



# St James and St John CE Primary School

*'I have come that they may have life and  
have it in all its fullness' John 10:10*

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

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Open 8:30am to 12 noon  
and 2pm to 4:30pm

## Our Value this half term, is Joy!

Let the rooms of our school be full of happiness and excitement in our learning. We believe that joy is not found in things but in abundant life and abundant living. Growing into who God has made us to be is the adventure of a lifetime!

*"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit"*

Romans 14:17

Year 1 are excited to share the highlights of this week's activities in school.

In Mathematics, the focus has been addition and subtraction. We have been selecting different resources to support our learning, including number lines, counting beads, ten frames, and hundred squares.

During English lessons, we have been working on improving our writing through the use of drama. We created a freeze frame from our key text "Iggie Peck Architect". We enjoyed depicting each character's emotions through body language and facial expression. Using this freeze frame as inspiration, we created some fantastic retellings of the story – a few of which are now displayed on our wow wall!

This week, we started our new Design and Technology (DT) topic on 'Structures'. We began thinking about the different skills DT we will develop across this unit and made links to the different jobs which use these skills. We also began to identify the different structures we see in our everyday life e.g. bridges, sky-scrapers and castles. In the upcoming weeks, we will be designing, making and evaluating our own towers - very much like the ones we have been reading about in our English text 'Iggie Peck the Architect'!

As a class, we have really enjoyed working collaboratively with our Year 6 friends to develop our reading fluency and storytelling voice through our 'Buddy Reading Program'.

Finally, I am pleased to share that this morning St James & St John held our very first KS1 singing practice with Mr Collier. We learnt about rhythm, pitch and volume, and practiced singing a well-known Christmas carol. We look forward to the songs and skills we will learn!

Miss Vibert

Year 1 Teacher

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VISION AND VALUES HONOREES FOR THIS WEEK

	Attendance	School Vision Award	School Values award
Nursery		Luka O.	David
Reception	91.2%	Jowan	Jinan
Year 1	87.3%	Amira	Rafael
Year 2	93.0%	Hanxi	Mimi
Year 3	97.2%	Zariya	Elia
Year 4	80.9%	Sophie	Aiden
Year 5	98.2%	Yuri	Amber
Year 6	91.3%	Khalil	Maximos

### EXTENDED SCHOOL – 8am to 6pm

**Breakfast club:** Our breakfast clubs runs from 8am to the start of the school day from Monday to Friday. Please get in touch with the school office to book.

**After school care:** LET's LEAP after school care is available from 3:15pm to 6pm from Monday to Friday. You can book by logging on to <https://letsleapsportsacademy.co.uk/>

**After school clubs:** All after school clubs run from 3:30 – 4:30pm. You should collect from the red doors (not the main office).

### GETTING IN TOUCH

Please use the main school office as your first point of contact either by phone or by email.

Email: [office@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:office@stjstj.co.uk) Telephone: 0207 504 0535

You can also email class teachers via class email addresses, which teachers check at least twice per week.

Nursery – Miss Silva [nursery@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:nursery@stjstj.co.uk)  
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# DIARY DATES

**16<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

**5<sup>th</sup> December – Come in and....** Watch the Year 6 Class assembly for parents and carers 9:15am

*Come and find out what Year 6 have been learning about so far this term*

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – PFA Christmas Fair

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Christmas Show

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1 – 3 Christmas Show

**20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – Nativity Service St James' Church (10:30am)

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – School closes early for the end of the long term: 1:15pm on the EYFS site and 1:30pm on the main site.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Christmas Holidays

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As a school, we are aware that some of our families may be affected by the current situation in the Middle East. If you are considering how to discuss the ongoing situation with your child(ren) you may find these resources helpful.

- <https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2022/march/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-war-and-conflict/>
- <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>
- <https://www.compassionatecommunitieslondon.org.uk/perch/resources/files/pieta-prayer-resource-final-digital.pdf>

# ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This year Anti-Bullying Week has the theme '**Make a Noise about Bullying**'.

Anti-Bullying Week will take place from **Monday 13th to Friday 17th November**.

The week will be kicked off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November**, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

**WHAT IS BULLYING** ?

**Bullying is not just banter.**

**Bullying is intentional, it's done on purpose.**

**Bullying can happen face to face or online.**

**Bullying involves an imbalance of power.**

**Bullying is repetitive. It happens again and again.**

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ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE  
Associate member

# MIND PARENT WORKSHOPS

We are happy to announce that we are organising face-to-face psychoeducational workshops for parents and carers which are going to be delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) from Westminster Mind.

The workshops will be delivered from **9am to 10am** at the **Lancaster Hall Hotel** on the dates shown below:

- **Screen Use** - Thursday 14th December 2023
- **Understanding Child's behaviour** - Thursday 18th January 2024
- **Sleep Hygiene** - Thursday 22nd February 2024
- **Understanding Anxiety** - Thursday 21st March 2024
- **Understanding Low Mood** - Thursday 25th April 2024
- **Transition to Secondary School (Y6 Parents)** - Thursday 23rd May 2024

# ATTENDANCE

School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. **The government has set a target of 95% attendance for all pupils.** This rate allows for periods of illness or circumstances when absence from schools is unavoidable. We want your child to attend school regularly as this supports their learning. If your child is not well or if you have a planned reason why your child cannot attend school, please inform the school office at the earliest opportunity.

## *Some key attendance facts:*

- Attending 90% of the time or less will have a serious effect on learning.
- One day's absence every two weeks will give 90% attendance.
- Up to the age of 16, 90% attendance will mean losing over a year of school!

## *The school can only authorise any absences in the following circumstances:*

- Genuine illness
- Dental/medical appointments (these should be made out of school hours where possible)
- Close Family bereavement
- Recognised religious observance
- Examination

## *What is NOT acceptable?*

- Caring for a parent or sibling
- Going shopping
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Bad weather
- Family holidays will not be authorised

# PUNCTUALITY

## *What are the different types of lateness?*

- 1. Late before register closes** your child is a few minutes late.
- 2. Late after register closes** this counts as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Your child is likely to have missed the start of the lesson.

## *Top Tips for improving punctuality!*

- Make sure you know your child's timetable – work together to make sure they have everything ready the night before e.g. books, PE or swimming kit, uniform!
- Get your child into the habit of doing their homework in the evening – instead of in the morning at the breakfast table.
- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine so they get plenty of rest and don't struggle out of bed in the morning!
- Try to ensure your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day – we have a super breakfast club you could use if you need to be at work early.
- If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school on time, talk to a teacher and ask for help!