

St. James and St. John CE Primary School Pupil Questionnaire January 2025

We were pleased to see how positive your responses to the questionnaire were and that so many of you are proud to be at St James and St John. It was a delight to read your comments and suggestions. Thank you for sharing these.

We were pleased to see that you are proud to be at St James and St John and that you have lots of fun! So many of you said that your teachers are kind and understanding. All of you could name more than one adult that you could talk to if you felt worried or upset about something, and many of you commented that when you feel worried or scared, teachers help you feel better.

Children say they feel safe at school. They like how adults and children show our Christian values to each other. One child commented, “The adults deal with everything perfectly so you don’t have anything to worry about.” Another child said, “The adults are supportive and kind: they encourage us to do the right thing, to follow the Golden Rules and our school values.”

So many of you told us how much you appreciate and enjoy meditation time during the day. You said that you like the time to be by yourself, with your own thoughts and to talk to God, whoever God is to you. You like the silence and having your eyes closed because it makes you feel calm.

You told us that learning new things is what you enjoy most, which is great because that’s what school is for! Many of you told us your favourite subjects and we were glad to hear that story time, art and PE were popular choices. We were pleased you trust that your teachers help you to try your best.

Of course, many children said that playing with their friends at playtime was what you enjoy most. This shows our value of ‘friendship’. We were glad to hear that you said that there are lots of different activities at playtime – volleyball, basketball, Champ, the construction area (including Lego and Duplo), skipping, balancing equipment, benches to chat and Indoor Club. We try to provide a good range of options but we are always keen to hear more ideas!

Many of you said you enjoy celebrating achievements in celebration assembly; that you like hearing who is ‘Person of the Week’, who has special mentions for showing our Christian values and who is a learning hero. One pupil said, “We get to share and celebrate our achievements; celebrating each other’s success as a community.” It’s so important to celebrate our own and others’ achievements by showing our value of ‘community’.

Many of you said that you really enjoy trips and talked about all the different places you have visited. We are pleased to be able to continue to offer a wide range of visits and visitors linked to the learning that you are doing in the classroom.

Many of you said that you enjoyed the special events we have organised, which show our value of ‘community’, with many of you mentioning Healthy Heart Day, Family Fancy Dress Disco, Summer BBQ, Movie Night, Music Concerts and Christmas parties, and how much fun you had at these events.

With the ideas for what we can do to make the school even better, it's always lovely to hear that lots of you say the school is just right and doesn't need anything to get better. One pupil said, "Honestly, I don't know what else could be better... this school has nothing to change... it's already so good". Our value of 'excellence' tells us that we can always get better though.

A few suggestions were adding a slide, monkey bars and climbing frames. Monkey bars and climbing frames would be a nice idea, but there really isn't the room and it would mean less playground space for the games many of you told us you enjoy, like volleyball, basketball and champ!

A few children asked for more construction kits and for more balancing equipment, so we have ordered these as we agree they will make playtimes even better. We regularly order new equipment for the playground but do come and let us know if you think something need replacing.

Some children said that they would like a wider range of after-school clubs to be offered. Each term, we look at which clubs are popular and make sure that different children have a chance to join at the start of each new term. We also think carefully about introducing new clubs each term, such as Construction Club and Cooking Club. We listen carefully to your feedback to try and make these clubs better each time they are run.

Some of you said that to make the school even better we can all keep being kind and helpful to each other. This really shows our value of 'compassion'. Well done!

130 pupil responses from Year 1 to Year 6

1. I enjoy coming to school.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
2. I enjoy learning.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
3. Teachers help me to do my best.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
4. Teachers expect me to work hard.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
5. Teachers tell me how to make my work better.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
6. Most children behave well at our school.	Mostly yes 98%	Mostly no 2%

7. Most of our children are friendly.	Mostly yes 98%	Mostly no 2%
8. Which adults would you talk to at school if you were worried or upset?	100% of pupils named at least two adults in school that they would talk to if they were worried or upset.	
9. Teachers are fair to me.	Mostly yes 96%	Mostly no 4%
10. Our school shows me ways to talk to and listen to God. (e.g., Christian Meditation)	Mostly yes 98%	Mostly no 2%
11. I mostly enjoy Collective worship (Assemblies and Children leading worship)	Mostly yes 95%	Mostly no 5%
12. The part of Collective worship I most enjoy is:	Common responses included: saying prayers together; talking to God; hearing Bible stories; asking questions; sharing opinions and reflections; meditation; Celebration Assembly; children leading worship; singing; going to Church; Christian Values / Gospel Assembly	
13. Teachers listen to my ideas.	Mostly yes 98%	Mostly no 2%
14. I feel safe at school.	Mostly yes 98%	Mostly no 2%
15. My school encourages me to look after my physical health (e.g., healthy eating and exercise)	Mostly yes 98%	Mostly no 2%
16. My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health (e.g., Being whole)	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
17. My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally (e.g., Equality studies)	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%
18. I am proud to be at this school.	Mostly yes 99%	Mostly no 1%