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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 - Zac S

Class 2 - Raven B, Bailey M & Ava L

Class 3 - Robert M

Class 4 - Harry G & Jett H

Class 5 - Liam H

Class 6 - William M & Isla S



Attendance winners:

Class 1 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this week is: 94.03 %

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Logan H

Maths Class 3 - Erin S & Skyler C

Maths Class 4 - Sophie P

Maths Class 5 - Lucian K

Maths Class 6 - Jenson M

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Ellis M

Class 3 - Robert M

Class 4 - Emilia A

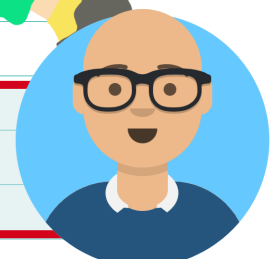
Class 5 - Wilf P

Class 6 - Issie A

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 Freddie J & Jack B.



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 Nancy H who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



 **Attendance Matters**
Every student. Every day.

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

Mr Beattie



Welcome again to another week's Newsletter. The weather has been very uplifting this week with sunshine, bird song and the occasional seagull visiting our site (we are very inclusive at St James' but unfortunately Sydney the Seagull was being too disruptive when he decided to visit one of the classrooms!).

It has been great to see the children enjoy this week's craze: Draw It with some lovely colourful artistic additions to our playground. Next week we return back to our Skip It week and we hope to see some of the children improve on their individuals 'skip it' scores from last time and take part in some long skipping games with their friends. I've been out and about again with Dennis this week and our Street Tag team are now up 21. If you haven't signed up already the details are on page 4. Please download the App before using the QR code and this will link you into our team. Our growing group have been very active however and we have leapfrogged 4 other schools, so keep walking Street Taggers.

Our celebration assembly this morning saw the whole school return once again for a collective chance to celebrate the work, attitudes and behaviours of our students. It was great to hear of excellent attitudes towards school life, smiling whilst working hard and several children in Class 2 being recognised for special effort and resilience in swimming. We hope to hear similar stories from the children in Class 4 as it is their turn to swim next week. Lovely to see and hear The St James' Way in action again this week. Enjoy the weekend everyone.

Well done to our group of Year 5s & 6s who attended the football festival at St Benedict's today. We are pleased to report that they won every game and had a great time. It was a shame that the similar event for the Year 3s and 4s was cancelled earlier in the week, but we will look out for when this is rearranged and wish them similar success.



Easter Fayre – Thank you once again for your final contribution to our Easter Fayre prizes today, I'm sure the coloured hampers will look fab.

The Easter Fayre will be on the afternoon of **Friday 1st April at 1.30pm**. Parents are invited to join the children at 1.30pm and spend some time in school enjoying the various games, crafts, raffles, and snacks. Children attending with parents can leave the site once they've had a look around and the remaining children will be available for collection at 3:10pm under usual arrangements. It is estimated the Fayre will finish at approx. 2:30/3pm. If the weather is dry then many of the stalls will be outside, otherwise we will open up as many classrooms as possible to keep us spaced out. The school ambassadors alongside leadership team have decided that they would like to split the profit from the Easter Fayre so that 50% goes to support the humanitarian crisis caused by the troubles in Ukraine.

Other Easter events - Thank you to Rev Jackson and his team at St James' Church who next week will be running Easter Garden Workshops with all of our children. This has been a really memorable and enjoyable experience for the children in the past, and it will be great to see them in the church looking at the Easter story once again.

Next Friday, as well as our Easter Fayre, we are also holding a **special Easter Service at St James' Church**. This will be a chance for children to share the Easter story, talk about symbols of Easter and to join in song. Parents are invited to join us for the event that will start shortly after 9 a.m.

Waste Watchers – Our brilliant Class Ambassadors are passionate about waste. Last week you will have seen the notice on the Newsletter (overleaf) for their stall at the Easter Fayre which will be their bric-a-brac/jumble sale. If you have any clothes/toys/trainers/books/dvds that are no longer used, then we would like to use them on our stall. All money raised from our Waste Watchers stall will go directly to their chosen charity. Please look out for them on Friday and give generously to this worthy cause.

THE WASTE WATCHERS NEED YOUR OLD STUFF!



St James' Junior School Class Ambassadors are pleased to announce that we are having a stall at the Easter Fayre. We have been finding out about the impact of waste in school, in our local area and around the globe. Our project is called: 'WASTE WATCHERS.'

For our stall, we want to find a new home for some of your pre-loved items, as well as raise some money for charity. We are asking for donations of the following items:

- 1) Clothes
- 2) Footwear
- 3) Toys/Games/CDs/Vinyl/Cassettes
- 4) Books



Be sure to visit our stall at the Easter Fayre!

Thank you—Joe, Jimi, Jasmine, Eden, Isla & Lauren



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



Class 5 Football Circuit Training



Class 1 Street Dance



Class 6 Non-chronological reporting



Year 6 Science Club

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.

Swimming Update – Next week sees Class 4 start their weekly block of swimming—children will have a double lesson each day for 4 days (**PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN WILL NOT BE SWIMMING ON FRIDAY BECAUSE OF THE EASTER FAYRE**). Children with long hair should ensure it is tied back and all earrings should be removed. Swimming caps and goggles are optional although encouraged to aid their swimming through the week.



Street Tag is a free child and family-friendly mobile application that uses virtual tags to incentivise communities and families to become more physically active and boost mental health.

On the Street Tag app, you collect points assigned to virtual tags all-around our community including green spaces, once you are within a 40-meter radius of any virtual tag, your app will automatically collect the points, steps can also be synced and converted into Street Tag points. These points add up in real-time on our school's leader board, with prizes to be won at the end of each season.



Coming up at St James' -

- Monday 28th March—Full Governors Meeting
- Monday 28th March—Thursday 31st March—Swimming block Class 4
- Friday 1st April—**Easter Service 9 –10 a.m. & Easter Fayre 1.30—3pm**
- **Tuesday 19th April—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET, CHILDREN RETURN WEDNESDAY 20TH**
- Monday 16th May—Buildings & Finance Governors Meeting
- **Tuesday 7th—10th June**—Year 6 Shropshire Residential
- Monday 6th June—Friday 17th June—Swimming blocks Class 5 & 6
- Monday 27th June—Friday 8th July—Swimming blocks Class 1 & 3



Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6), Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club (Year 4 Group) until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) & Year 6 SATS SPaG Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ 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 Science Club (3.15—4.15 p.m.) & Year 6 SATS Maths Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Friday—Mr Carruthers Drama Group 3.15-4.15 p.m. (**1st April—CANCELLED**)