

# 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: 95.3%  
School & Trust target: 96%**

Wow what a week: from Remembrance on Monday; Odd Sock Day on Tuesday, to start Anti-Bullying week; maths competitions for Maths Week; our MF Dance workshops and then finally rounding off the week with raising money for Children in Need! The children have been incredible embracing all these brilliant experiences with enthusiasm, courage and kindness - once again showing what a special place our brilliant school community is!



### Fundraising:



Our most recent Disco raised an incredible £820 profit, which will be doubled by match funding - what an amazing start to this year's project - details to follow!  
Thank you Helping Hands and all who supported this event!



It was so lovely to celebrate Children in Need this year and we raised £374 for a great cause - thank you everyone!

### **Pupil News:**

At our school, Odd Sock Day and children in need is a big thing! This year we have celebrated children in need by dressing up as our hero. For odd sock day we all decorated our own odd socks in our own pattern and all came in odd socks which was super fun! and for anti bullying week we all had to design our own anti bullying posters. We have had the best week full of fun activities based on the theme of anti bullying. By RUBY (Year 6)

This week we have had anti bullying week. we have designed our own odd socks, posters and we dressed up as our hero. This has been a wonderful week everyone had lots of fun. This week everybody also learnt the effects of bullying and to be kind and respectful. By ELLIE (Year 6)



Year 5s sharing their new gymnastics lunch club in Collective Worship

### **Staff Update:**

- Sadly we said good bye & good luck to Mrs Lardner this week, who having developed her skills with us, has got a new position at a Special School. We are so grateful for all that she has done for the children over the past few years and wish her the best of luck at her new job!
- We have successfully recruited a new member of support staff to join our team, who will start in December.

### **Next week:**

This coming week we send our Year 6s off on residential. They will travel to Yenworthy Lodge, on the Exmoor coast, early on Monday morning for an amazing adventure, returning on Friday evening. Mrs Dipple & Miss Price will be taking the children and I will join them on Tuesday evening. I'm sure you join me in wishing them the best time ever!!

### **Parent Reps:**

New this year, we now have parent reps for each class. I am keen to use this to support with communication between school and families to ensure key messages get out to everyone and constructive feedback comes back into school. If you are yet to join your class WhatsApp group I would encourage you to do so. Details of your child's class rep can be found on their class Dojo story.

Things we are currently discussing include: How to improve road safety at drop off & pick up, homework, Parents Evening timings, how parents can help more in school, current school projects - potential Nursery expansion, Hall renovation, Year 1 outdoor area & the purchasing of new computing devices.

# Celebration of learning:

House Points:

**Azure**

**89**

**Sage**

**81**

**Maroon**

**99**

**Saffron**

**99**



## Congratulation red & yellow team!

Congratulations this week to Nichols Class (Year 2) for sharing some wonderful learning all about Great Women from History. It was lovely to hear the children talk about women who had inspired them! I also want to say a big well done to Rowling Class (Year 4) for excellent engagement in their trip to Oxford Castle, connected to their history learning on crime & punishment. Finally well done to all this week's out of class achievers and learners!






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



There's no such thing as bad weather only the wrong clothes

# Dates for the Diary

<p>18<sup>th</sup> November – 22<sup>nd</sup> November</p> 	<p><b>Year 6 Residential</b> Year 6 are away at <u>Yenworthy</u> Lodge for a week of making memories!</p>
<p>25<sup>th</sup> November – 29<sup>th</sup> November</p> 	<p><b>Book Fair in school</b> The fantastic Scholastic book fair will be in school again this week, a perfect opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents and a <u>  </u>% of the money raised goes straight to school to buy new books.</p>
<p>26<sup>th</sup> November</p> 	<p><b>Boccia Competition</b> 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>26<sup>th</sup> November</p> 	<p><b>Parent Meeting for <u>Yenworthy</u> 2025 (Current Year 5)</b> 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>28<sup>th</sup> November</p> 	<p><b>Governors Visit Day</b> The Governors will be in today to see everything we have been doing in school recently.</p>
<p>29<sup>th</sup> November</p> 	<p><b>Sleeping Beauty Pantomime</b> Years 1 - 6 will be travelling to the Oxford Playhouse for some pantomime fun.</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b>SEND Review parent meetings</b> Parent teacher meetings to review ISPs and set outcomes for Term 3 &amp; 4.</p>
<p>4<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b>Intra House Tag Rugby Competition</b> Year 1 – Year 6 will be taking part in an Intra House Tag Rugby competition during the day</p>
<p>6<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b>Make me smile day</b> We are raising awareness of mental <u>health</u>, the children are invited to wear their own clothes and donate a £1.</p>
<p>9<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b><u>iRock</u> Performance</b> <b>2.15pm:</b> Parents of children who attend <u>iRock</u> are invited to their performance in the hall.</p>
<p>10<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b>Years 2 &amp; 3 Carol Concert</b> 2.30pm in the Hall. More details to follow.</p>
<p>11<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b>Reception &amp; Year 1 Nativity</b> 9:30 and 2:30 – More details to follow</p>
<p>12<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b>Christingle Service</b> <b>4pm at St James Church</b> – 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>13<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b>Festive Film Club: 3.20pm - 5.00pm</b> 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>18<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p><b>Nursery and Reception Christmas fun day</b> Parents invited to join us for some Christmas fun – more details to follow</p>

18 <sup>th</sup> December 	<b>Christmas Lunch</b> Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on their Christmas dinner day.
19 <sup>th</sup> December 	<b>Open Classroom - Celebration of Learning – 3.15pm</b> Parents are invited into their <u>child's</u> class for them to share the great learning they have done this term!
20 <sup>th</sup> December 	<b>Last day of term.</b> Schools <u>ends</u> at 12.30pm after the children have eaten lunch.



**Free Entry**

**Christmas Fayre 24**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024  
10am - 4pm  
Benson Village Hall

Santas Grotto | Christmas Gifts  
Tombola | Raffle | Cafe | Craft Stalls  
Childrens Games & Activities

Santas Grotto pre-bookings  
online via our website !



Wantage  
Orchestra

Sunday 24 November 2024 6.00 pm

**Autumn Concert**  
Old Mill Hall Grove OX12 7LB

Leader **Piotr Jordan**  
Conductor **Christopher Fletcher-Campbell**



Dvořák  
**Symphony no 8**

Paul Harris  
**Off Beat Overture**

Bizet  
**L'Arlésienne Suite no 2**

Donizetti  
**Concertino for Clarinet**  
Soloist **Paul Harris**

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# 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!





**Newbury Street Practice  
Patient Participation  
Group**

# Winter Edition



**Church Street Practice  
Patient Participation  
Group**

**JOINT NEWSLETTER  
Number 4 2024**



Dear All,

By now we are hoping you are finding the Accurx Total Triage system in use at both Practices helpful. The Patient Groups would be delighted to hear your feedback. As we move towards the dark winter months we hope you will find the contents of this newsletter helpful to make sure you stay safe and well.

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If you have any comments or ideas we would love to hear from you, especially our younger families. Please contact us via [NSPG@Wantage.com](mailto:NSPG@Wantage.com) or via [churchstreetppg@gmail.com](mailto:churchstreetppg@gmail.com)

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