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Ofsted Inspection Report for St James and St John CE Primary School

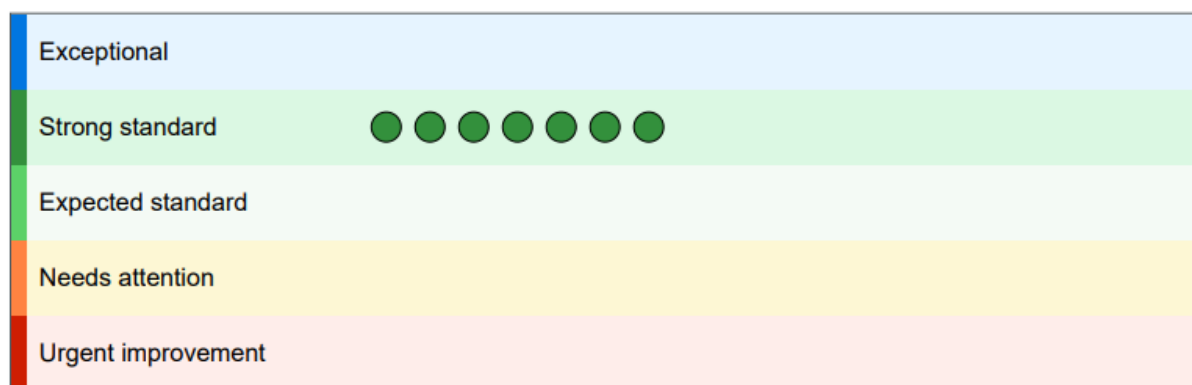
Dear parents and carers,

We are pleased to share the report from the school's Ofsted inspection which took place earlier this term.

Ofsted no longer give schools one overall judgement and there is new language for grades in eight different areas like 'attendance and behaviour', 'achievement', 'personal development' and 'Inclusion'.

The majority of schools are awarded the 'Expected Standard' grade for each area. This is described by Ofsted as "a high standard".

We are delighted to let you know that **St James and St John has been graded at the 'Strong Standard' in every area.** Strong Standard has been described by Ofsted as '**an excellent standard**'. Only the **top 15%** of schools inspected have been awarded the Strong Standard grades in every area. St James and St John is proud to be one of those.



The Exceptional grade is separate and has been described by Ofsted as for schools who are doing something very different. Only 5 primary schools in the country have been awarded the Exceptional grade in .

Inspectors noted how '*Pupils relish coming to school because they enjoy learning. They attend regularly and show highly positive attitudes. Pupils value their caring*

friends, who they feel assured will support and include them. Relationships between staff and pupils are built on respect.’ They praised how ‘Consistently high expectations for behaviour and routines help to maintain a calm and purposeful learning environment... Pupils’ behaviour across the school is impressive.’

Our Nursery and Reception was recognised as giving the best start to school *‘The early years provision is a joyous and nurturing environment.’* Children’s progress through the school was commended with *‘Securely embedded foundational skills in reading, writing and mathematics are evident in positive pupil outcomes in national tests at the end of Year 6. Disadvantaged pupils achieve outcomes that exceed those of non-disadvantaged pupils nationally. Consequently, pupils are very well prepared for secondary school.’*

Being part of Go Shine Federation of schools was recognised for the impact it has had on the quality of provision at the school *‘Since joining a federation of 5 schools in 2024, leaders and governors have established effective systems for staff to share and benefit from each other’s practice. Staff value these collaborative approaches, recognising the positive impact on workload and wellbeing.’*

There was only one Next Step provided, which is really just more praise for the excellent standard at the school: *‘Leaders and governors should **continue their highly effective work** on ensuring that, across all subjects, teaching consistently enables pupils to develop highly detailed knowledge over time, securing sustained impact on the achievement of all pupils.’* We will continue doing the best for children at St James and St John.

[You can find a mobile-friendly version of the report on Ofsted’s website](#) or use the QR code at the end of this page. The report is also available on our school website.

I’m sure you’ll want to thank leaders and staff for their hard work in creating such excellent provision for children. They were praised as *‘Leaders work with relentless determination to meet the needs of pupils so that they can flourish academically, socially and spiritually...Staff understand pupils’ needs deeply.’*

Well done to the children of St James and St John for so effectively demonstrating our vision to **‘Go shine in the world!’** and to parents for your continued support of the school.

Best wishes,

Harvey Webb

Executive Headteacher

Adrian Evans

Head of School

