

FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



WE LOVE READING

Reading sits at the heart of everything we do here at St James. On Thursday, our Reading Ambassadors visited the newly-refurbished library in Bolton to get some ideas on how to get more children reading in school and how to develop a love of reading in our community. Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Aldred were extremely proud of their behaviour and we are all looking forward to how they will promote reading next.

Also, our new reading reward scheme is well underway. If your child wants to be in for a chance of winning a prize from our book vending machine, please ensure your child reads two or more times at home each week. The class with the most readers each week also win a vending machine token. These winners are announced in our Friday celebration assembly.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Toby T

Class 2 - Chester ME

Class 3 - Violet P

Class 4 - Peter O

Class 5 - Isaac W

Class 6 - Awen H

Class 7 - Levi B

Class 8 - Lewis B

Class 9 - Lucy G

Class 10 - Chimuanya

Class 11 - Dylan G

GOLD SCROLL

Atlanta C, Faith Y,
Lara R, Tamin K,
Rabiat B, Talia K,
Elif O, Eesa S,
Kayleb H, Seth R,
Tamin K, Tallulah-Rose L,
Tommie I, Decan M,
Robyn G, Awen H,
Markela N, Souhaila L,
Jacob W, Bobbi-Raye B,
Jessica C, Lucas R,
Emmie T, Willow M,

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is **Honesty.**

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Do that which is honest.

2 Corinthians 13:7



VISITORS ON THE ROOF

Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen an increase in after-school trespassers on school property and precious resources used by our youngest children have been vandalised or destroyed. There has even been evidence of arson! These resources cost the school money to replace which means that funds are redirected from providing other opportunities for other children across the school.

More recently, we have had reports that children from around the area are climbing onto the school roof and vandalising other areas of the school, such as our Reading Garden.

All incidents and reports have been passed to the police to facilitate their ongoing investigations and we urge our families and friends to help protect our school by reporting any unusual activity to the police by ringing 101 or by using the <u>online reporting tool</u>. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOTBALLS

Please can parents/carers ensure that all personal footballs and toys stay at home. School has lots of footballs and equipment for children to use at break and lunchtimes.

Any personal footballs or other equipment will be held by the class teacher until the end of the day.



OUR TARGET IS 96%

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Whole School	90.3%
Class 1	95.6%
Class 2	97.5%
Class 3	94.1%
Class 4	91.9%
Class 5	78.1%
Class 6	90.7%
Class 7	90.3%
Class 8	85.0%
Class 9	92.9%
Class 10	89.0%
Class 11	92.6%
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Green: 100% - 95% Yellow: 94.9% - 90%

Red: Below 90%





At St James, it is our responsibility to keep you informed about issues affecting our school community. Recently, we have noticed a concerning trend regarding the inappropriate use of **Snapchat** amongst our pupils.

It is crucial for parents to be aware that the legal age requirement to use Snapchat is 13 years old. We have become aware of incidents where matters originating on Snapchat outside of school hours have had a direct impact on the well-being and mental health of our pupils during school hours. In some instances, these incidents have raised serious safeguarding concerns.

We encourage all parents to monitor their child's access to **Snapchat** diligently. It is essential to have open, honest conversations with your children about the content they are exposed to, how they interact with others online, and the importance of maintaining appropriate conduct on the internet.

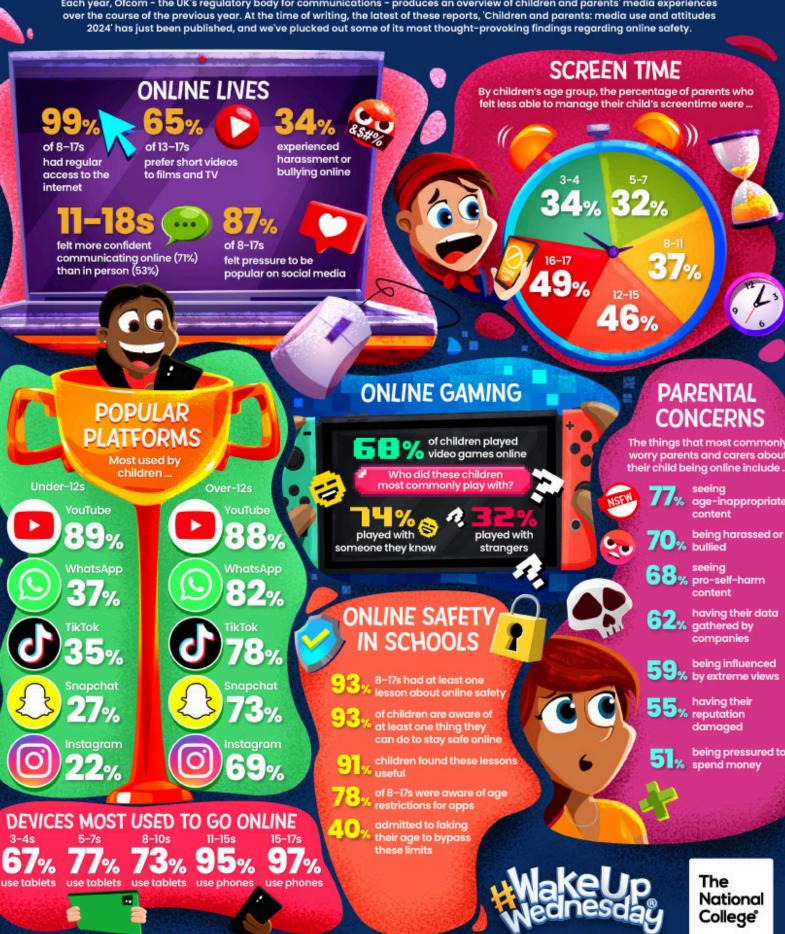
As a school community, we are committed to educating our children about the responsible use of technology. However, we believe that collaboration between parents and the school is essential to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils.

We encourage you to remain vigilant and proactive in understanding your child's online behaviour. Should you have any concerns or require guidance on how to address these issues, please do not hesitate to contact us. Together, we can create a safe and nurturing environment for our children to thrive academically and socially.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in ensuring the welfare of our pupils.

What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the DFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences

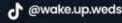


Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024



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Calendar of Events

Summer

Summer 1

Week	W/C	Events
4	06/05/2 4	6th – Early May Bank Holiday
5	13/05/24	KS2 SATs 15th - Reception Assembly @2:45pm
6	20/05/2 4	Sports Days 22nd - Year 5 & 6 Sports Day @1:30pm 23rd - Year 3 & 4 Sports Day @9:45am 23rd - Year 1 & 2 Sports Day @1:30pm 24th - Reception Sports Day @2:00pm 23rd - Year 6 trip to the Anderton Centre 24 th - School Closes for half-term

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Week	W/C	Events -
1	03/06/24	3 rd - School Re-opens 4/5/6th - Year 3&4 trip
2	10/06/24	Phonics Screening Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 12th - CL4 assembly @2:45pm 14th - Eid
3	17/06/24	20th/21st - Dog's Trust Workshops
4	24/06/24	
5	01/07/24	Assessment Week 5th - Summer Fair
6	08/07/24	8 th — Year 6 Performance: Dress Rehearsal for school 9 th — Year 6 Performance @ 9:30am & 2pm
7	15/07/24	15 th — Reports out to parents. 16th - Reception Graduation @2pm 17 th — Year 6 Leavers' Graduation @9:15am 18 th — Pupil of the Year @9:00am 19th — School Closes for summer