

Learning together with courage and kindness 'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



Sept 6th 2024

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St James News

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Dear St James Families,

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance this week: 92.8%

School & Trust target: 96%

It was so lovely to see everyone this week and hear all about people's summer adventures! It was a great start to the term with lots of smiling faces! The children were excited about the new house naming plan and I look forward to hearing all their brilliant ideas! In Collective Worship we reminded ourselves of our values, which the children will now be receiving House points for anytime they demonstrate them. It was exciting to welcome some new faces to our community, including our new HLTA Ms Hagger, by placing pebbles in our shell (Inkpen will do this in their first Collective Worship). This simple act represents the importance we place on community and creates a vital sense of belonging. The Shell represents St James, a fisherman who became one of Jesus' special friends and is who the school is named after. The Kindness and courage St James demonstrated throughout his life, help inspire us to be the best we can be 'for the good of all'.

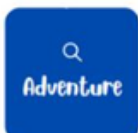


Curriculum:

This term's curriculum driver is curiosity and we began the year with our whole school book of 'The Planet in a Pickle jar' by Martin Stanev. This book encourages us to not judge people from the outside and to ask questions to find out more. The

children have done a range of activities, including making their own jars.

Classes have also taken part in a range of immersive activities to launch this term's topics - for more details see your classes Dojo story.



For more information on our fantastic enriching curriculum please visit our website: www.stjamesprimaryhanney.co.uk

Staffing:

Office: Miss Green & Mrs Bevan

Home School Link Worker: Mrs Richardson

Headteacher: Mrs Ottaway

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Ash Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Rivett

Early Years Lead: Mrs Hatcher

Donaldson (Nursery class): Mrs Long, Ms Compton, Mrs Weston, Mrs Hardy & Ms Southey

Inkpen (Reception class): Mrs Hatcher, Mrs Rivett, Ms Bolton, Mrs Badunenko, Mrs Weston, Ms Southey & Mrs Hardy

Rosen (Year 1): Mrs Baker, Mrs Sharp, Ms Smith & Mrs Lardner

Nichols (Year 2): Miss Brown & Mrs Sharp & Ms Smith

Dahl (Year 3): Ms Price & Mrs Haines

Rowling (Year 4): Mr Cockerham & Mrs O'Connor

Ibbotson (Year 5): Mr Dudley, Mrs Kelvin & Mrs Hardy

Shakespeare (Year 6): Mrs Dipple & Ms Hagger

Governors:

After many years of service and dedication to St James, two of our Governors have stepped down at the end of last academic year. Enormous thanks goes to Harriet Render and Jonathan Phillips, who have both been vital parts in moving our special school forward and achieving our brilliant SIAMS and OFSTED inspection outcomes.

This means we are now looking for a new Parent Governor to join our excellence Governing body. More details will follow soon with how you can nominate yourself. If this is something you might be interested in please feel free to speak to myself or email Alan Mcpherson our Chair of governors with any questions: amcpherson@vale-academy.org

Being a Governor:

“There are immediate and lasting benefits to becoming a school governor. In volunteering your time, you are making a positive contribution to the success of the school you serve, and are therefore having a real impact on the lives of its pupils, staff and the local community.”

What does the LGC do?

The LGC has three core functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school
 2. Holding the Headteacher to account for both the educational performance of the school and the performance management of staff
 3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent
- The Headteacher is responsible for the organisation, operations, management and control of the school, and for the implementation of the strategic plan agreed with the LGC.

How much time would I have to commit?

Governors are expected to attend circa 6 evening meetings of the LGB each year. These typically last around 2 hours each. In addition, the Trust runs governance development sessions on about 4 evenings each year and we encourage all governors to attend as many as possible; these events are a great way to network with governors from other schools, learn about new ideas and receive training in governance matters. Other time commitments will depend on whether you step up to additional roles on the LGB, which could, for example, see you visiting the school on a normal school day to perform monitoring.

Celebration of learning:

It was lovely to have our first Celebration Collective Worship this year and see the children so excited to share their learning experiences and achievements.

Rosen Class (Year 1) very bravely went first this term, sharing their brilliant learning around our school Curriculum book 'The Planet in a Pickle jar' with the jars they had made when doing their outdoor learning in our forest area.










We had plenty of out of class learning and achievements to celebrate, including children who had completed the Summer Library Challenge, football players, amazing gymnastic achievements, crochet & paper creations and an entry published in a magazine. Well done everyone!



Dates for the Diary

Date	Information
<p>18th September</p> 	<p>Reception-Y2 Phonics performance 2.45pm</p> <p>The children will be performing some songs that they have been practicing in class. As we have changed our phonics scheme this year, there will also be an opportunity for parents to ask the English team any questions.</p>
<p>19th - 20th October</p> 	<p>Y5 Residential</p> <p>The children in Year 5 will be going to Youlbury on a one-night residential. More information to follow</p>
<p>24th September</p> 	<p>Trust Ultimate Frisbee – Millbrook School 3.30-5.15</p> <p>A group of Y5 and Y6 children will be selected to represent St James at this Trust Ultimate Frisbee competition. If your child is selected, you will receive more information from Mr Cockerham.</p>
<p>26th September</p> 	<p>Year 1 local walk</p> <p>Year 1 will be taking a walk in the local area as part of their learning this term.</p>
<p>29th September</p> 	<p>Michaelmas Fayre</p> <p>Come and support the wonderful Hanney Michaelmas Fayre, which raises money for local grants. It's a great day out for the whole family too!</p>
<p>30th Sept-4th Oct</p> 	<p>NSPCC Kindness Challenge</p> <p>St James are taking part in the NSPCC Kindness Challenge week. More details to follow.</p>
<p>1st October</p> 	<p>Year 5 Coleshill Trip</p> <p>Year 5 will be spending the day at Coleshill. More information to follow.</p>
<p>1st October</p> 	<p>Y3-Y6 Trust Cross Country – Wantage Park 10.00-11.30</p> <p>A group of Y3-Y6 children will be selected to represent St James at this Trust Cross Country competition. If your child is selected, you will receive more information from Mr Cockerham.</p>
<p>1st October</p>  <p>This date was wrong on class overviews</p>	<p>Helping Hands AGM – 7pm at St James</p> <p>St James Helping Hands (our PTA) are a crucial part of our school community and have successfully raised significant amounts of money for the school and our children. Please continue to support them by attending this years' AGM and find out what plans there are for the coming year!</p>
<p>3rd October</p> 	<p>St James Open Morning for new Reception children Sept 2025 9-11am</p> <p>This is an opportunity for parents considering their schools for September 2025 to come and look round St James and all the wonderful things we have to offer.</p> <p>Census</p> <p>This will be a different menu – please if possible have school meals as this then informs how much funding for meals we get through the year!</p>
<p>8th October</p> 	<p>Trust Tag Rugby – Stockham School 3.30-5.15</p> <p>A group of Y5 and Y6 children will be selected to represent St James at this Trust Tag Rigby competition. If your child is selected, you will receive more information from Mr Cockerham.</p>

15th & 16th October 	Parents' Evening – 2.00-6.00 Parents' Evening will be on 15 th and 16 th October from 2pm-6pm. More details on how to book your slot/s will be out soon.
19th October 	Save the date – Library Grand Opening 2-4pm Helping Hands are delighted to invite you our new Library! This will be a bring a book party – we will release a list nearer the time as it is very much non-fiction books that we are in need of!
23rd October 	Harvest Festival – St James Church 10am All parents are invited to join us at St James Church from 10-11am. Each class will be performing something for the Harvest Festival. Details of donations to follow.
24th October 	Individual School Photos These will be held within the school day. Details on how to order your child/ren's photo will follow after the day.
24th October 	Yr 2 Story Museum Trip Year 2 will be spending the day at the Story Museum. More information to follow.
25th October 	Open Classroom - Celebration of Learning – 3.15pm Parents are invited into their child's class for them to share the great learning they have done this term!
25th October 	Last day of term. Schools ends at 3.20.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">After School Enrichment Clubs</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">3:20pm-4:15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clubs are £3.00 per session, please book via Parentmail</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This clubs are enrichment opportunities, not childcare</i> <i>*charged via provider not £3.00 a session</i></p>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>iRock</p> <p>Who: Reception upwards Where: Library</p> <p>Booking direct with iRock*</p>	 <p>Yr 1, 2 & 3 Art & Craft Where: Yr 4</p> 	 <p>Basketball Who: Yr 3 - 6 Where: MUGA</p> <p>Booking direct with Elite Sports*</p>	 <p>Martial Arts Who: Yr 2- 6 Where: Hall</p>	 <p>Dance Who: Yr 2- 6 Where: MUGA or Hall (weather dependant)</p>
 <p>Possible Football TBC</p> <p>More information to follow</p>			 <p>Piano Lesson</p> <p>Who: Yr 1 upwards Where: Harbour</p> <p>Booking direct*</p>	 <p>Singing Choir</p> <p>Who: Yr 1 – Yr6 Where: Library</p> <p>In school hours (free for Young Voices Choir)</p>

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OCTOBER MID-TERM PONY CAMP

29-30 OCT 2024

Tuesday & Wednesday
(09:00 - 13:00)

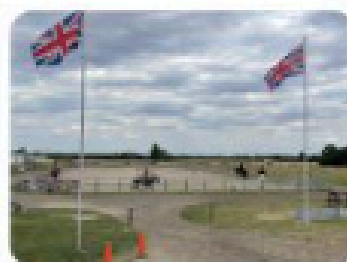
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