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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 - Lucas M & Kaeden L

Class 2 - Ava L & Jack G

Class 3 - Kate H

Class 4 - Theo M, Jaxon S & Kayden-Lee A

Class 5 - Lucian K

Class 6 - Mackenzie L & Naomi S



Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Olivia C

Class 3 - Kate H

Class 4 - Ellis D

Class 5 - Aysha E

Class 6 - Lottie F



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 Lewis G, Grace F & Anna G

Attendance winners:

Class 5 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this week is: 93.11 %

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Evan C

Maths Class 3 - Amy A

Maths Class 4 - Harry B

Maths Class 5 - Jules F

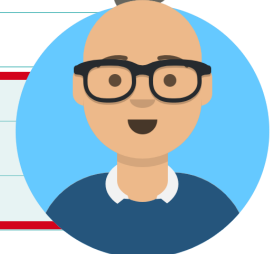
Maths Class 6 - Emilia A

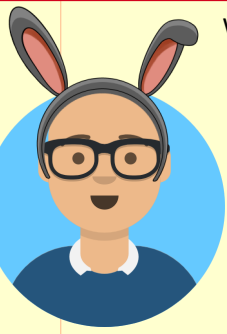


Every week, children are encouraged to take part in the 'St James' Fitness Trail' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week. Well done to this week's winner, Riven H, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

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

Mr Beattie





Welcome to our final Newsletter of the Easter Term,

...And what a term it has been! A term where spring has sprung and new life has returned to some of our daily plans at St James'. Some of our Year 4s have joined a group of Year 5s in our fantastic Adventure Club run by the fine people at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project. To see and hear of children climbing, orienteering, kayaking and hitting the bullseye at archery has been fantastic. It is something that is helping build confidence and self-esteem and helping our children return back towards their normal pre-covid lives. This term we have also seen our Year 4s complete their residential trip to Robinwood. A few weeks ago we handed out the certificates to the children and staff and it was clear from their reports, that they loved the adventurous activities and pushed their boundaries way through their comfort zones. This term we have also seen a gradual increase in our inter-school sports competitions. Unfortunately some events have still been impacted by Covid, but St James' have attended all events available and thoroughly enjoyed the events and performed to a high standard in all our competitions.

In the classroom, our children continue to work hard and make great progress. Teachers have been really pleased with their continued efforts through the term, this week celebrating great manners; examples of great progress in writing; and showing resilience with challenging tasks. Our teachers have worked equally as hard and I wish all of the staff a restful Easter break. The summer term is an important term and I know staff, particularly our Year 6 teachers, will be ensuring that we still give our all leading into SATs week w/b 9th May. Their efforts with home reading and engagement with Spelling Shed and Timestable Rockstars, whilst working through their study books, is really paying off.

Today, the school also say goodbye to one of our staff. Mrs Kitchen has served the school (and now probably a couple of generations of students) since her arrival here in 1998. It was an emotional day for the children, staff and, of course herself, though I'm sure that she moves into her new career knowing that she has the best wishes of the St James' community behind her. We all wish her the very best.

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.



Street Tag – Our team is steadily growing to a team of 25 now, but we would love to grow our numbers, collect our street tag points and move up the leader board. To sign up, download the App and use the QR code that it will link you to our team. Easter could be a good time to pick up our walking and walk off some of those Easter Eggs.



Breakfast Judo Club— Our school provides a Breakfast Judo Club before school on a Wednesday. We are now able to open this club up to a larger number of children. The club is run by Janice of Judo Knight (a former British International and Commonwealth champion) every Wednesday morning from 8 am. If you would like a [free taster session](#) to see if Judo is something your child would like to do, then please contact the school office. The normal cost of the club is £3.50 per session.



Coming up at St James' -

- **As per the dates, outlined in the county term dates. School will be closed on Tuesday 19th April, for staff INSET. Children will return to school on Wednesday 20th April.**
- 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) & Year 6 SATS SPaG Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups) & Year 6 Science Club (3.15—4.00 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. **Judo Breakfast Club***, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) & Year 6 SATS Maths Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4), & Year 6 SATS Maths Booster Group (Until 4.15)
- ⇒ Friday—Mr Carruthers Drama Group 3.15-4.15 p.m.