

Learning together with courage and kindness

'For the good of all' 1 Corinthians 12



St James News

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Dear St James Families,

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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

After another packed week of learning, it has been great to share with parents some of the developments in school that will be happening over this year. As I mentioned last week we have a new amazing phonics scheme 'Little Wandle Letters & Sounds', which has a real focus on developing early reading and a love of books, which has been shown to have such a big impact on children's outcomes. We are also excited to be taking part in the NCETM Mastering Number programme this year. The aim of the programme is to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2 and beyond. Children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number.



Helping Hands:



St James library launch – BOOK WISH LIST NOW OPEN!

As you would have seen we are delighted to be holding our "bring a book" party to launch our refurbished school library on Saturday 19th October 2-4pm.

The wish list for books is now live and can be found here:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/wishlists/80ea31c07576c88b2e4336ed53f652dd>

This link can be shared far and wide with friends, family, grandparents, god parents, you name it. When ordering please tick the box that says "we would like to share your purchase with school"

This is such a wonderful way to complete what is going to be an amazing offering to all children. We thank you for all your ongoing support and can't wait to begin receiving books!

I have only had one **Parent Rep** volunteer so far and we need someone from each class! If this is something you won't mind doing but aren't sure you can commit to the meet ups please chat with me to discuss possible options! Many thanks!

Celebration of learning:

House Points:

Blue

73

Yellow

92

Red

88

Green

82










congratulation yellow team!

Congratulations this week to Inkpen Class (Reception), Rosen Class (Year 1) & Nichols Class (Year 2) for their wonderful singing performances, which earned them all a Headteachers Award! I was so impressed with how brave everyone was to perform in front of such a big audience, particularly for children who had only been in school a few weeks! The singing was beautiful and the actions full of energy! Thank you to all the parents who were able to make it. Mrs Hatcher was thrilled to be able to share information about our new phonics scheme with so many parents. If you weren't able to make it please see the powerpoint on Dojo and feel free to speak to us about it.



Dates for the Diary

<p>24th September</p> 	<p>Trust Ultimate Frisbee – Millbrook School 3.30-5.15 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 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 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>This date was wrong on class overviews</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.</p> <p>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 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 Who: Yr 1 upwards Where: Harbour Booking direct*</p>	 <p>Singing Choir Who: Yr 1 – Yr6 Where: Library</p> <p>In school hours (free for Young Voices Choir)</p>

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

Born 2015 - 2013 - Tuesdays 18:00 - 19:00

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



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Jasper Fforde – Author Talk! – Friday 11th October – 6pm – 7pm - Join us for an evening with bestselling author Jasper Fforde, as he talks about his writing and his new book, 'Red Side Story'! Book your free ticket by calling 01235 762291!

Seeded Gift Tags and Cards – Saturday 19th October – 1pm – 3pm – Come and learn how to make these delightful seed gift tags – a perfect present for Christmas! Please book your free ticket by ringing Wantage Library on 01235 762291.

Ebook Tutorial – Friday 18 October – 2pm – 4pm - Come and learn all about our free ebooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines! Bring along your smartphone or tablet, as well as your library card, and you will be shown how to download our FREE ebooks! No need to book, just pop in!

Monday 28th October – 10.30am – 12pm - Origami Workshop – Come and learn how to make some lovely origami animals, and listen to traditional tales from Japan! This activity is suitable for children aged 5 yrs and above, please ring Wantage Library on 01235 762291 to book your free ticket!

Monday 28th October – Literary Landscapes – 6.30pm – 7.30pm - Come and listen to leading poet, author and raconteur Chris Tutton together with harpist Anne Denholm, Principal Harp with the BBC Concert Orchestra and former Official Harpist to HRH The Prince of Wales for a delightful evening of verse and music – no need to book, just pop in.

Tuesday 29th October - 10.30am – 12pm – Comic Book Workshop! Come and design your own comic book, and find out what goes into making a comic book! This event is suitable for ages 7yrs and above! Book your free ticket by phoning 01235 762291.

Wednesday 30th October – 10.30am – 11.30am - Hairy Maclary Storytime and Craft! – Come and listen to stories about our favourite dog, Hairy Maclary and his mischievous friends, and make some fantastic crafts! This activity is suitable for children aged 5 yrs and above, please ring Wantage Library on 01235 762291 to book your free ticket!

We will also be running a Children's Literary Trail –

Come and have a go at our Wantage Literary Trail! Can you find all of the children's books hiding around Wantage? Match them to their authors correctly, and be entered into a prize draw! The Trail will be running from Friday 25th October, to Saturday 2nd November – it's free to take part, and trails can be picked up from Wantage Library!

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