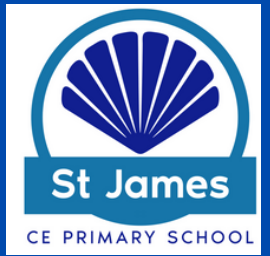


Learning together with courage
and kindness
'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

Sept 27th 2024

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?

- Thank you amazing Support Staff!
- Spotlight on Residential
- Celebration of Learning
- Dates for your diary

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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance this week: 94.2%
School & Trust target: 96%

Dear St James Families,

Wow what a week! - thank you so much for the support and understanding over the flood closure this week. I always want school to be open for our precious pupils, but sometimes it is just not safe for this to happen.

Thank you so much for those of you who have already donated a book for our exciting Library opening. There is still plenty of time if you haven't had chance and don't forget to save the date for our opening!

See Dojo for link!



celebrating TA Day!

Thank you so much to our
wonderful support staff!

Spotlight on residential:

At St James we really value the opportunities for pupils to have residential experiences. They offer a range of unique activities & learning opportunities; the chance to break away from everyday routine and experience adventure, discovery and personal growth.

The Year 5s recently returned from their Youlbury trip, having had a brilliant time!





Residential journey at St James CE

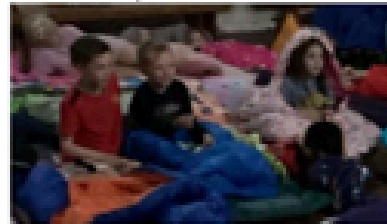


Year 1
Stay after school for a movie night & go home in the dark!

Festive Film Club



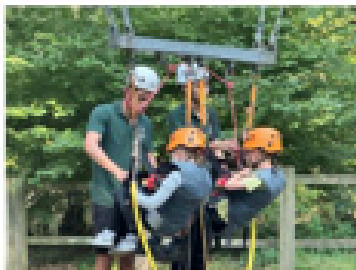
Year 2
Come back to school for a sleepover with your friends!



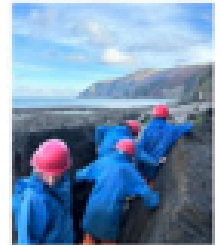
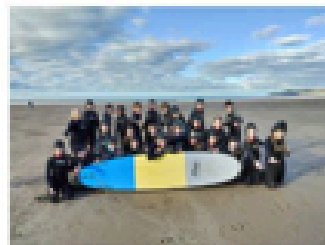
Year 3
An overnight stay at Hill End outdoor education centre



Year 5
A residential stay at Youlbury Scout Activity Centre



Year 6
A weeks residential stay at Yenworthy Lodge outdoors centre



Please remember to keep your contact information up to date and let us know immediately if anything changes.





Thank you so much to all the 'Helping Hands' who helped to fill the sandpit again!



Celebration of learning:

House Points:

Blue

46

Yellow

46

Red

51

Green

50



Congratulation red team!

Congratulations to our new Year 6 House Captains!

Well done to our brilliant singing soloist, who sang us into Collective Worship



Congratulations this week to Ibbotson Class (Year 5) for lots of courage, kindness and community after their residential trip!



Finally congratulations to everyone who has done out of class learning and achievements - I have heard some great things about home learning that happen on Tuesday! Well done!



Dates for the Diary

<p>29th September</p> 	<p>Michaelmas Fayre 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 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 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 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>Helping Hands AGM – 7pm at St James 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 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. Census 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 A group of Y5 and Y6 children will be selected to represent St James at this Trust Tag Rugby competition. If your child is selected, you will receive more information from Mr Cockerham.</p>
<p>15th & 16th October</p> 	<p>Parents' Evening – 2.00-6.00 Parents' Evening will be on 15th and 16th October from 2pm-6pm. More details on how to book your slot/s will be out soon.</p>
<p>19th October</p> 	<p>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!</p>
<p>23rd October</p> 	<p>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.</p>
<p>24th October</p> 	<p>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.</p>
<p>24th October</p> 	<p>Yr 2 Story Museum Trip Year 2 will be spending the day at the Story Museum. More information to follow.</p>

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.

3rd October

KIDS CHOICE MENU



KID APPROVED

Ham Pizza or
Margherita Pizza or
Jacket Potato with Bolognese
Chips
Sweetcorn
Mixed Salad
Chocolate Shortbread



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a recipe for success

HALF TERM SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMP

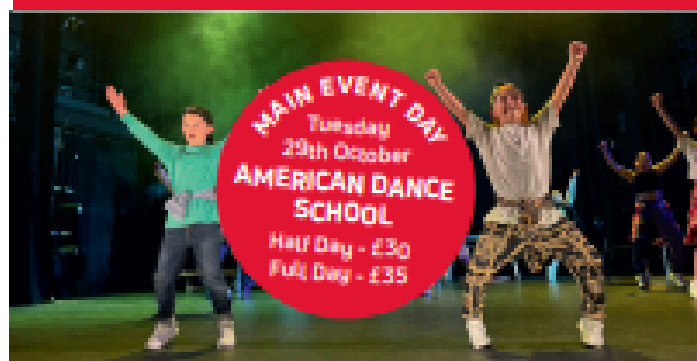
For ages 3-14 years old



OFSTED REGISTERED HOLIDAY CAMP FOR YOUR EASTER CHILDCARE NEEDS

Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov

St John's Primary School, Stanley Hall Road, Grove OX12 0GR



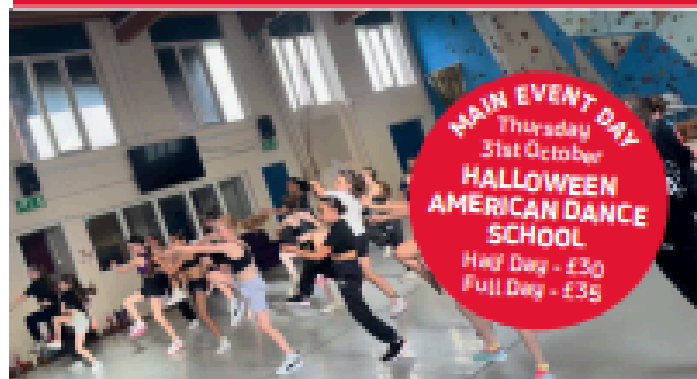
MAIN EVENT DAY
Tuesday
29th October
AMERICAN DANCE SCHOOL
Half Day - £30
Full Day - £35

Our sports camp helps children improve their skills in a variety of fun and exciting sports/games throughout the week such as Dodgeball, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Badminton and much more!

Our activities camp will help spark your child's creativity, promote wellbeing, as well as developing their social and essential skills in a range of different topics, from building to baking, from crafts to gardening.



MAIN EVENT DAY
Wednesday
30th October
CARNIVAL DAY
Half Day - £30
Full Day - £35



MAIN EVENT DAY
Thursday
31st October
HALLOWEEN AMERICAN DANCE SCHOOL
Half Day - £30
Full Day - £35

Full Day: 9am-3.30pm - £25
Half Day: 9am-1pm or 11.30am-3.30pm - £20
Special Event Full Day: 9am-3.30pm - £35
Special Event Half Day: 9am-1pm or 11.30am-3.30pm - £30
8am 'Early Bird' (£10) 4.30pm 'Added Time' (£10)
Children aged 4 can only book for one half day slot per day. **Childcare Vouchers Accepted**

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