# Learning together with courage and kindness

# 'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12

St James CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# St James News

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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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

Dear St James Families,

Wow what a busy week, with some fantastic achievements and some wonderful events! My highlight was spending time in our outdoor Payer Space. This allowed pupils to have time to reflect and pray if they wanted to. Thank you so much to all the volunteers, to St James Church & to BeSpace, who helped to make this possible.

We had another VAT tournament this week, with pupils in KS2 competing in the athletics event, Quad kids. The children did brilliantly and many of them now go on to the finals! Particular congratulations go to our 3 individual winners!

We ended the week with our Vale Academy Trust Character & Citizenship Awards, where we had Chris Salt, one of our Trust Directors, Mr Smart, KAs Headteacher & Mrs Pittard, the Trust's Director of Education present Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards to years 2, 4 & 6. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to support this and a massive well done to all the children who make St James such a wonderful place to be!

**Pupil's News:**
(A new feature in our newsletter, which I hope to have more regularly as pupil's share with me their own writing for the newsletter)

**Kate (Y6)** On Fridays and Monday Sweatbox is open to year 7 and over. On Fridays Year 7 & 8 are welcome and on Mondays Years 7 and above during term time. Lots of fun activities: Bouncy castle, Football and loads more... Located: Ox12 9BY  Visit. Sweatboxwantage.org

**Pheobe (Y6)** This week we had activities in the Peace Garden. The activities were based on God: to be grateful, sorry for the things we have said or done, to let God take away our worries and how to persevere for our dream goals or job.

**Isabel (Y6)** Last week we learnt about Sweatbox which is somewhere that year 7 and up, can go to practice being away from parents and spend time with friends. The staff there have a variety of secondary school volunteers and adults, you can talk to an adult if you feel uncomfortable or want to go home. There are activities to suit whatever you do: there is a skate park, a quiet space upstairs to hang out , a football field and lots of other activities! It is located in KA's centre site in Wantage.

**Poppy (Y6)** A few weeks ago year 6 had a talk about sweatbox, sweatbox is a charity for yr 7 and up to have some time to hang out with friends. Sweatbox has many activities to do like: skating, sumo wrestling, a bounce house and even a quiet room if you want to relax. Sweatbox also has snacks and drinkson some countertops. Sweat box is at KAs centre sight and has an open evening for yr 6. Sweatbox is open Mondays and Fridays. The timings are 7 to 9pm.

**Evie (Y6)** Yesterday we went to pray Space and it was very calm and relaxing my favorite activity was the sorry station. I give it 10 out of 10!

## Helping Hands:

Contact us on:
**helpinghandshanney@gmail.com.**

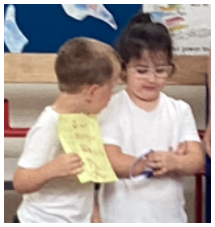
If you would like to get involved and help please contact Helping Hands

**Celebration of learning:**

Another great week of celebrations:
Well done to our Quad Kids competitors!

Congratulations to Year 2, 4 & 6 for achieving their Bronze, Silver & Gold Character & Citizenship VAT Awards.

Finally well done to everyone who celebrated their out of the classroom achievements and learning!



# Key Dates for the Diary

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| **W/C 1st July** | **SEND Review parent meetings**<br>Parent teacher meetings to review ISPs and set outcomes for next year<br><br>**Bikeability (Y6)**<br>Year 6 will take part in cycling proficiency lessons during the week, providing them with the skills and knowledge to ride their bikes safely |
| **3rd July** | **Sports Awards (Y6) 5.30 - 7.00pm**<br>An exciting evening, where Year 6 children who have shown particular skill in sports this year attend the VAT Sports Awards at The Beacon. Winners' parents are also invited. |
| **9th July** | **Reports sent home**<br>Reports will be sent home at the end of the day. A copy will also be shared on Dojo.<br><br>**KS2 SATs results day**<br>SATS results will be shared in your child's report envelope. |
| **10th July** | **Sports Day 09.30 - 11.30 (Yrs 2-6)**<br>Having been rained-off last term, we will attempt Sports Day again!<br>Sports morning will start at approx. 9:15/30am.<br><br>**Character and Citizen Platinum Awards 4-6pm Williams Racing, Grove (Winners' parents invited)**<br>More details to follow |
| **11th July** | **Transition Day and King Alfreds Transition Day**<br>The children get to spend the day in their new classroom and get to know their new teacher.<br>More information to follow |
| **14th July** | **Year 6 Treat**<br>More details to follow!<br>Funded by Helping Hands |
| **17th July** | **Reception Stay and Play 2.30pm in Inkpen Class**<br>More details to follow |
| **18th July** | **Y6 dress rehearsal**<br>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 |
| **19th July** | **Nursery Graduation 12.15pm**<br>Parents are invited to join Donaldson for a family picnic to celebrate their Nursery graduation!<br>More details to follow<br><br>**Year 6 performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' to parents 6pm**<br>Families are invited to the British Legion for what promises to be a swashbuckling adventure of a performance! More details to follow. |
| **Sat 20th July** | New date moved from earlier in the month!<br>**Lego Fayre 2-4pm**<br>Helping Hands are excited to be putting on our first Lego Fayre in school<br>Children will be invited to exhibit their own models as well as being able to join in a variety of Lego brick based activities and enjoy a picnic tea on the school field.<br>Save the date an event not to be missed! |
| **22nd July** | **IRock Concert 2.15pm**<br>Parents of our Irock musicians are invited to their final concert of the year! |
| **23rd July** | **Break the Rules Day!**<br>Organised as a fundraising event by this year's School Council<br>More details to follow |

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| **24th July** | **Y6 Leavers' Service at Church 10am**<br>Year 6 parents are invited to join us at the church to say farewell to our Year 6 children. |
| **25th July** | **Last day of term**<br>School finishes 12.30<br><br>Have a wonderful Summer Holiday! |

Aureus School's

# SUMMER FETE

Saturday, 13th July
11 - 2 pm

## FOOD, DRINKS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ice Creams & Refreshments

Aureus Dance

Step in Time

BKB FOOD

LITTLE RASCALS BOUNCY CASTLES

League of Friends

Elmaz Productions

INFLATABLE JOUSTING

Aureus ARTS

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MARTIAL ARTS WANTAGE ENGLAND

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Exceptional activity day camps for 4 to 12 year olds during the summer at

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Monday - Friday
8am to 6pm

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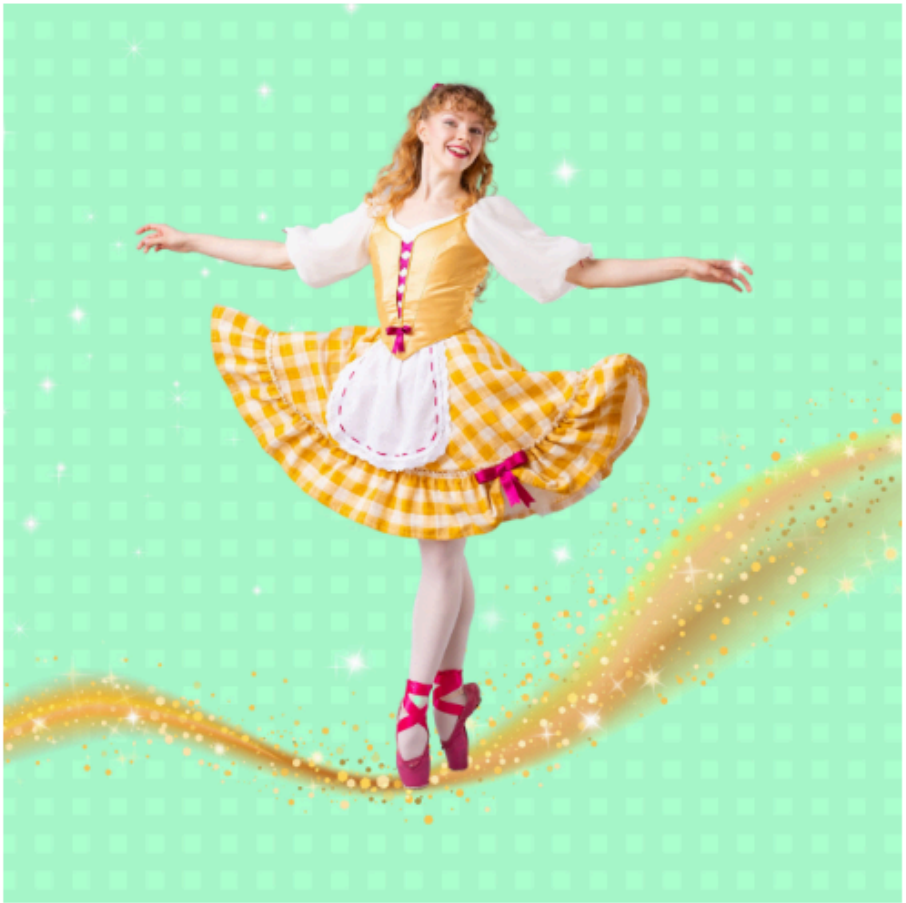

**DATE**

20 Jul 2024

**TIME**

3:00 pm

**MORE INFO**

Book Now

**CATEGORY**

Family and Children's

Book Now

**SHARE THIS EVENT**

# Let's All Dance Ballet: Goldilocks

3pm

**Dear all,**

**Please do come along and support us (and bring friends and family or pass on the details to those in the community who may be interested). Many thanks.**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH FETE 2024 (THIS SATURDAY) (29th June 2 - 4pm)**
Please do come & support us, as part of St John's Patronal Festival.

**If you can help set up on the day:** Please come from 9am on Saturday to help put up the marquee & gazebos and put up bunting. There will be drinks & biscuits available and if you want to bring a packed lunch, you can stay & we can eat together before the fete opens at 2pm.

Please pray that it is a good day, that people will come from our community & and enjoy what we have to offer & our warm welcome.
Many thanks EVERYONE for your help and support nicky.gibbard@valebenefice.org.uk

# SWIM CLINIC

## SUMMER SWIMMING

**INTENSIVES - HAGBOURNE POOL**

W/C 29th July
W/C 5th August
W/C 12th August

**£75 MON - FRI BOOKING**

**SOME INDIVIDUAL DAYS MAY BE AVAILABLE**

**SUMMER SATURDAYS - HARWELL POOL**

27th July
3rd August
10th August
17th August
24th August
31st August

**£15 PER LESSON - MIN 2**

**All lessons 30minutes long**

**New swimmers always welcome**

**PROUD TO BE SWIM ENGLAND AFFILIATED - THE STANDARD THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE**

Swim England

**email office@swimclinic.co.uk**

Swim Clinic

# Summer Holiday Tennis Camps

**For Ages 4 - 16**

- Witney Lawn Tennis Club
- Hanney Tennis Club
- Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Tennis Club

Morning, Afternoon and Full Day Sessions
Childcare Vouchers Accepted
Fun and Educational
Flexible Bookings

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| Week 1: 22nd - 26th July - Witney and Kingston Bagpuize | Week 2: 29th July - 2nd August - Witney and Kingston Bagpuize |
| Week 3: 5th - 9th August - Witney and Hanney | Week 4: 12th - 16th August - Witney |
| Week 5: 19th - 23rd August - Witney | Week 6: 27th - 30th August - Witney |

**Half Day (full week - 5 days)**
09:00 - 12:00 £135
or 12:30 - 15:30 £135

**Full Day (ages 6 - 16) (full week)**
09:00 - 15:30 £243

**Short Course (ages 4 - 7) (full week)**
9:00 - 11:00 or 12:30 - 14:30 £90

**Individual Day Bookings Available:**
Half Day £36 or Full Day £65

EXCEL Tennis Academy

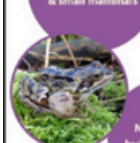
info@exceltennis.co.uk
www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk

# Letcombe Valley Wildlife Discovery Day

Letcombe Regis, Wantage, OX12 9JU
Saturday 3rd August
1-4.30pm

Birds, bugs, reptiles, bees, butterflies, moths & small mammals

Discover more about this reserve, its landscape and the treasures it holds.



For more details contact: letcombevalley@gmail.com or visit the website: bbowt.org.uk/reserves/letcombe-valley

Nature craft, build a bird box

Den building & mud kitchens

Free entry but cash donations accepted for some activities