



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



SCHOOL RULES & DOJOS

This half-term, we have introduced our new school rules:

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe.

We have chosen these because they summarise the values we want to instil into our pupils so they are prepared for life beyond the school gates.

We have changed our reward systems to help our children remember these rules. You might have heard from your children that we are now using Class Dojos, where they can earn dojo points for following our new rules. As children earn more points, they can claim different prizes and rewards.

Class Dojo also includes a 'Dojo Island' feature, an online space similar to 'Minecraft' where they can collaborate with classmates to build and explore the island.

If you have heard of Class Dojo before, you will know that there is a family option. We are planning on introducing this feature very soon. This will allow you to check your child's progress and communicate with the school more easily. Watch this space!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Amelia B

Class 2 - Gideon Mc

Class 3 - Scarlett S

Class 4 - Minal H

Class 5 - Giovanni I

Class 6 - Bibi S

Class 7 - Felicity P

Class 8 - Michael Mc

Class 9 - Yasemin K

Class 10 - Hera S

Class 11 - Israel L

GOLD SCROLL

Tyler M, Atlanta C,
Lucy G, Skye R,
Faith Y, Myles C,
Don-Divin N, Dua A,
Eva S, Francis N,
Daniel O, Markela W,
Dominic K, Tamara B,
Lincoln B, Pearl L,
Scarlett L, Talia K,
Ruby Y

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is
Hope.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Be strong and take heart, all who
hope in the Lord. **Psalms 31:25***

"With God, there is no limit to what you can do. There is no obstacle you can't overcome. Through Him all things are possible."
(Matthew 19:26)



ROAD SAFETY



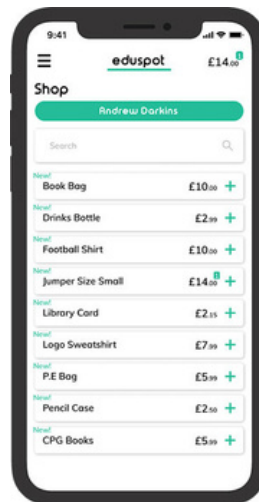
This week, we had a road incident where a child was hit by a car outside school. Fortunately, the child is ok and avoided more serious injuries. Please remind your children about road safety and the dangers of running into the road.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	90.6%
Class 1	81.7%
Class 2	96.3%
Class 3	86.4%
Class 4	95.2%
Class 5	84.2%
Class 6	98.3%
Class 7	89.0%
Class 8	94.1%
Class 9	90.3%
Class 10	87.7%
Class 11	91.9%

SCHOOL MONEY



We are encouraging parents to make more use of the 'School Money' website and app. Here you can pay for school dinners, snacks, trips and clubs using your card rather than using cash.

If you need help in using this service, please see our office staff who will be happy to help.

EID MUBARAK



Eid Mubarak to all of our Muslim staff, families and friends who will be celebrating Eid in the next few days. We hope it is a time filled with love and light with your families and friends.

Green: 100% - 95%
Yellow: 94.9% - 90%
Red: Below 90%



Worried about something at school? Our door is always open for a chat.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

WC 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19th - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral• 20th & 21st - Dogs Trust Workshop• 21st - Non-uniform day for bottle donation for summer fair tombola.• 21st - Reception to Year 1 parent meeting at 2:45 pm.
WC 24th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possible Year 3 & 4 Sports Day - date to be confirmed• 28th - Non-uniform day for chocolate donation for summer fair tombola.
WC 1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st - Class trip to the library and museum.• 1st - Reception trip to Forest School.• 2nd - Class 4 trip to the library and museum.• 3rd - Transition Day - Year 6 at secondary schools and other year groups moving up to new teachers.• 4th - Class 3 trip to library and museum.• 5th - Summer Fair at 2 pm. School to close early. Children collected at 2 pm.
WC 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possible Year 5 & 6 Sports Day - date to be confirmed• 9th - Year 6 show at 9:30 am and 2 pm.
WC 15th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possible Year 1 & 2 Sports Day - date to be confirmed• 15th - Reports out to parents.• 16th - Year 6 leavers trip.• 16th - Reception Graduation at 2 pm.• 17th - Year 6 Graduation at 9:15 am.• 18th - Pupil of the Year assembly at 9 am.• 19th - School closes for summer at 3:15 pm.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
12

MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

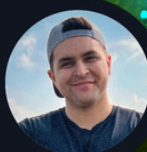
By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play: demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to “win at all costs”, which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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