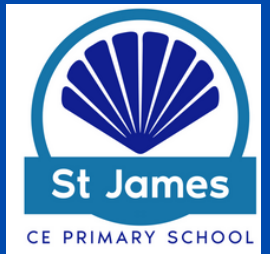


Learning together with courage and kindness

'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

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10th May 2024

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

- Enrichment
- Helping Hands
- Learning celebration
- Dates for the diary

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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

Dear St James Families,

It has been another action packed week at St James, with our Year 3s on residential at Hill End and our Year 1s having an animal packed adventure at the Cotswold Wildlife Park.



Thank you so much for the support you give to enable these brilliant experiences,

from financial contributions, to supporting fundraising events and volunteering to come along. It is only possible to give our children these opportunities with your support. A massive thank you to Helping Hands who contribute to all our enrichment activities to give our children the best education possible!



Enrichment:

This is such an important part of what we do at St James and one of the things that makes us so special. It lies at the heart of our vision for the school and means going above and beyond the average primary curriculum. **Our Vision: To enable all to flourish to be the best they can be for the good of all!**

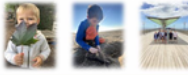
What does this mean at St James?

A curriculum that is exciting and engaging, which challenges children to think, question, problem solve and reason and offers hands on learning opportunities.



Curiosity

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.



Adventure

A curriculum which celebrates difference, develops an understanding of right and wrong, and which supports pupils to develop a strong moral compass and an understanding that they can be a catalyst for positive change.



Empathy

- Life-long learners
- Resilient risk-takers
- Courageous Global Citizens



Why does it matter so much in education? Sir Ken Robinson: "Human beings are naturally different and diverse. A real education has to give equal weight to a broad curriculum that celebrates all their various talents and speaks to parts of children's being which are otherwise untouched. The second principle that drives human life flourishing is curiosity. If you can light the spark of curiosity in a child they will learn."

If you think there is something you could offer or a way you would like to get more involved please do contact us using the email: office@stjamesce.vale-academy.org

Helping Hands:



Contact us on:
helpinghandshanney@gmail.com.

**SPORTS
DAY
BREAKFAST**

Helping Hands will be hosting a Pre-Sports Day Breakfast for Parents in the Hall. Come grab yourself a Bacon Roll, Croissant, Hot and Cold Drinks to fuel yourself for the excitement of Sports Day!!

17 & 22nd May 9 - 9.30am

Limited on the day food purchases - to guarantee your Sports Day Breakfast Pre-orders need to be made by 12.30pm on the 13th May via our Sum up Store.



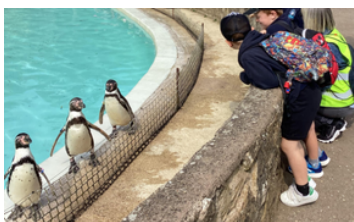
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If you have any dietary requirements please note these in the 'Message for Merchant' in the Shopping Basket.

Celebration of learning:

Hopefully lots of you were able to visit your children's classrooms this week and find out about all the brilliant learning they have been doing!

Well done to Year 3 for making Hill End such a successful visit and to Year 1 for their brilliant animal adventuring!



Key Dates for the Diary

To all Year 6 students
Good Luck in your SATs this week
 Just do your best.

W/C 13th May 	Year 6 SATS week Year 6 parents will receive more information about this week from Mrs Dipple.
15th May 	New Reception Intake Open Evening 6pm Our Early Years Team will be hosting an open evening for new and prospective Reception parents.
16th May 	Census Day There may be a change to the lunch menu this day.
17th May 	Donaldson, Reception and Year 1 - Sports Morning – 9:15 – 11:00 Please do stay after drop-off, and make your way onto the school field, signing in at the table provided. The children will go to their classrooms for registration and get ready. Sports morning will start at approx. 9:15/30am.
17th May 	School Disco (Yrs R-6) More information to follow from Helping Hands 4.00pm - 5.15pm: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 5.30pm - 7.00pm: Years 3 - 6
21st May 	Coffee Morning – 9.00-9.30 The CAMHS Mental Health Support Team will be our guest speakers for this term's coffee morning. We will be discussing the service they can offer to families and answer any questions you may have.
22nd May 	Year 2 – Year 6 – Sports Morning – 9:15 -11:30 Please do stay after drop-off, and make your way onto the school field, signing in at the table provided. The children will go to their classrooms for registration and get ready. Sports morning will start at approx. 9:15/30am.
22nd May 	New Nursery Intake Open Evening 3.30pm Our Early Years Team will be hosting an open evening for new and prospective Nursery parents.
24th May 	Year 6 – Junior Citizens Trip to Rewley Road Fire Station The Year 6 children will visit Rewley Road Fire station to learn about how to keep themselves safe in everyday life. More information to follow
24th May 	Year 2 sleepover at school The Year 2 children are invited to a sleepover at school. More information to follow.
24th May 	End of term Finish at 3:20



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Registered charity 1193124

'A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL' COMPETITION

OPEN TO ALL 4-14 YEAR OLDS

ENTRIES IN BY 7TH JUNE

Winners announced by Children's TV presenter **MADDIE MOATE** at Rafiki Thabo's **FAMILY FUN DAY**

6TH JULY 2PM TO 6PM WITNEY, OX29 7PU

Family Fun Day tickets and info

4 CATEGORIES

- Wildlife Warriors
- Community Champions
- Creative Inventions
- Rafiki Thabo Superhero

MORE INFO & HOW TO ENTER!

TENNIS LESSONS AT KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR TENNIS CLUB



Coaching for children aged 4 - 18

<u>Year born</u>	<u>Session</u>
2020 - 2017	Monday 4:30 - 5:00pm
2020 - 2017	Thursday 5:15 - 6:00pm
2019 - 2017	Saturday 9:30 - 10:30am
2015 - 2014	Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30pm
2015 - 2014	Saturday 11:30 - 12:30pm
2013 - 2011	Friday 5:00 - 6:00pm
2010 - 2007	Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30pm



Coaching for adults all ages and abilities

Beginners	Saturday 11:30 - 12:30pm
Beginners / Rusty Rackets	Monday 11:30 - 12:30pm
Cardio Tennis	Friday 9:00 - 10:00am
Walking Tennis	Wednesday 11:30 - 12:30pm

Other days and times may be available if you cannot make the specific days or times above. Please contact us for more information



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