

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: 95.4%

School & Trust target: 96%

Thank you to those of you who were able to make Parents Evening this week, I really appreciate as a parent the logistics of organising this. Any children's appointments that didn't take place will be arranged with families as soon as possible. Thank you to our amazing staff team for their incredible efforts. The emphasis on knowing our children is such an important priority to us and being able to share that with our school community is part of what makes St James so special! We also have our Open Classrooms on Friday at 3:15pm - please come and celebrate all the amazing learning! Again if this timing isn't possible please contact us so we can arrange an alternative.

As some of you will have seen our Library now has some amazing artwork on its walls! Please come and celebrate with us, at today's official opening - we can't wait to share with everyone how incredible our Library now is and how much it will inspire us all to read! Thank you to everyone for making this possible, particularly the amazing Helping Hands team!

ST JAMES LIBRARY OPENING
We'd love you to join us at our
BRIEFING today!
SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
2-4PM

The banner features a globe, a DNA helix, a planet with a ring, and a stack of books. It includes the St James logo and the Helping Hands logo (Friends of St James School).

Staffing:

It was lovely to see Mrs Oreffo back in school this week. She will be returning to school next term after her maternity leave. We also welcome our new Lunchtime Assistant Mrs Charlett to our wonderful team! Mrs Lardner also returns to school next week after an extended period of illness and it will be lovely to have her back with the children. The children may have also talked to you about being involved in Deputy Headteacher/SENDCo interviews this week. I am very pleased to say that we have appointed an experienced and brilliant applicant, who we will welcome officially next term once she has been able to share the news widely with her current community. Everyone commented about how talented and kind our children all are!

Notices:

- Please can I remind all parents not to park or drop off directly outside of the school; on the double yellow lines, pavements or the entrance to school. It is causing a hazard and I know everyone joins me in not wanting anyone to get hurt. We will be asking the local PCSOs to monitoring morning drop offs to ensure everyone is safe.
- There has been some changes to the lunchtimes, in order to make the best possible use of support staff. This means that lunchtime now runs from **12 - 1pm** for all children with the younger ones starting from 11:45 to give them some extra time to eat. We are asking all children to be in the Hall for a minimum period of 10 minutes to ensure they give themselves enough time to eat, before they go out to play on the field. Children who are not going directly to the Hall will be called in as soon as there is space.

Approximate timings:

11:45 - Reception in Hall

11:50 - Year 1 in Hall

11:55- Year 2 in Hall

12:10- Year 3 in Hall

12:15- Year 4 in Hall

12:25- Year 5 in Hall

12:30- Year 6 in Hall

1pm- End of lunchtime



Please contact the helping hands team by email - helpinghandshanney@gmail.com

If you haven't signed up for easyfundraising please do & don't forget we now have a clothes bin at the Village Hall which earns us money - it's the one with our logo!



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Celebration of learning:

House Points:

Azure
75

Sage
71

Maroon
65

Saffron
77






congratulation yellow team!

Well done to Ibbotson Class (Year 5) for sharing their protest against destroying the environment. Some brilliant persuasive learning!



Well done to all our pupils who shared their out of class achievements and learning this week!

Dates for the Diary

<p>23rd October</p> 	<p>Harvest Festival – St James Church 10am</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Year 2 will be spending the day at the Story Museum. More information to follow.</p>
<p>25th October</p> 	<p>Open Classroom - Celebration of Learning – 3.15pm</p> <p>Parents are invited into their child's class for them to share the great learning they have done this term!</p>
<p>25th October</p> 	<p>Last day of term.</p> <p>Schools ends at 3.20.</p>

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



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day
Monday 21st Oct- Sunday 3rd Nov 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

Monday 14th October - Friday 1st November 2024
kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Mon - Fri from Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024

PIZZA HUT

Free Kids buffet Monday 14th Oct - Tuesday 5th Nov daily until 3pm with code **SPOOKY**

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



King Alfred's Academy (Wantage) October Sports & Activities Holiday Camp!

For ages 4-14 years (specialised sessions for seperated age groups)

MONDAY 28th October	TUESDAY 29th October	WEDNESDAY 30th October	THURSDAY 31st October	FRIDAY 1st November
4-7 years Barrier Ball Dodgeball Protection Fire Ball Long Ball Musical Hoops Striker Ball Trick or Treat Game	4-7 years Construction Guardian Guard the Graveyard Hideout Games Stinky Bin! The Halloween House Witches Hat Tag	INFLATABLE FUN  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflatable course • Inflatable slide • Multi-Sport Games 	 TASS TOURNAMENT  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates • Game variety • Halloween names • Leaderboard • Coaches Challenge 	4-7 years Cone Flip Relay Islands Level up! Limit Ball Pirates River Crossing Spiders and Beetles
8+ years 4-Square Capture the Flag Gaga Ball Protect the Huts Stealth Swamp Ball The Great Escape	8+ years Doctor Dodgeball Eliminator Free the Pumpkins Ghostbusters! Guardian Pinball Star child 			8+ years 4-Way Dodgeball Boccia Matches Chicken Run! Danger Ball End Ball Pinball Tornado!



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Please note, some activities may be subject to change in the result or bad weather.

HALF TERM TENNIS COURSE

EXCEL
Tennis Academy



Monday 28th October -
Friday 1st November

Kingston Bagpuize
with Southmoor
Tennis Club

Full Course (ages 4 - 16):
09:00 - 13:00 £180

Short Course (ages 4 - 7):
09:00 - 11:00 £90

Individual Day Bookings Available:
Full Course or Short Course
£48 £24

Childcare Vouchers Accepted!



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Abingdon RDA

Join us for a Treasure Hunt

Fun For All the Family

Sunday 27th October 2024

Find the answers to the clues by visiting our surrounding villages.

Entry Fee £10.00 per car.

Start at:
Abingdon RDA
Lower Lodge Riding Centre
Charney Road
Southmoor
OX13 5HW

Registration between 12.00 and 14.00

Prize giving at 16.00 back at Abingdon RDA Yard, along with a chance to meet our horses. Cake and refreshments also available. If you would like any further information, please contact Nikki on 07717 510410



LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES?

'Left to Their Own Devices?' is an evening for parents and carers of under-11's to explore confident parenting in a world of screens.

Drinks and desserts served!

Monday 18th Nov, 7-9pm

The Barn, Christ Church Abingdon, Northcourt Rd

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