

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: 94.4%
School & Trust target: 96%

It's been a great first full week back, with everyone getting back in the rhythm of school life. Our youngest children in school have begun our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' and have already started their daily lessons. The decision to change schemes came from a desire to bring a richer reading experience to children as they began to learn this vital skill. There will be more information shared with parents after the children's performance **this Wednesday**, but if you would like to start having a look please visit their website:
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/>



Parent Reps:

This year I would like us to have a parent representative for each class to be a point of contact for other parents. The role will involve a meeting with myself (Headteacher) once a short term (6 times over a year) to share information, answer questions and take feedback, which the Reps will then feedback to the other parents in their class through a WhatsApp group. If this is something you would like to volunteer for please can you email me on office@sja.cambrianlt.org with the subject Parent Rep & your year group (parents will be chosen on a first come first served basis).

Cambrian Learning Trust Merger update:

As you may have been aware of the aim was to complete the merger of our trust and FLT in time to launch the new Cambrian Learning Trust on 1 September. Unfortunately, there is one outstanding legal issue which we have not been able to finalise in time to meet that objective. We are continuing to work closely with the Department for Education and expect to be able to complete all the necessary arrangements in time for the formal merger to take place on 1 October.





Open The Book:

Open The Book continues to be a fantastic part of our collective Worship, although some of the younger classes will not always attend the morning session. This week the brilliant team performed the story of the disciple Peter being revisited while fishing, to forgive him for his denial of Jesus. They were ably assisted by three pupils, one of which played the role of our own school's name sake St James. As always we are so grateful to the wonderful Open The Book Team, who so freely give up their time and talent for the children!

Celebration of learning:

Houses:

While we decide on the new names of our Houses we will just refer to them by their colours. This was our first week of sharing our House points and it was lovely to see that we have got off to a flying start. Points are awarded for demonstrating our values, including points awarded for great attendance.



Blue

70

Yellow

69

Red

80

Green

79

Congratulation Red team!






This week our youngest children in school, in Donaldson Class, received Headteacher Awards for their brilliant hand prints that they painted for our new Houses display, as well as some brilliant self portraits - well done Donaldson Class!








Our Year 6 Play Leaders told us about their new role with the Cabin. We also had 5 football players of the week, some more reading challenges to celebrate and an amazing skate park created out of cardboard.

Well done everyone an excellent week of learning!!



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 September</p> 	<p>Y5 Residential</p> <p>The children in Year 5 will be going to <u>Youlbury</u> on a one-night <u>residential</u>. 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>

School Health Team Newsletter: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/ng5T2crQ8tPr6N2k?ref=Link&loc=play>

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An illustration of four diverse people (two men and two women) standing together, smiling. They are wearing casual clothing. The background of the poster is a gradient of purple and blue, with a heart icon in the top right corner and a soundwave graphic at the bottom.

OPEN EVENING

Thursday, 10th October 2024 4:30pm - 7:30pm



Headteacher Talks :
5:15pm & 6:15pm

School Tours
Performances
Workshops



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OPEN MORNINGS 2024

Thursday, 26th September

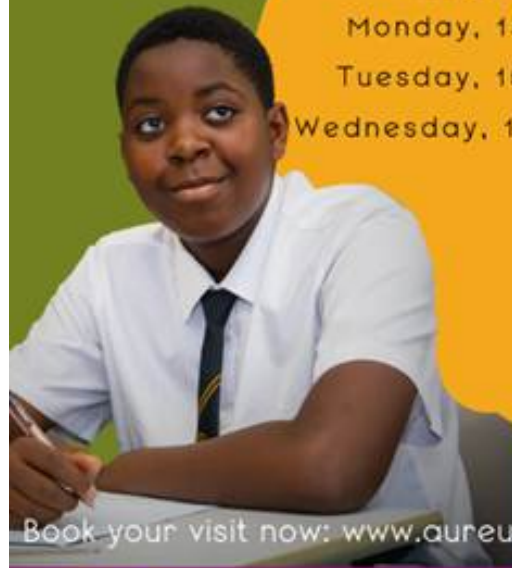
Friday, 4th October

Monday, 14th October

Tuesday, 15th October

Wednesday, 16th October

9-10 am



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