register, scan the QR code