



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 20th October

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

Our Value this half term, is Fellowship!

We care for one and other because good relationships make for good learning!

*"Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for friends. You are my friends if you do
what I command you"*

John 15:13-14 (Jesus' words at the Last Supper)

As the first half of the autumn term comes to an end, I am thoroughly excited to tell you all about the hard work Year 2 has done this half term. We've painted, acted, and read together and showed incredible resilience when attempting tricky learning.

Our poetry book, *The Spider and the Fly*, has really captured our interest as we navigated the dark, intricate language used by the late poet Mary Howitt: parlour, cravat, behold - we've read it all! We read to each other, sometimes using funny voices to mimic the 'evil' spider and the 'foolish' fly. The children also really enjoyed discussing the Spider's thoughts and motives in his attempts to capture the fly, and as we neared the end of the book, we thought long and hard about the messages the poem gave us.

In our English lessons, our text *Ocean Meets Sky*, told us the story of a young boy who dreamt of following his grandpa's voice and embarked on an exciting journey to find the place where the ocean meets the sky. On his journey, he saw the most magnificent views and interesting-looking creatures! This story helped us to use our imagination to describe our own lands and got us to write our very own narratives. The children worked incredibly hard to use prepositions and exciting adjectives in their stories.

In maths, our focus has been on place value and addition. The children have worked hard to practice their fluency with counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. We've shown a lot of perseverance in using the formal written method to add numbers together and the children have demonstrated fellowship to one another by helping each other in working out number problems.

Our learning in Religious Education has allowed us to be really thoughtful and reflective this half-term as we thought about The Lord's prayer. We've been very busy reflecting on each part's meaning and we've even made our own artistic interpretation of what God's Kingdom might look like and how people might treat each other there. We also looked closely at the value of 'forgiveness' and created our very own freeze-frames to show the value in action.

Have a lovely, well-deserved half-term break!

Miss Halim
Year 2 Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VISION AND VALUES HONOREES FOR THIS WEEK

	Attendance	School Vision Award	School Values award
Nursery		Gabriela	Luka S.
Reception	100%	River	Daniel R.
Year 1	99.3%	Araina	Aiden
Year 2	97.9%	Astor	Mason
Year 3	97.6%	Sofia L	Elin
Year 4	93.6%	Maya	Lottie
Year 5	98.2%	Fatima	Iman
Year 6	95.2%	Giovanna	Ian

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

PARENT TEACHER PROGRESS MEETINGS

Parent Teacher Progress Meetings will be taking place after school on **Tuesday 31st October** and **Thursday 2nd November**.

This is the first week after the half term holidays.

You must virtually reserve a space before meeting your child's teacher. The booking link is...

<https://stjamesandstjohn.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you are experiencing any difficulties booking an appointment, please speak to the office.

You will be able to book spaces from 1pm on Monday 15th October.

The booking window will remain open until 12pm Monday 30th October when it will close.

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Autumn 2

30th October – START OF TERM (school open)

30th October – 3rd November – Coding Week

31st October Come in and.... visit a computing session as part of our school
“computing week” 8:45am – 9:15pm (*Year 1 to Year 6*)

31st October and 2nd November – Come in and.... meet your child’s class teacher to find out about your child’s learning.

Progress meetings for parents – please book an appointment to come and meet your child’s class teacher and take a look at their books.

If you’d like a “remote” meeting over a video call or a phone call, please let your child’s class teacher know.

16th November – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

5th 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

8th December – PFA Christmas Fair

14th December – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

18th December – EYFS Christmas Show

19th December – Y1 – 3 Christmas Show

20th December – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

21st December – Nativity Service St James’ Church (10:30am)

21st 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 22nd December to Friday 5th January – Christmas Holidays

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!