

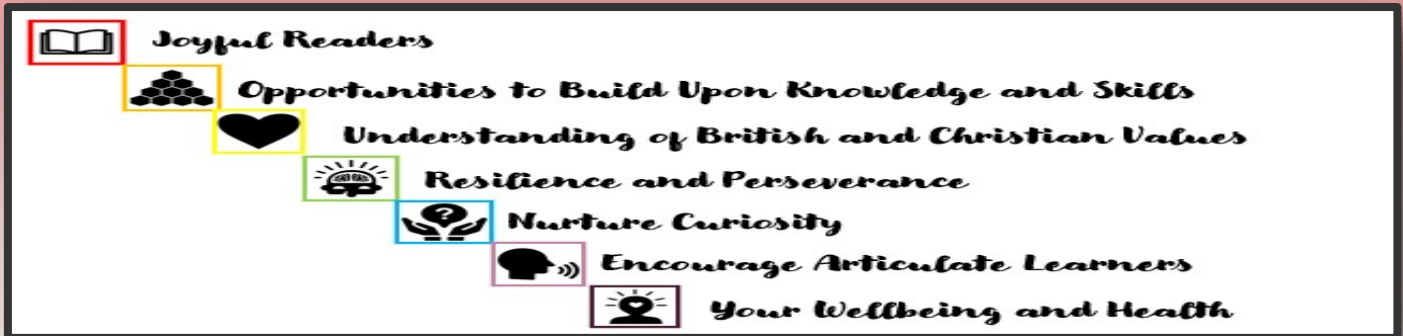


NEWSLETTER

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Learn, Laugh and Live with the Love of God



2023-2024 Issue Number 20th September 2023

**OUR VALUE THIS
HALF TERM IS:
THANKFULNESS**

A message from Mrs Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an absolutely superb week in school this week!



Our youngest children are settling in beautifully and I am excited to welcome Reception parents and carers to join us at St James the Great church on Tuesday 26th September at 9:30am for their Welcome Blessing.

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to join us today for our first Parents' Coffee Morning of the year - I hope you found it informative and enjoyed seeing your child enjoying their learning in class.

On Thursday, we welcomed the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital team into school to carry out free health checks for the community. They carried our BMI, blood pressure and cholesterol readings and I hope you found it a useful event. The team also did some awareness raising with classes too and this was a great opportunity for us to think about our Journey Driver of 'Your Wellbeing and Health'.

I have loved seeing the children arriving for school on PE days in their PE kits. Staff and children have reported how much better they are finding this and they still all look super smart! A reminder that we ask for plain white t shirts only (logo optional) and not t shirts with large branded logos or slogans. Thanks for your support with this. On the note of uniform, we have a considerable stock of used/nearly new uniform which is available for anyone to take. Please speak to school via the office if you would like to browse items.

Finally, huge congratulations to our new Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls, our Vision Ambassadors (our new name for the school council) and all of the Journey Leaders elected on Democracy Day - I'm super proud of you all!

Have a wonderful weekend - Autumn officially begins on 23rd so enjoy the last day of Summer!

Mrs Young



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance	
Whole School	96%
Reception	99.6%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	90.7%



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME



155



pupils

with perfect attendance this week.

Can we beat this next week?

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...

Attendance Update

We need to try really hard each and every week to make sure every year group is beating our **97% target**—this will help us to succeed!

Our attendance this week is:

97.1%



Every Lesson Counts



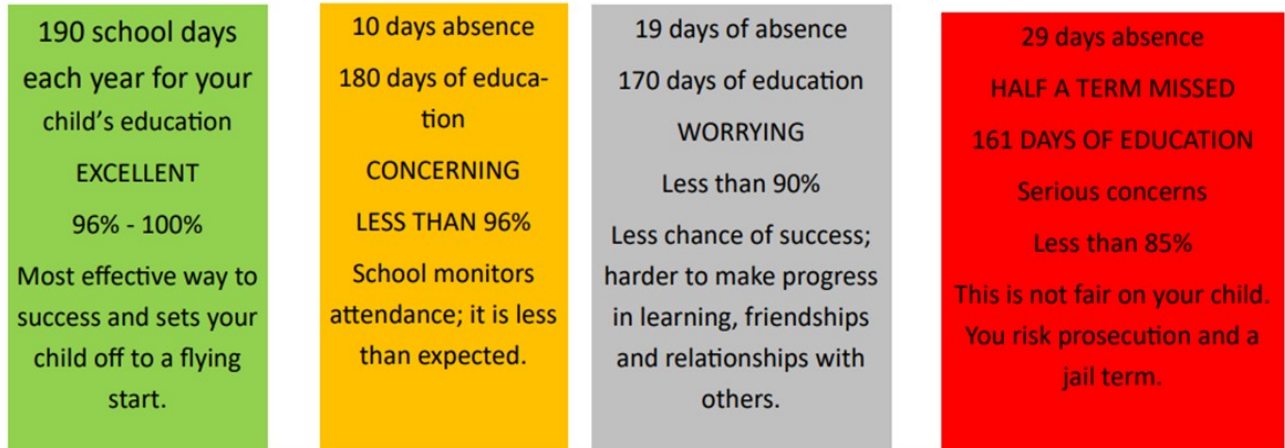
At St James' CE Primary School

Days off school add up to lost learning and impact on your child's life chances.

175 Non School Days a year



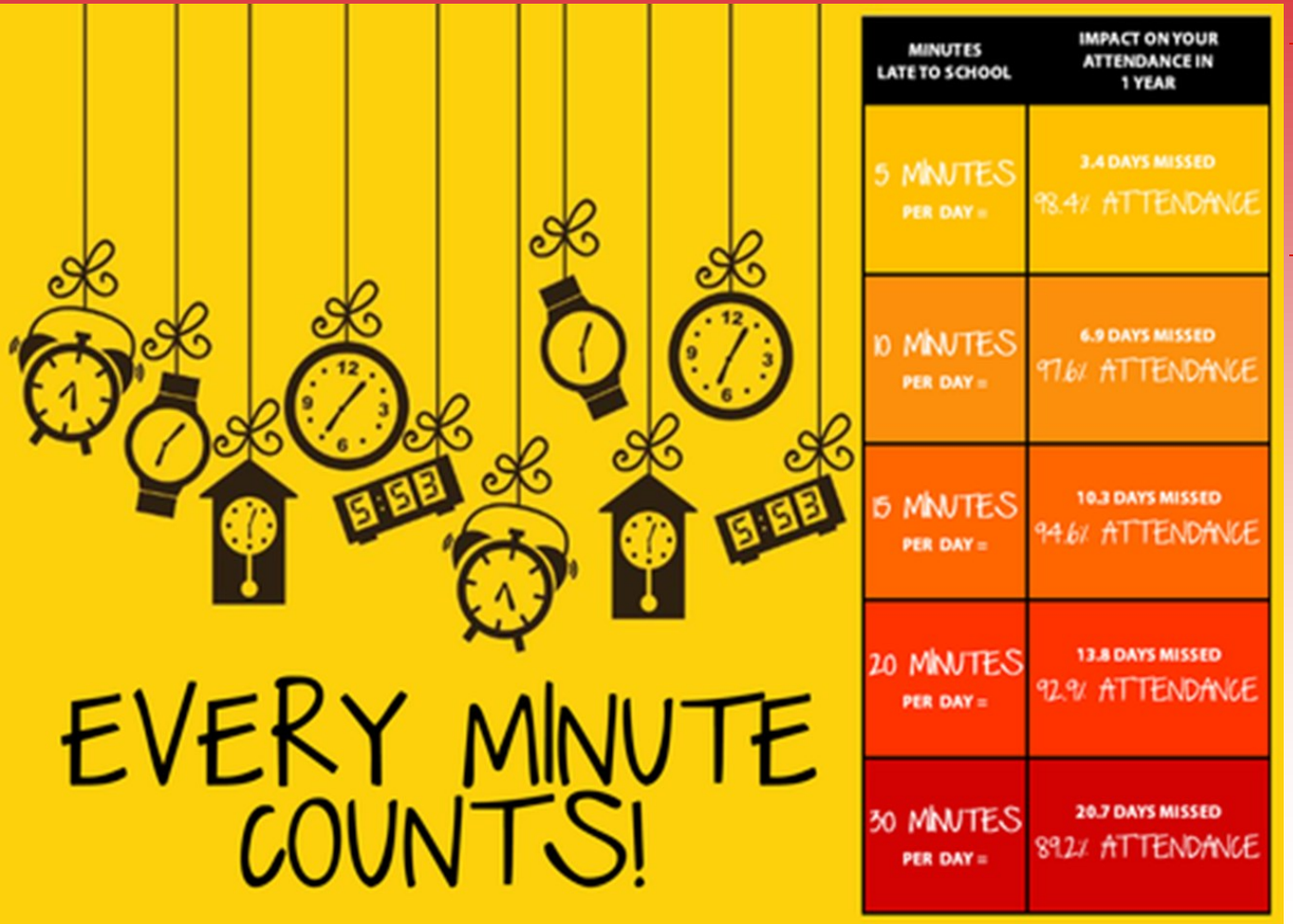
175 DAYS TO SPEND ON HOLIDAYS, FAMILY TIME, VISITS, SHOPPING, HOUSEHOLD JOBS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS



When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*	



St James CE Attendance Team



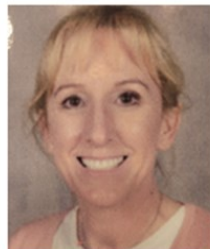
St James CE Primary School



Mrs J Young
Executive Head Teacher



Mrs T Briers
Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs A Maloney
School Adminis-
trator



Mrs J Fowler
Education Welfare
Officer



Mr B Wiswell
Chair of Governors

Weekly Headteacher's Award

Winners

Journey Driver Focus:

Joyful Readers

Reception	Hunter Frater-Hassett
YEAR 1	Evie Comber
YEAR 2	Layton Winstanley
YEAR 3	Massa Alsejnawi
YEAR 4	Charlie Hand
YEAR 5	William Gartside
YEAR 6	Eva Painter

Teaching and Learning Coffee Morning:

On Friday 29nd September, Mr Hardy will be holding our second coffee morning of the academic year all about teaching and learning. You will first be invited into the hall for coffee and biscuits and Mr Hardy will share with you some of the teaching and learning strategies we use across the school. You will then be invited into classes to be part of a short lesson showing some of these approaches in action.



We hope that you can join us!

Please make sure that you have a look at our updated class overviews on our school website. They can be found using the link below.

<https://www.stjamesceprimary.co.uk/page/journey-curriculum/130107>

Our School Rules:

Be Ready



Be Respectful



Be Responsible



Our STAR Learning Behaviours



S – Sit up.

T – Tune in.

A – Ask and answer questions.

R – Respect everyone and everything.



Whole School events Autumn 1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
5/9/23	School Re-opens for Autumn 1
13/9/23	Y4 Clarinet Lessons Start
15/9/23	Democracy Day
18/9/23	Y1, Y3, Y5 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
19/9/23	Y2, Y4, Y6 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm
21/9/23	Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Health Day
21/9/23	Y6 DWP - Employability Skills Workshop
22/9/23	Behaviour and St James' Way Coffee Morning 9.00am
26/9/23	European Day of Languages 2023
26/9/23	Y6 Football Competition
26/9/23	Reception Welcome Assembly 9.30am
02/10/23	Y5 Football Competition
4/10/23	Joe Hayes Assembly
5/10/23	Harvest Prayer Space Event
5/10/23	Y4 Harvest Eucharist 2.15pm (St James' Church)
10/10/23	World Homeless Day
13/10/23	Reading Coffee Morning 9.00am
16/10/23	Black History Focus Week
17/10/23	Reception - Y6 Flu Vaccinations
19/10/23	Y4 Football Competition
20/10/23	Y6 Class Assembly
20/10/23	School Closes



The European Day of Languages aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone.

To mark 'The European Day of Languages', each class will do some research, art or maybe even create their own dance inspired by each of the allocated countries:

Reception - Iceland

Y1 - Austria

Y2 - Spain

Y3 - Ukraine

Y4 - Lithuania

Y5 - Greece

Y6 - Poland

There is also a T shirt competition here <https://edl.ecml.at/Activities/EDLT-ShirtContest/tabid/3147/Default.aspx>

Exposing pupils to a wide range of cultures provides an excellent platform on which to embrace diversity, both within school and in the wider community. Activities that explore and celebrate cultural differences provide crucial opportunities to promote respect, empathy and inclusivity from a young age. Exposing children to other cultures and ways of life that are different from their own increases their breadth of life, experience of and understanding of the world.

DEMOCRACY DAY



Last week all classes from Y1 -Y6 discussed the importance of our British Values 'Democracy' and 'Individual Liberty'. Following this, manifestos were written, speeches were given and our new school pupil leadership team were elected.

Congratulations to our newly elected Head Boy and Head Girl



Congratulation to our newly elected Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl



Congratulations to newly appointed Vision Ambassadors



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

It's common for children to feel nervous about going back to school after the summer holiday or at the start of a new term and you may have noticed that it is taking a while for them to feel happy and comfortable. To help calm their nerves and make sure they are prepared for the school day, you could try:

- Re-adjusting bedtimes to get into a healthy routine
- Making sure they aren't bringing their mobiles, tablets, or any devices to bed that might stop them sleeping
- Helping them get the correct clothing or uniform and equipment ready the night before making sure they eat breakfast.

NSPCC #BackToSchool



Online Safety

Tip of the Week

Whatsapp

WhatsApp is the most widely used messaging platform on the planet, with over two billion users (forecast to become three billion by 2025), across more than 180 countries. The majority of those people (70%) open the app at least once a day – but what exactly are they seeing? Contact from strangers, fake news and convincing scams are all among the service's well-documented hazards.

According to Ofcom, WhatsApp is used by more than half of 3- to 17-year-olds in the UK (including one in three from the 8–11 bracket), despite its 16+ age restriction. If your child hops onto WhatsApp to stay in touch with friends or family, the updated #WakeUpWednesday guide to the service contains the key details you'll need to support them in doing it safely.



ST HELENS
CARES

thesleepcharity.org.uk

**Does your child suffer with sleep issues?
Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?**

Help is at hand from The Sleep Charity and thanks to funding from
St Helens Children's Commissioning.

Why not book on our Foundation Sleep Workshop?

Free training that provides you with knowledge around sleep, some of the common reasons for
poor sleep and how you can help to improve sleep

To book, please contact bringthesleepcharity.org.uk

Call our National Sleep Helpline - 03303 530 541

And speak to one of our friendly, trained sleep advisors who can offer some practical advice

Teen Sleep Hub - teensleephub.org.uk

If you're looking for support for a child aged 13 upwards, visit our dedicated website for young
people packed with information for both you and them to read and watch!

The Sleep Charity website - thesleepcharity.org.uk

A useful resource with helpful information and support including advice sheets and leaflets

For more information on the local St Helens Sleep pathway and accessing support, or for
any concerns you may have regarding your child's sleep patterns, then please contact
your health visitor, school nurse, early help worker or children's centre.



Children's information support available here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 5pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION

16+

In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRNACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



...HEY OSCAR...



National Online Safety®

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Open Days

Reception 2024

St James CE Primary School



**Are you a parent or a carer with children starting school in
September 2024 and beyond?**

If so, come and see St James Church of England Primary School in Haydock, St Helens. We are a distinctly Christian one form entry school offering an excellent curriculum, a nurturing approach and wide ranging activities and opportunities for all of our children. We were judged to be **'GOOD'** in 2023 by Ofsted.

You will have the chance to see the school and the classrooms in action, and speak to the children and staff. Please telephone the school office on 01744 678545 or email stjameshaydock@ldst.org.uk

Dates

Tuesday 14th November— 10am

**Thursday 16th November—
4:30pm**



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2023 - 24 FREE!



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FOR EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON WE MEET WITH



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TUESDAY...

ROCK & POP BAND

4.30PM - 5.50PM

TUESDAY...

VOCAL GROUP

4.30PM - 5.50PM

WEDNESDAY

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES BAND

4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE WIND BAND

4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE STRINGS

4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

4PM - 5PM

WEDNESDAY

YOUTH WIND ORCHESTRA

5.15PM - 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY

SINFONIA

5.15PM - 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY

MUSIC THEORY CLUB

5.15PM - 6.30PM

**01744
677946**

music.service@sthelens.gov.uk

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BELOW TO JOIN AND
REGISTER TODAY



Schools Catering Service

2023/24



28th September 2023
VEG POWER!
SIMPLY VEG SHOWCASE
Celebrating and encouraging us all to eat more veg. A campaign by 'Veg Power'



6th - 10th November 2023
LACA - NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK
An annual celebration by LACA



12th November 2023
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Honouring those who have served. (Actual day 11th November)



Across December
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
A traditional Christmas lunch



25th January 2024
BURNS NIGHT
A Scottish staple celebrating the poet Robert Burns

WORLD BOOK DAY

7th March 2024
WORLD BOOK DAY
Bringing iconic stories to the table



8th - 17th March 2024
BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
Celebrating science within the UK and our fantastic achievements



28th April 2024
NATIONAL SUPERHERO DAY
Fuel to save the world



10th May 2024
WOMEN'S FA CUP FINAL
Football themed menu as 11 vs 11 play at Wembley (Actual day 12th May)



17th July 2024
PARIS SUMMER OLYMPICS 2024
Starting 26th July, a huge sporting event bringing together nations from across the globe

