

# 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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**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**Attendance this week: 95.4%**  
**School & Trust target: 96%**

Dear St James Families,

It has been a busy week in school not least with Year 4 doing their Timetable checks and Year 1 doing their phonics screening. The children have all been brilliant trying their best and we are all very proud of them!

We are also very proud of our cricket team this week, who represented St James at the local schools tournament arranged by our Trust.

The pupils all played with a fantastic attitude and brilliant team spirit!



#### Staffing update:

We have more congratulations this week as Mrs Yorkshades has been appointed as a teacher at a special school. We are obviously very happy for her as this is a passion she has developed over her time at St James, however we will miss her greatly. She requested that this was not made public, until her last day and we wanted to honour this. We are very lucky that from next week, Miss Morgan, who has joined the team for Term 6 having been a student teacher with us over the year, will be joining the Year 3 team. I'm sure you join me in wishing Mrs Yorkshades the best of luck in her new job!

I am also pleased to inform you of the class teachers for next year, who mainly remain in the same Year groups:

#### Polite notice from the Office:

If children are not going to be in school please remember to let the office know. If this is for a holiday please complete a form, which you can get from the office. Many thanks Ms Green & Mrs Bevan

Inkpen Class Reception	Mrs Hatcher & Mrs Rivett
Rosen Class Year 1	Mrs Baker
Nichols Class Year 2	Miss Brown
Dahl Class Year 3	Miss Price
Rowling Class Year 4	Mr Cockerham
Ibbotson Class Year 5	Mr Dudley
Shakespeare Class Year 6	Mrs Dipple

**Helping Hands:**



Contact us on:

**helpinghandshanney@gmail.com.**

The first being, Helping Hands have been accepted by the Tesco stronger starts grant application for in store voting.

This means that in local tesco stores, you will be able to vote for YOUR school. The first place prize is £1500, second prize £1000 and third place is £500.

The voting begins from the first week of July through until the end of September. This is such an incredible opportunity to build upon our library fundraising and we welcome this opportunity.

The stores in which you will be able to vote in will be:

2008 Abingdon Extra Large unit OX14 1TU  
5429 Grove Wantage Exp Small unit OX12 7JZ  
6426 Abingdn Fitzharis Exp Small unit OX14 1JH  
6519 Abingdon Oxfor Rd Exp Small unit OX14 2ED

We will remind you before voting opens, but please do share this with friends, family or anyone who will listen!

The second piece of great news this week, is that a grant application from the Michaelmas Fayre has been accepted. A massive thank you to all the committee members for supporting us and the wider community for supporting this event making these grants possible.

We will be using this money to purchase audio books for the library. We recently undertook a trial of these sets to gauge the success and they were a hit!

We will be purchasing these with this grant and look forward to the children being able to utilise and enjoy these on a permanent basis.

Once again a huge thank you to all involved in the Michaelmas Fayre to make this possible.

Our next event is on **Saturday 20th July** (rearranged due to clashes with out of school events) It will be a wonderful Lego Fayre to round off the academic year. Further details on this event will be coming soon.

Speaking of coming to the end of the academic year, Helping Hands are delighted to be funding a leavers event for our Year 6 students at wildwood in wantage. They near the end of their primary school journey with St James and are an integral part of the school and have been wonderful role models to the rest of the school population. We hope they thoroughly enjoy what's being put on for them.

*Thank You*

## Celebration of learning:

What a week! We had to start Celebration Collective Worship early because we had so much to celebrate! To start with we had Year 5 share with us their amazing programming that has been run from the International Space Station and celebrated them receiving their certificates.



A massive thank you goes to the Royal British Legion in East Hanney, for including us in their recent 80th D-day celebrations - the children really enjoyed making their bunting and the winners were thrilled with their prizes!


















We also had an amazing array of football awards to celebrate this week, which I know the children were all very proud of!










Finally we had our out of the classroom achievement and learning celebrations that included a wonderful range of achievements from crochet & sewing to maths, writing and running! Well done everyone and thank you for sharing!



# Key Dates for the Diary

Date	Information
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b> 	<b>VAT Olympics 9.30-2.15 (Y5) at King Alfreds</b> Year 5 will be joining pupils from a <u>number of</u> VAT schools and taking part in their own mini-Olympics!
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b> 	<b>VAT Pupil Parliament Meeting</b> Selected Year 6 students take part in an online Pupil Parliament meeting, joined by pupils from King Alfred. This will take place during the school day.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b> 	<b>Y6 cake sale for World Refugee Day</b> More details to follow.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> –28<sup>th</sup> June</b> 	<b>Prayer Space</b> Prayer space will be coming into school for the week and providing our children with a way to explore personal reflection and prayer for themselves using a selection of engaging and creative activities.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b> 	<b>Character and Citizenship Awards Presentation 9.10am</b> A special presentation in the hall, where children in Years 2, 4 and 6 are presented with their Character and Citizenship Awards. Parents welcome.
<b>W/C 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>  	<b>SEND Review parent meetings</b> Parent teacher meetings to review ISPs and set outcomes for next year  <b>Bikeability (Y6)</b> Year 6 will take part in cycling proficiency lessons during the week, providing them with the skills and knowledge to ride their bikes safely
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> 	<b>Sports Awards (Y6) 5.30 - 7.00pm</b> <u>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.</u>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b> 	<b>Reports sent home</b> Reports will be sent home at the end of the day. A copy will also be shared on Dojo.  <b>KS2 SATs results day</b> SATS results will be shared in your child's report envelope.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>  	<b>Sports Day 09.30 - 11.30 (Yrs 2-6)</b> Having been rained-off last term, we will attempt Sports Day again! Sports morning will start at approx. 9:15/30am.  <b>Character and Citizen Platinum Awards 4-6pm Williams Racing, Grove (Winners' parents invited)</b> More details to follow
<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b> 	<b>Transition Day and King Alfreds Transition Day</b> The children get to spend the day in their new classroom and get to know their new teacher. More information to follow
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>  	<b>Year 6 Treat</b> More details to follow! Funded by Helping Hands
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b> 	<b>Reception Stay and Play 2.30pm in Inkpen Class</b> More details to follow

<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> 	<p><b>Y6 dress rehearsal</b></p> <p>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><b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> 	<p><b>Nursery Graduation 12.15pm</b></p> <p>Parents are invited to join Donaldson for a family picnic to celebrate their Nursery graduation! More details to follow</p> <p><b>Year 6 performance of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' to parents 6pm</b></p> <p>Families are invited to the British Legion for what promises to be a swashbuckling adventure of a performance! More details to follow.</p>
<p><b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> 	<p><b><u>New date moved from earlier in the month!</u></b></p> <p><b>Lego Fayre 2-4pm</b></p> <p>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><b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Rock</u> Concert 2.15pm</b></p> <p><u>Parents</u> of our <u>rock</u> musicians are invited to their final concert of the year!</p>
<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b></p> 	<p><b>Break the Rules Day!</b></p> <p><u>Organised</u> as a fundraising event by this year's School Council More details to follow</p>
<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> 	<p><b>Y6 Leavers' Service at Church 10am</b></p> <p>Year 6 parents are invited to join us at the church to say farewell to our Year 6 children.</p>
<p><b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> 	<p><b>Last day of term</b></p> <p>School finishes 12.30</p> <p>Have a wonderful Summer Holiday!</p>

**Piano lessons available in Sept**  
**Please contact Linden**  
**Further information:-**

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Year 6 Cake Sale Thursday 20th June 3-3.30pm

Year 6 would like to invite everyone to a cake sale in our classroom this Thursday. Revisiting our learning on migration and refugees in Term 2 and to celebrate World Refugee Day, we would like to raise as much money as we can for The British Red Cross to help support all the amazing work that they do.



We look forward to welcoming your cash donations in exchange for cakes!

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

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## SUMMER SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMP

For ages 3-14 years old



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SPECIAL EVENT DAYS AVAILABLE AS AN OPTIONAL EXTRA

 <b>SPECIAL EVENT DAY:</b> Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> July Nerf Wars	 <b>SPECIAL EVENT DAY:</b> Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> July Water Fight	 <b>SPECIAL EVENT WEEK:</b> Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> August American Dance School
 <b>SPECIAL EVENT DAY:</b> Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> August Martial Arts	 <b>SPECIAL EVENT DAY:</b> Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> August Bouncy Castle	 <b>SPECIAL EVENT DAY:</b> Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> August Go Karts

Full Day: 9am-3.30pm - £25 • Half Day: 9am-1pm or 11.30am-3.30pm - £20  
SPECIAL EVENT DAYS: £10 Extra

8am 'Early Bird' (£10) & 4.30pm 'Added Time' (£10) available • Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Other sports & activities during the week include: Football, Tag Rugby, Cricket, Rounders, Basketball, Hockey, Tennis, Lacrosse, Handball & more...

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Saturday 6th July  
2pm - 3.30pm

Come along and listen to local authors reading their poetry and pieces of writing! Budding authors and poets are welcome to join in - open to all!

No need to book, just pop in!



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Wantage

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## 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



THAMESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



School grounds  
Cotman Close  
Abingdon

# Summer Fete

Saturday 22nd June

12-3pm

- Arts & crafts
- Ice cream
- Bouncy castle
- cake sale
- BBQ
- Fun games
- Music
- & much more



Bring Family & Friends