

# St James and St John C of E Primary School

## Parent Questionnaire February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your helpful comments. Your views and those of your children are very important to us. They help us move the school forward and are an effective way of checking that we are getting things right. School leaders take them into account when we are planning for the future of our school.

We were very heartened by the huge number of positive comments about St James and St John. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and to keep doing their best for your children.

We were very pleased to read the many positive comments about the strong leadership at the school. Many parents commented on the excellent leadership and how this creates a clear sense of direction across the school. A parent commented that *“leadership helps ensure high standards for both learning and behaviour.”*

Several parents commented that *“staff genuinely care about the children and their wellbeing”* and work hard to ensure they feel *“supported and encouraged in their learning”*. Parents also appreciated the positive relationships between staff and pupils.

Parents told us that their children enjoy learning, with one parent noting that their child *“learns a lot and very fast.”* Another parent reflected that the school *is “really good at helping the children enjoy learning”*. Several parents highlighted the school’s strong focus on reading, including the opportunity for children to bring books home each week, which helps to encourage a love of reading.

Parents also spoke positively about behaviour in the school. They said that the Golden Rules help to create clear expectations and a structured environment where children are taught to behave well. Parents felt that the school motivates children to develop positive behaviour and supports them in understanding how their behaviour contributes to success.

Parents told us that their children feel safe, secure and well supported in school. One parent commented that the school provides *“a safe, caring and enjoyable environment where children feel listened to, valued and protected.”* Several parents highlighted the strong support systems in place to ensure children feel secure and confident while at school. Parents said the school supports children with different needs and helps all pupils feel included and valued.

Communication with parents was highlighted by many families. Parents said that the school keeps them very well informed about activities, events and their child’s learning. They appreciated the regular updates and felt that communication between the school and parents is clear and helpful. Parents also said they appreciate when staff meet with them to discuss their child’s progress and any concerns.

Parents also valued the strong sense of community within the school. Many described the school as friendly, welcoming and supportive. Parents also enjoyed the range of events and activities organised by the school, including concerts, trips, clubs and special events that help

make school enriching for the children. One parent commented, *“These activities help enrich the learning experience, promote community cohesion and allow pupils to develop new interests.”*

In terms of what we might do to make the school even better, a few parents commented that they would like to see a wider variety of after school enrichment clubs. We try to have some different clubs each term so that across the year, there is a variety of enrichment clubs that are on offer. We have to balance the number of different clubs we can offer with giving our support staff time after school to feedback and plan with teachers for the pupils’ learning. We currently offer 16 clubs, including Spanish, French, Fencing, Basketball and Creative Learning Projects, run by external companies, which is a generous offer for a school of this size. This year, we have introduced a science club and after school choir, which have proved to be very popular. We are continuing to look at a range of clubs for future terms led by both school and external instructors.

Some parents commented that they would welcome more outdoor activities, including making greater use of Hyde Park for sports, play and outdoor learning. We recognise the importance of outdoor activity for children’s wellbeing and will continue to consider ways to increase opportunities for this where possible. Our visits to Hyde Park Lookout Centre will continue during the summer term to enrich the curriculum, and our PE teacher is already planning the curriculum and learning activities for the summer term, which will involve some PE lessons, including cricket and athletics, in Hyde Park.

Some parents asked for information coffee mornings about bullying, managing behaviour, supporting with homework and how to keep your child safe online. We will repeat these important coffee mornings again. Other parents have also enquired regarding coffee mornings about secondary school options. There are two parent information sessions offered regarding this to parents of Year 5 and 6 throughout the year. Please look out for them being advertised in the calendar section of the newsletter and come and join us if you can.

Some parents commented that they felt there was too much repetition of information, such as letters and newsletters, because the school sends them and then other parents resend this information via Whatsapp.

We’d asked you how you would prefer to read our weekly newsletter. Here are the results:

On paper  
13%

By email  
31%

Both!  
56%

We’ll keep providing both options as this is most popular. It would seem that further reposting on Whatsapp might not be necessary as parents receive school information directly via text, email and letter.

Many parents said that they could not think of anything to improve and that the school should keep doing what it does well. This is reassuring to hear, but we don’t pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet me and let me know. We try our hardest to be a really good school.

Best wishes,

Mr. Evans

## Questionnaire Responses

We received responses from nearly all parents – thank you for your help with this

1. My child enjoys coming to school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
68%	30%	2%		

**Overall 98% positive**

2. My child feels safe at school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
80%	20%			

**Overall 100% positive**

3. Staff expect my child to work hard and support him/her to learn well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
74%	26%			

**Overall 100% positive**

4. The school teaches my child to behave well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
81%	19%			

**Overall 100% positive**

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on and about the things I need to know

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	34%			

**Overall 100% positive**

6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a concern

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
75%	25%			

**Overall 100% positive**

7. The school makes decisions that have the children's best interests at heart

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
71%	29%			

**Overall 100% positive**

8. The school helps children to succeed through its vision: 'Go shine in the world!'

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
73%	27%			

**Overall 100% positive**

9. The school provides opportunities for my child's spiritual development (for example through prayer, meditation, asking big questions)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	34%			
<b>Overall 100% positive</b>				

10. I would recommend this school to other parents

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
80%	20%			
<b>Overall 100% positive</b>				