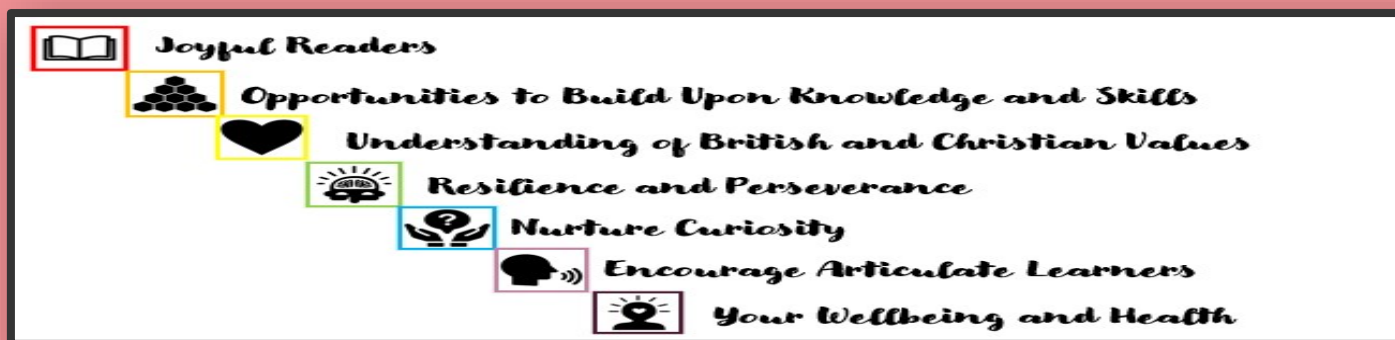


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Learn, Laugh and Live with the Love of God



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

A message from Mrs Youn

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another busy week here at school

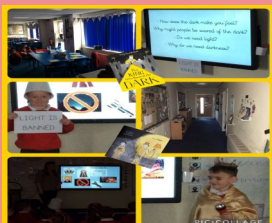
We welcomed back in Gemma from Barnados for the 2nd round of our EXSEL workshops for Y1-Y6. Barnados refer to SEL as: 'We define Social Emotional Learning as the process by which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.'


Recently children were introduced to the compliments game - maybe you could give it a try as a family this weekend? Throw an object onto the board, whatever compliment you land on you must pay to someone else playing the game! We would love to see some photos on X (formerly Twitter) if you do have time to play!

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend - let's hope we get some sunshine!


See you all on Tuesday,

Mrs Young














Compliments



Let's play our compliment game!

I like how you... 	Thank you for... 	You're a great... 
You make me happy when... 	You have nice... 	You're really good at... 
It's fun to... with you. 	You made me feel... when... 	One great thing about you is... 

Believe in children
Barnardo's

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Whole School	94.9%
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	99.1%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	91.9%
Year 5	92.2%
Year 6	93.2%



Attendance Matters



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:

96.4%



**Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME**



141

pupils

with perfect attendance this week.

Can we beat this next week?





Summer Attendance Competition

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 Summer Attendance Challenge.

What do you need to do?



How can you win?

Those children that come to school every day, and most importantly on time, Monday-Friday each week will have their name put into a prize draw. 1 winner will be selected each week in Celebration Assembly.

What can you win?

A brand new game of their choice....perfect for Family or Friend's Games Nights.



Well done to all of those children who attended school everyday on time for the this week. Your names all went into the prize draw. We are pleased to announce that this week's winner was Briella Year 5

Miss School Miss Out

If you're not coming to school, you will miss out on....





Journey Driver Focus:

Nurturing Curiosity

RECEPTION	Bethel Ejimofor
YEAR 1	Alexis Hodgkinson
YEAR 2	Daniel Udeh
YEAR 3	Poppy Cominsky
YEAR 4	Daisie
YEAR 5	Shaun Johnson
YEAR 6	Tyler Westhead



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT



Whole School events Summer 1

Date	Event
10/04/24	School opens 8.40am
15/04/24	World Art Day
16/04/24	School photographs. Class groups and Year 6 leavers
16/04/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
17/04/24	Year 5 school trip - Jodrell Bank
23/04/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
30/04/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
06/05/24	Bank Holiday Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
07/05/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
08/05/24	Year 5 Cricket
13/05/24	SATS start
13/05/24	Christian Aid Week
14/05/24	Confirmation class 3.20pm
19/05/24	Confirmation ceremony - St James' the Great 10.30am
20/05/24	Y5 & Y6 Ultimate Frisbee
21/05/24	World Cultural Diversity Day
22/05/24	Pentecost Eucharist (Information to Follow)
23/05/24	Year 1 school trip - Knowsley Safari Park
24/05/24	Coffee morning - Internet safety & Police Information
24/05/24	School closes for half term 3.20pm

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



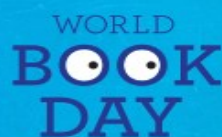
12th November 2023
**REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY**
Honouring those who
have served. (Actual day
11th November)



Across December
**CHRISTMAS
LUNCH**
A traditional
Christmas lunch



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



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



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PE Days Summer 1

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

Monday	Year 1 and Year 6
Tuesday	Year 3 and Year 6
Wednesday	Reception, Year 1 and Year 5
Thursday	Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5
Friday	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Seashells



Seashells breakfast club is now open from 7.45am.

The cost is £5.00 per session.

This is on a trial basis until the end of May to help support those parents who require a slightly earlier start time.

If it proves popular then we will make this a permanent arrangement.

As with our current provision it will be on a first come first serve basis and booked via the School App.



Clubs

We are running the following after school clubs next half term:

Booking is now available on the app

- **Monday**-Fun Fusion Club for Y1 and Y2 with the Sports Coach
- **Tuesday**-FAB Club YR, Y1 and Y2 with Miss Barratt
- **Thursday**-Nature Club for YR with Mrs Bibby
- **Thursday**- Football Club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 with Mr Moon

In addition to these clubs , Y1 children are also invited to attend Mrs Lister's Phonics Club on Thursday and Y4 children are invited to join Mrs Bond's TT Rockstars's Club which will be in a Wednesday. There are Confirmation lessons for some children with Father Michael on Tuesdays.



Uniform

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and that it is clearly labelled. Children should wear completely black shoes – not trainers. It is important that the P.E kit is seen as an extension of our school uniform, therefore our high standards should be kept. **A reminder that our school PE kit consists of a black tracksuit/red shorts and white t shirt.** Please note that children should not wear any form of jewellery (only stud earrings are allowed and should not be worn on PE days)

School Collections

If your child is being collected by someone different than usual or who members of staff have not met before, it is vital that the School Office or the Class Teacher is informed. If this is not done, we will have to call you to confirm the arrangements. This is to ensure that your child is released into your care safely. You can support us with this by making us aware of any changes to your child's collection arrangements in advance. Please be patient with staff who are just trying to keep children safe.

Snack



Children in Years 1-6 can bring in their own **healthy snack** to eat at breaktime.

This must not be chocolate, crisps or a sugary cereal bar.

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school.

Water bottles are permitted but these **must only be filled with water.**



We at St James are looking forward to this year's Confirmation service, which will be led by Stephen, Bishop of Beverley.

It will take place as our Festival Eucharist on the Feast of Pentecost,

19th May at 10.30am,

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Car Seats

Why do children need car seats?

To prevent serious injury in the case of a collision, vehicles are legally required to be fitted with seatbelts. However, car seatbelts are tested and designed to fit people over 135cm tall securely. For this reason, seatbelts do not provide a safe level of protection for children. Without a car seat, a seatbelt can cause severe or even fatal injuries to a child in the event of a crash due to its incorrect positioning on their body. On a child, a standard seatbelt's shoulder belt sits too close to the neck area, where their spinal cord and vital arteries are vulnerable. Instead of securing the waist, the lap belt runs across a child's stomach and can result in organ damage in a collision. Therefore, car seats are vital for ensuring the safety of children while travelling in a vehicle.

What are the car seat requirements in the UK?

Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first. Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt. You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.



National Online Safety Tip of the Week

OffCom Media Report

The UK's regulator for communications publishes a comprehensive annual compendium of the results of several surveys they've conducted regarding the activities and experiences of children when interacting with entertainment: from TV to video games to social media platforms .

Contained in the report are numerous statistics relevant to children's online safety, with data covering a wide array of topics - such as young people experiencing harassment, their habits in online games and parents' most common concerns. This week's guide gathers up some of the key statistics and lays them out in a quick, easy "cheat sheet" for

What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES



SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s



Over-12s



ONLINE GAMING

68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

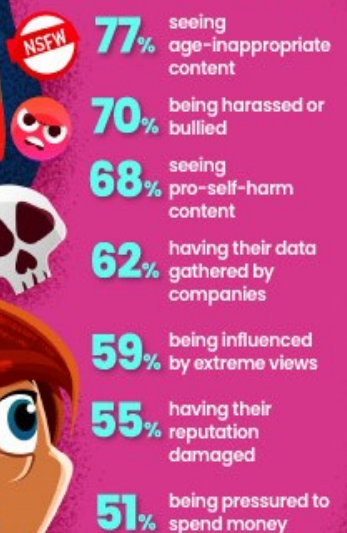


ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



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The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024

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IN OTHER NEWS

Christ Church URC
West End Road, Haydock
Come along and join us

All age
Service

Tea
&
coffee



5th MAY 2024

We'll be open from 10.15

for a cuppa n chat

Everyone welcome

Lectio 365

Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional app that helps you pray the Bible every day.

Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional resource for adults that helps you pray the Bible every day.

Tune into God's presence and peace by slowing down, meditating on scripture, listening to God and praying for 10 minutes at the beginning and end of each day.



For iPhone

For Android



Mental Health Support Team

WELLBEING WEBINARS

NHS
Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Your MHST is running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

TOPICS AND DATES

- Worry Management - 19 January
- Parenting for Anxiety - 23 February
- Low Mood - 22 March
- Neurodiversity - 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17 May
- LGBTQ+ - 21 June
- Emotional Regulation - 19 July



WHEN

4pm to 4:45pm



WHERE

Zoom

(link will be emailed)



To register please email which
webinar you want to attend to
events@merseycare.nhs.uk

Webinars will be recorded.
No chat function will be available
for safety purposes.