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"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."

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Welcome to this week's newsletter

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Lilly C & Modana M

Class 2 - Millie W & Jack G

Class 3 - Robert M

Class 4 - Logan T

Class 5 - Aysha E, Joseph F & Tammy G

Class 6 - Maddie C, Nathaniel F & Jack E



Attendance winners:

Class 6 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 97.22 %

Including Covid-19 absence

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Elizabeth S

Maths Class 2 - Alfie E

Maths Class 3 - Whole Class

Maths Class 4 - Raine P-Y

Maths Class 5 - Freya M

Maths Class 6 - Tammy G

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Shahidah A

Class 2 - Morgan L & Jack B

Class 3 - Whole Class

Class 4 - Emilia A & Rory W

Class 5 - Nancy H

Class 6 - Freddie J

Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Logan R & Bella T



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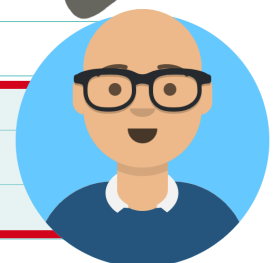


Every week, children are encouraged to take part in the '**St James' Fitness Trail**' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week.

Well done to this week's winner Mahdee M, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life.

Mr Beattie





Welcome to our weekly Newsletter. In a week that has seen our attendance finally return to normal levels, it has been great that so many children have been able to attend school for our end-of-half-term Creative Week. We have been inundated with visitors coming on site with animals to round off our Darwin/Evolution topic as well as visits off site to the brilliant people at The Beacon who have talked to our Year 3 & 4s about their learning of The Romans. Special thanks also to Nat, Wayne and Andrew for coming in to share workshops in Wheelchair Basketball and Rugby Union. In addition to this staff have been busy teaching great lessons in Music, Art and Design that have really enthused and challenged the children. Our Gallery page on the website captures much of this. The Gallery "Post-It" Icon, at the bottom of the home page, only shows the 3 most recent galleries so please ensure you click the heading 'Gallery' to see all of the areas covered this week and during the last term.

This week we have been looking at safety in our Collective Worship, in particular, as part of Internet Safety Week, in how we can continue to keep ourselves safe online. I have been really impressed with the understanding of our students, alongside the compassionate way we consider the feelings of others whilst online. For more details on ways that you can keep your child safe online, please see the link of our school computing page, which offers really useful information to parents.

Our weekly Celebration Assembly has demonstrated all the positive elements of St James'. Teachers spoke proudly of their classes achievements this week that included how certificate winners have listened well to producing a radio play in Computing; asking intelligent questions about the species on show in Zoolab; for showing impeccable manners around school; for creating brilliant Roman mosaics; showing kindness to others on the yard; and for showing care and precision when making repeated patterns in their artwork.

The children have worked so hard this term and would like to offer them all a restful and enjoyable half term holiday.

Mr Beattie

Internet Safety - For further info in how to support your child in remaining safe online, please see our school [Computing curriculum page](#).

World Book Day - After half-term we will be hosting a special dress up day for World Book day on Thursday 3rd March. The children have typically enjoyed this event and will also engage in some Book Day based learning through the week. For inspiration of ideas for costumes, including costumes that can be made at home at little cost please follow these links:

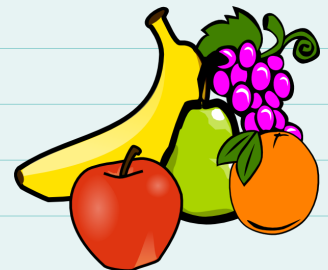
www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/

www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/



Morning Break Snacks - I have spoken to the children a lot this week about litter/wrappers appearing on the yard at breaktimes and playtimes and have reminded them of the learning from our Plastic Pollution topic. Some of these wrappers have tended to be chocolate covered biscuits and crisps so I thought it timely to remind parents about our healthy snack policy. Our stance is that children should bring in a healthy morning snack to enjoy at morning break and should be either:

- A piece of fruit,
- A breaded product – toast, crumpet, waffle, wrap, brioche, rice cake, etc
- A non-chocolate covered cereal/granola bar



Mrs Kitchin - It is with sadness that I announce that next half-term will be Mrs Kitchin's last half-term with us at St James'. After 23 years of dedicated service to the children and families at St James she will be moving on to new pastures as she has been successful in acquiring a role in Training at Sellafield. I'm sure all families and students past and present will join me in thanking her for her service and wishing her well in her new position. From Easter, Class 1 will be taught by Mrs Milligan who, as you now, already teaches the class on Mondays and knows the children very well. Next term, both Mrs Kitchin and Mrs Milligan will work closely in ensuring all transition information is shared ensuring a smooth start to the summer term.

Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Class 2 Zoolab Experience



Class 5 Whitehaven Sharks



Year 5 & 6 Alpaca Visit



Class 4 visiting The Beacon

Check out some of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics. Check out your child's [class page](#) here.

RobinWood Year 4 Residential – We are now getting closer to our Robinwood Residential for our Year 4 children. The children will be joined on the trip by Mrs Foye, Mrs Pickering and Mrs Jackson, and I would like to invite parents along to a parents meeting to be held on Thursday 24th February 3:30pm, to share further details on how the trip will run. We are hopeful of being able to do this face to face in our school hall, but will notify parents upon return from the half-term of the arrangements. Please follow these links to find all the [information about activities](#) and [kit lists](#). If your child will require medication whilst they are away please complete a medication form (attached). Please also ensure that payments are made through SchoolMoney by Friday 4th March.

Shropshire Year 6 Residential – It is with great excitement I can announce that we have secured our booking for our Year 6 Residential. As in previous years, this Year 6 residential will see the children staying at Cloverly Hall in Shropshire but visiting Chester Zoo, Wroxeter Roman City, Blist Hill Victorian Town, Alton Towers and the Chill Factor in Manchester. The total cost including all travel, entrance fees, food and bedding will be £355 and the dates will be Tuesday 6th to Friday 10th June. We will send out more details after half term, but have made the payment available on SchoolMoney for anyone who would like to start putting money towards the trip straight away.

Coming up at St James' -

- ***Half Term 14th February—Friday 18th February***
- 1st & 2nd March—Parents Evening
- Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day
- Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- Tuesday 7th—10th June—Year 6 Shropshire Residential



Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups)
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4) & Year 5 & 6 Science Club (3.15—4.15 p.m.)
- ⇒ Friday—Mr Carruthers Drama Group 3.15-4.15 p.m.