



# NEWSLETTER

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**Understanding of British and Christian Values**  
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**Your Wellbeing and Health**

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

A message from Mrs Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed celebrating Anti Bullying Week this week with the theme 'Make a Noise About Bullying'! We enjoyed wearing odd socks on Monday celebration of our uniqueness and differences.



Classes have been busy making 'worry boxes' for their reflection areas as part of Anti Bullying Week and these are available for all children to pop concerns or worries in which they would like to chat to class teachers about.

It has been wonderful to see children's learning progressing brilliantly this half term - from Spanish, to Art, to computing ... St James has been a hive of activity.

I really enjoyed showing prospective parents around school on Tuesday and Thursday this week on our open events. I am so proud to be the Headteacher of St James and I love talking about all of the wonderful things we have on offer here for children!

Huge well done to Y3 for a fantastic class assembly today based on Europe. I was bowled over by the amount of knowledge you shared with us and of course by your Spanish singing too! Thanks to all who were able to join us.

Next week we will be having our photographs taken on Wednesday and we have an own clothes day on Friday where we are asking for a selection box in return. All items donated will be used towards our Christmas Fair.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mrs Young



# School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance	
Whole School	95.6%
Reception	87.5%
Year 1	99.1%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	98.2%



## 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:

96.1 %


**150**

  
**pupils**  
**with perfect attendance this week.**

Can we beat this next week?

## Attendance Steps to Success:



**LDST**  
Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust

- ★ Ring the school office as soon as possible to explain any absence.
- ★ Be on time! Remember that gates close at 8:50am. Any absence after 9:20am is unauthorised.
- ★ Provide evidence for any medical appointments.
- ★ Speak to a member of the attendance team if you need support with your child's attendance - we are here to help!
- ★ Read any information and letters (including the newsletter) carefully.



### 12 Days of Christmas Attendance Challenge

At St James we place huge importance on regular school attendance—the research speaks for itself and proves that those with the highest levels of attendance achieve great things!

We therefore now invite you to take part in our 12 Days of Christmas Attendance Challenge.

#### What do you need to do?

Come to school, on time, everyday for the last twelve days of the half term.

Wednesday 6th December-Thursday 21st December

#### How can you win?

Those that complete the 12 days of Christmas challenge will have their name put in a prize draw to be carried out on the afternoon of Thursday 21st December (the last full day of the half term).

#### What can you win?

A Super Secret Santa Surprise

12 to be won!



# AWARD WINNERS

## Journey Driver Focus:

### Opportunity to Build New Knowledge and Skills

RECEPTION	Toby Jones-Pendlebury
YEAR 1	Elijah Smith
YEAR 2	Nylah Lee
YEAR 3	Khloe-Mae Lee
YEAR 4	Ivana Abah
YEAR 5	Logan
YEAR 6	Lottie Hutton



#### ST JAMES' HAS GOT TALENT

Boo Goulding (Y4) will be performing on Britain's Got Talent as part of her dance team Miguel Deforo Ltd.

She will be performing under the community project 'SEE you SEE me'.

This is a community project put together for young people across Merseyside from all backgrounds to express their emotions and feelings and express this through dance and performance within a safe environment.

Boo is travelling to the Oval in London with the rest of the 'SEE you SEE me' team to film and perform in front of the producers of the show before the live shows which will be filmed early February 2024.

Miguel Deforo Ltd have been 3 times semi finalists on the show and hoping this will be their year to win! The team is choreographed by Miguel Deforo who has performed himself with Pink, Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, Rihanna and even performed in front of the Royal Family.

Boo has been dancing for Miguel and in the team for 10 months and is now a regular performer on the MD show team which Boo had to audition. As a result she was picked to be one of 16 dancers out of 180 youths across Merseyside!

I'm sure you will join us in wishing Boo and her team mates the very best of luck!!!

We will keep you posted!

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT

### PE Days Autumn 2

Children are to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

**Monday**            Y2, Y3 and Y4

**Tuesday**           Y4

**Wednesday**      YR, Y1 and Y6  
(Swimming),

**Thursday**          Y1 and Y5

**Friday**             Y2, Y5 and Y6

### Admissions



#### **APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

If your child turns 4 between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024, he or she will transfer to primary school in September 2024. From Wednesday 27th September the website [www.sthelens.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/admissions) is open for parents who wish to apply online. You will be notified on 16 April 2024 confirming your child's school place.

**The closing date for you to submit your application is 15 January 2024.**

### School Photos



Academy Photography will be visiting our school on Wednesday 22nd November. They will be taking pictures of the children individually and with their siblings.

If you would like your child to be photographed with their pre-school aged siblings, please arrive at school at 8.00am, (enter via the school office).

If your child is in Year 1, Year 6, or Reception, please send your child to school in their school uniform and make sure they bring their PE kit in a bag to change into later.



## Whole School events Autumn 2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
6/11/23	School re-opens for Autumn Term 2
8/11/23	Swimming - Year 6 (first lesson)
13/11/23	Anti-Bullying week
14/11/23	St James' open day 10.00am
16/11/23	St James' open day 4.30pm
17/11/23	Year 3 Assembly 9.00am
22/11/23	Academy photography (siblings, individuals, and groups)
23/11/23	Height and Weight Reception and Year 6
23/11/23	Money Mentors Year 5 and Year 6
24/11/23	Non-uniform day (selection box)
24/11/23	World Science Day
28/11/23	Shakespeare North Playhouse - Year 6 school trip
7/12/23	Christmas jumper day
7/12/23	Christmas bingo 5pm - 7pm
12/12/23	Swimming - Year 6 (last lesson)
13/12/23	Nativity dress rehearsal
14/12/23	Nativity KSI 9.30am
14/12/23	Nativity KSI 2.00pm
15/12/23	Nativity KSI 9.30am
19/12/23	Christmas Fair 3.30pm
20/12/23	Christmas Dinner Day
21/12/23	Christmas Service, Eucharist - St James's Church 9.30am
21/12/23	Christingle Service, (children only)
22/12/23	Christmas Party Day
22/12/23	School Closes for Christmas 2pm



# Christmas at St James'

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December—Please come in dressed in a Christmas Jumper for a £1 donation to 'Save the Children' (via School Money),

Christmas Bingo

Thursday 7th December 5pm-7pm.

Further information to follow.

Nativity—Oopsie Daisy Angel

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December—3 performances of the Nativity for parents/carers to watch. Tickets will be on sale soon.

YR, Y1 and Y2

Christmas Fair

Tuesday 19th December—3.30pm start.

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th December—If your child is in KS2 and normally has a packed lunch they can choose to have a Christmas Dinner. The cost of this is £2.50. Further information will be sent via the school app.

Christmas Service

Thursday 21st December—Christmas service in church 9.30am

Christmas Party Day

Friday 22nd December will be our Christmas Party Day! Crafts, dancing and more! Children are invited to wear their party clothes on this day.



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Neglect

This week our safeguarding focus is neglect. Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and the most common form of child abuse. A child might be left hungry or dirty, or without proper clothing, shelter, supervision or health care. This can put children and young people in danger. It can also have long term effects on their physical and mental wellbeing. The main types of neglect are physical neglect, educational neglect, emotional neglect and medical neglect. For more information about this and what to do if you think a child might be suffering neglect see the NSPCC link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/neglect>



## Online Safety

### Tip of the Week

#### Smart TVs

Smart TVs are the future of home entertainment ... but how safe is that future? The percentage of UK households that own a smart TV has leapt from 11% to 74% in less than ten years – and that proportion is only expected to increase further as more viewers discover the various benefits of these sophisticated systems .

While the technology is impressive, fun and increasingly affordable, the flip side is that the number of people (especially young ones) who need to be aware of their risks has risen commensurately. This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide outlines how to avoid some common smart TV hazards, so that you can relax a little when your children do.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.



### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



### Meet Our Expert

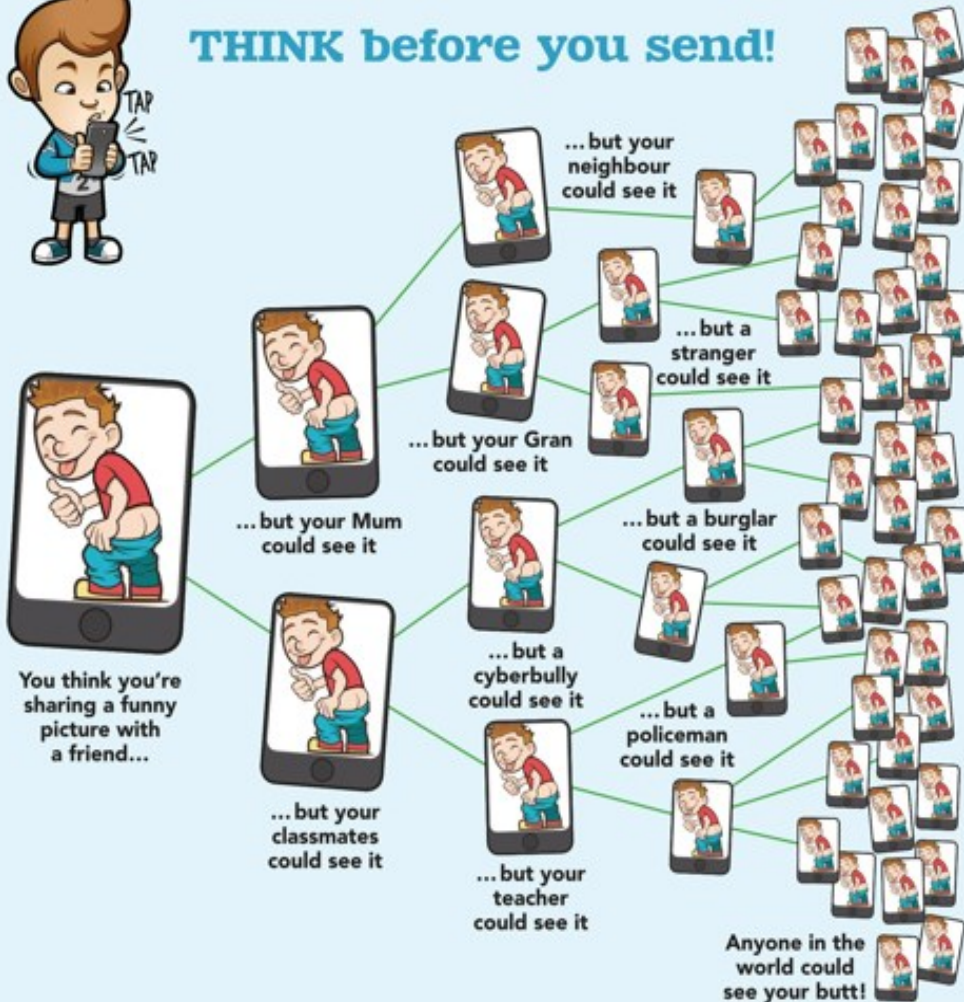
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## Parent Guides to Online Safety



**THINK before you send!**



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



### If you share it, you are involved

**If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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