



# 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 3<sup>rd</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

I am thrilled to tell you everything St James and St John have been learning during this week's Computing Week! All our students from Nursery to Year 6 have been immersed in a week full of exploration, learning, and technological advancements.

Our Nursery students have been on a remarkable journey comparing old technology to new. In addition, our little learners are actively engaging in online safety lessons as part of their afternoon provision. Ensuring our youngest members have the skills to navigate the digital world safely. Reception students have had rich conversations about sequencing and the safe use of technology. They can confidently explain how to use technology safely, demonstrating a keen awareness of the importance of digital safety.

Year 1 students have been delving into online safety, equipping themselves with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital landscape safely. They've enthusiastically outlined the online safety learning they've undertaken and shared insights gained from their experiences with Busy Things. Year 2 students have shown exceptional clarity in understanding different strands of technology. They could identify their work on sequencing through Scratch for Computer Science, the creation of graphs for Information Technology, and the essentials of online safety. Year 3 students are embracing a wide array of technological skills. They demonstrated their ability to complete animations and debug programs using Scratch for Computer Science. In the realm of Information Technology, they ventured into the world of film-making

Our Year 4 students have reached a milestone by mastering all four technology strands. They confidently discussed branching in Information Technology and showcased their skills by programming dance sequences in Computer Science. Year 5 students impressed us with their ability to discern between fake and factual websites. They confidently explained the steps they used to program computer games through Scratch, showcasing their coding prowess and their growing competence in digital literacy. Our Year 6 students took their computing skills to a higher level. They've been building websites, working with Excel spreadsheets, coding, and debugging computer games. In addition, they have learned how to use apps safely and have become familiar with age restrictions for certain platforms. What's truly impressive is how they can connect all these skills to the four strands of learning.

Computing Week has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore, learn, and deepen their understanding of technology and online safety. All of our teachers have shown dedication helping foster this important aspect of education.

Mr O'Donoghue

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

	Attendance	School Vision Award	School Values award
Nursery		Axel	Riyan
Reception	100%	Alexandre D.	Luke
Year 1	97.3%	Nikolaos	Rafi
Year 2	96.0%	Amir	Adele
Year 3	97.2%	Sofia A	Angel
Year 4	90.9%	Parwiz	Kin
Year 5	98.2 %	Rachel	Katrina
Year 6	94.3%	Sofia A	Abi

### 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)  
Reception – Mr Peters [reception@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:reception@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 1 – Miss Vibert [year1@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year1@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 2 – Miss Halim [year2@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year2@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 3 – Mr O'Donoghue [year3@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year3@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 4 – Miss Ilyas [year4@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year4@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 5 – Miss Hubbert [year5@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year5@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 6 – Mr Pearson/Mr Habib [year6@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year6@stjstj.co.uk)

# 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>

# 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!