

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



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St James News

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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance this week: 95.2%
School & Trust target: 96%

Dear St James Families,

It has been lovely to see everyone back this week, after what I hope has been a restful break for everyone! Staff started the week with an excellent training opportunity at the Trust Conference. This was a day of inspiring speakers, including a key note speech around the Trust's vision and their priority of relational practice, as well as a wide range of workshops that staff were able to sign up to in order to develop their own practice and interests. Being part of the Trust continues to give us access to a wide range of training for all members of staff, so that we can provide the best possible education for all our pupils.



Pupil News:



Thank you to Helping Hands for another amazing disco! It is always such an enjoyable event for everyone and although I don't have a precise figure I believe we have raised even more than last year! Thank you everyone for your brilliant support and of course to the staff for giving up their time and pulling out some excellent dance moves!

Wantage Literary Festival - written by Evie & Lola in Year 6

On Wednesday 6th November, Year 5 and 6 went to a place called The Beacon and, while we were there, we met an author, comedian and podcaster called Iszi Lawrence. Iszi Lawrence showed us her books (they are historical fiction books) and she has a book coming out called The Cursed Tomb (it's one of her newest books yet). She told us the background of her books and she was really nice. We all liked it and we are all very grateful that some of her books are coming to the school library. Some people might know her from her book series The Time Machine Next Door. She was really kind and interacted with us and everybody really enjoyed her being there with us. She really made everyone's day and her books are absolutely amazing. Meeting her was a once in a lifetime opportunity and she just made it even better!



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





Remembrance:

St James CE Primary School and Nursery are proud to have joined the Hanneys, as they remember those who have given their lives in service and celebrate those who have and continue to dedicate their life in service of our country.



If children have yet to donate and pick up something from the Poppy Appeal shop there is still time! It will visit each class tomorrow on Remembrance Day!



Celebration of learning:

House Points:

Azure
64

Sage
51

Maroon
67

Saffron
73



Congratulation yellow team!

Congratulations this week to Dahl Class (Year 3) for sharing some wonderful learning with us. I was particularly impressed with their writing and those who were brave enough to read their excellent descriptions that were full of brilliant vocabulary!



Next week:


















We are encouraging anyone who wants to wear odd socks to celebrate Anti-Bullying week. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We will be using a range of resources to mark this week with the children. If you'd like to join in at home or find out more please follow the link below:
<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>



As part of our commitment to make Maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 14th November 2024. It's all done online via play.trockstars.com. See Dojo for link and further information.



Dates for the Diary

<p>11th November</p> 	<p>Remembrance Day 11am all classes 1 minute silence (poppies etc are available for a donation from the Office, from after half-term)</p>
<p>11th – 15th November</p> 	<p>Anti Bullying Week In class and Collective <u>Worship</u> we will be raising awareness of bullying and learning about the importance of being kind and including everyone, so that everyone feels happy and safe and part of team St James!</p>
<p>11th - 15th November</p> 	<p>Maths Week England We will be celebrating how brilliant maths is with lots of fun activities in class!</p>
<p>12th November</p> 	<p>Odd Sock Day Odd Socks Day celebrates Anti-Bullying Week. Children are invited to wear odd socks for the day.</p>
<p>12th November</p> 	<p>Menu Change There is a menu change today and on offer will be a Burger Bar – more details on Class Dojo</p>
<p>13th November</p> 	<p>Year 4 trip to Oxford Castle As part of their <u>History</u> learning this term, Year 4 will be visiting Oxford Castle. More details to follow.</p>
<p>15th November</p> 	<p>MF Dance sessions MF Dance will be in to do a session with every class in school to give them an opportunity to</p>
<p>15th November</p> 	<p>Children In Need More information to follow</p>
<p>18th November – 22nd November</p> 	<p>Year 6 Residential Year 6 are away at <u>Yenworthy</u> Lodge for a week of making memories!</p>
<p>25th November – 29th November</p> 	<p>Book Fair in school The fantastic Scholastic book fair will be in school again this week, a perfect opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents and <u>a %</u> of the money raised goes straight to school to buy new books.</p>
<p>26th November</p> 	<p>Boccia Competition Selected children will be taking part in a Boccia competition. If your child is <u>selected</u> they will receive a letter next half term.</p>
<p>26th November</p> 	<p>Parent Meeting for <u>Yenworthy</u> 2025 (Current Year 5) Parents and carers of current Year 5 children are invited to a meeting in the Year 6 classroom to hear about the residential trip to <u>Yenworthy</u> in November 2025.</p>
<p>28th November</p> 	<p>Governors Visit Day The Governors will be in today to see everything we have been doing in school recently.</p>
<p>29th November</p> 	<p>Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Years 1 - 6 will be travelling to the Oxford Playhouse for some pantomime fun.</p>
<p>2nd December – 6th December</p> 	<p>SEND Review parent meetings Parent teacher meetings to review ISPs and set outcomes for Term 3 & 4.</p>

<p>4th December</p> 	<p>Intra House Tag Rugby Competition Year 1 – Year 6 will be taking part in an Intra House Tag Rugby competition during the day</p>
<p>6th December</p> 	<p>Make me smile day We are raising awareness of mental <u>health</u>, the children are invited to wear their own clothes and donate a £1.</p>
<p>9th December</p> 	<p>iRock Performance 2.15pm: Parents of children who attend <u>iRock</u> are invited to their performance in the hall.</p>
<p>10th December</p> 	<p>Years 2 & 3 Carol Concert 2.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.</p>
<p>11th December</p> 	<p>Reception & Year 1 Nativity 9:30 and 2:30 – More details to follow</p>
<p>12th December</p> 	<p>Christingle Service 4pm at St James Church – Please come and join us at St James Church. Children from Years 4-6 will be invited to sing or read. Details to follow.</p>
<p>13th December</p> 	<p>Festive Film Club: 3.20pm - 5.00pm Children are invited to stay at school and enjoy a festive film. If you would like your child to attend, please donate £5 (which will go towards a light tea and refreshments).</p>
<p>18th December</p> 	<p>Nursery and Reception Christmas fun day Parents invited to join us for some Christmas fun – more details to follow</p>
<p>18th December</p> 	<p>Christmas Lunch Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on their Christmas dinner day.</p>
<p>19th December</p> 	<p>Open Classroom - Celebration of Learning – 3.15pm Parents are invited into their <u>child's</u> class for them to share the great learning they have done this term!</p>
<p>20th December</p> 	<p>Last day of term. Schools <u>ends</u> at 12.30pm after the children have eaten lunch.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">After School Enrichment Clubs</p> <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;"><small>This clubs are enrichment opportunities, not childcare *charged via provider not £3.00 a session</small></p>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>iRock Who: Reception upwards Where: Library Booking <u>direct</u> with <u>iRock</u>*</p>	 <p>Yr 1, 2 & 3 Art & Craft Where: <u>Yr 4</u></p>	 <p>Football Who: <u>Yr 3 - 6</u> Where: MUGA/Field Booking <u>direct</u> with <u>Elite Sports</u>*</p>	 <p>Martial Arts Who: <u>Yr 2 - 6</u> Where: Hall</p>	 <p>Dance Who: <u>Yr 2 - 6</u> Where: MUGA or Hall (weather dependant)</p>
			 <p>Piano Lesson Who: <u>Yr 1 upwards</u> Where: Harbour Booking <u>direct</u>*</p>	 <p>Young Voices Choir Who: <u>Yr 3 – Yr6</u> Where: Library In school hours – no charge</p>



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Dear Colleague,

All year round the police officers and staff of Thames Valley Police work hard to protect the public. This is never more true than at Christmas, when the police continue to work alongside the other emergency services to keep us all safe while most of us are able to enjoy time off with our families.

As Police & Crime Commissioner it is my role to hold the police to account, but also to foster confidence in the good work that the police do to cut crime and catch criminals. Over the coming year I want to increase the engagement that the police and my office have with schools across Thames Valley, delivering crime awareness and prevention initiatives and building trust in the police.

On a lighter note, as we approach Christmas I want to begin with a fun competition to design a Christmas card. The theme for the card design is *Helping People At Christmas*. This can be interpreted in any way the children which, but of course it may include the police helping people in a time of need.

The competition is open to all primary school aged children across Thames Valley. I am writing to schools, and also advertising so that other voluntary organisations such as the Brownies and Cubs can take part.

The winners will have their designs turned into Christmas cards, which will also feature the runners up on the reverse. The winner will have their design professionally printed for display.

If pupils at your school wish to take part please simply download an entry form at www.matthewbarber.co.uk/christmascard and return entries by noon on Friday 29th November. They may wish to take part as a school activity, or you may wish to advertise to parents.

Whilst this is a bit of fun in the run up to Christmas I am keen to build the relationships with you locally as vital partners and if there is anything I can do so assist on matters regarding policing or crime issues please do contact me at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Barber
Police & Crime Commissioner





CALLING ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE SYMPTOMS/DISORDER (OCD)

Can you help us to develop a brief treatment to help parents support their child to overcome OCD?

We are looking for **parents of children (aged 5 to 12 years old)** with lived experience of OCD/OCD symptoms to attend a series of **6 online workshops**. These workshops aim to help us develop an online intervention focused on supporting parents to learn evidence-based tools to help their child to overcome OCD

We want to make sure the treatment works for as many families as possible, so are looking for parents that identify as being from one or more of the following groups:

- Parents in single-parent families
- Parents from minority ethnic groups
- Parents within low-income families
- Parents who have low levels of confidence/experience using technology



- ✓ Your child does **not** need a diagnosis of OCD
- ✓ You will be **paid for your time**
- ✓ **We can help** if you face difficulties in attending sessions, such as supporting you with costs and visiting you in your local community!

**SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

To register your interest please scan the QR code
or email OCD-empower@psych.ox.ac.uk.

(If you're not able to attend 6 workshops but are keen to help us - please still register your interest and we can find alternative ways that you can be involved!)





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TOPIC
The Oxford Psychological Interventions for Children
and Adolescents Research Group

OCD UK

Do you have upsetting thoughts or habits that won't go away?

We want to make things easier for children like you, and we need your help to do it!

If you're **between 5 and 14 years old**, and started having thoughts that get stuck or habits you need to do over and over when you were aged 5 to 12, **we'd love to talk to you!**



We want to find a way for **parents to help their children** who have similar thoughts and habits to you. **We'd love for you to help us!**

What's in it for me?

- ✓ **Fun online sessions:** Where you'll share your ideas on a programme designed to help with upsetting thoughts & habits.
- ✓ **Awesome rewards:** Earn £25 for each session!

Scan here for more information!



For more information or to sign up, you and your parents can **scan the code** or send us an email - OCD-empower@psych.ox.ac.uk

We're excited to hear from you!

