



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 O
- 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

"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)



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 [online reporting tool](#). 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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

OUR TARGET IS 96%

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%

Green: 100% - 95%

Yellow: 94.9% - 90%

Red: Below 90%



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SNAPCHAT

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 OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES

99%
of 8-17s
had regular
access to the
internet

65%
of 13-17s
prefer short videos
to films and TV

34%
experienced
harassment or
bullying online

11-18s
felt more confident
communicating online (71%)
than in person (53%)

87%
of 8-17s
felt pressure to be
popular on social media

SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s

YouTube
89%

YouTube
88%

WhatsApp
37%

WhatsApp
82%

TikTok
35%

TikTok
78%

Snapchat
27%

Snapchat
73%

Instagram
22%

Instagram
69%

ONLINE GAMING

68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

74%
played with
someone they know

32%
played with
strangers

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

93% 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety

93% of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online

91% children found these lessons useful

78% of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps

40% admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...

77% seeing age-inappropriate content

70% being harassed or bullied

68% seeing pro-self-harm content

62% having their data gathered by companies

59% being influenced by extreme views

55% having their reputation damaged

51% being pressured to spend money

DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

Age Group	Percentage	Device
3-4s	67%	use tablets
5-7s	77%	use tablets
8-10s	73%	use tablets
11-15s	95%	use phones
15-17s	97%	use phones

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Calendar of Events

Summer

Summer 1

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

Summer 2

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