

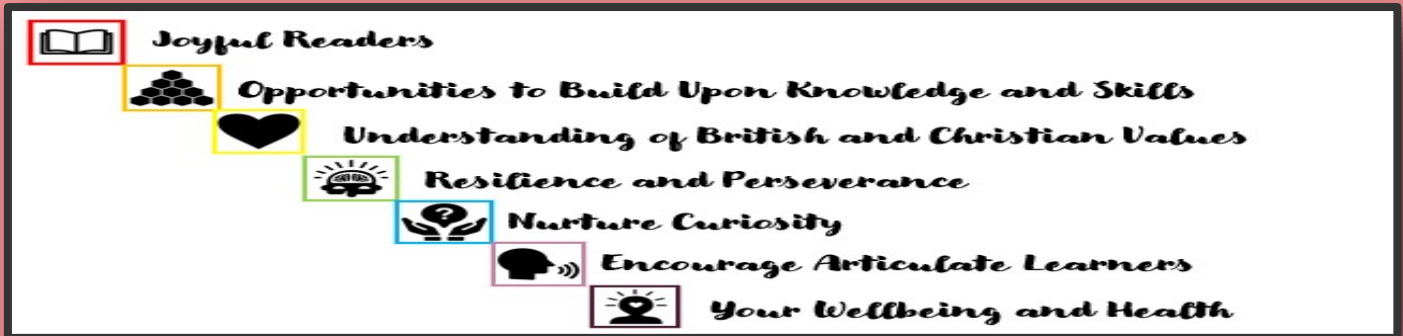


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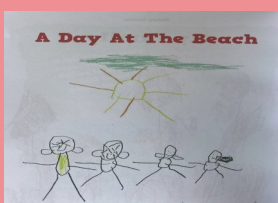
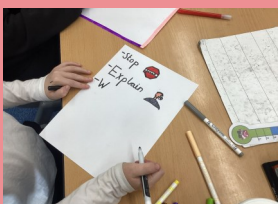
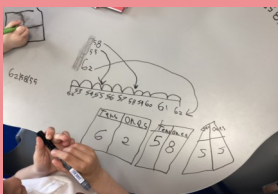
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2023-2024 Issue Number 31 Friday 24th May 2024

OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS: SERVICE



A message from Mrs Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic end to the half term we have had this week!

Well done to all of the children who represented St James in the 'Ultimate Frisbee' competition on Monday - you did us all proud!

It was also brilliant to wave Y1 off on their Golden Shell experience to Knowsley Safari Park - what a 'roarsome' day they had!

On Tuesday we celebrated Cultural Diversity Day alongside all 19 school in our Trust. Well done to the children who showed real engagement and commitment to diversity.

Thank you to Father Michael for leading us in a Pentecost Eucharist Service on Wednesday and for welcoming Y1 into church to talk about baptisms. It was also lovely to hear about children making their confirmation on Sunday and we send our congratulations to all those now confirmed.

Thanks finally to all those able to join us for the coffee morning today, we hope you found it useful and informative.

We break up today as you know until Monday 3rd June. We really have a jam packed half term next half term so I do encourage you to make a note of the diary dates included in the newsletter.

Have a lovely break,

Best wishes,

Mrs Young



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Whole School	92.9%
Reception	92.6%
Year 1	91.8%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	91.4%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 6	91.6%



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:

94.6%



**Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME**



129

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 2 Attendance Challenge.

What do you need to do?



How can you win?

Come to school every day, and most importantly on time, between

Monday 3rd June and Friday 12th July

What can you win?

A mystery box of toys, games and arts and crafts to keep you busy over the Summer Holidays.



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 **Roman McCabe**.

Miss School Miss Out

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





Journey Driver Focus:

Nurturing Curiosity

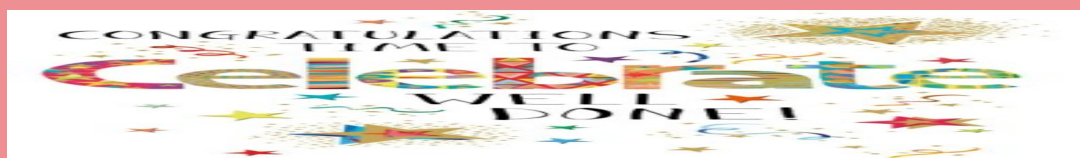
RECEPTION	Dominion Udeh
YEAR 1	Evie Comber
YEAR 2	Nylah Lee
YEAR 3	Mason
YEAR 4	Michael Inglis
YEAR 5	Matthew Murphy
YEAR 6	Lottie Hutton

Journey Driver Focus:

Service

Each half term, one child from each class is nominated by their class teacher for 'living out' our value of the half term. The value for this half term is 'Service'.

RECEPTION	Aria Hill-Price
YEAR 1	Evelyn McDonald
YEAR 2	Kleopatra Lee
YEAR 3	Massa Alsejnawi
YEAR 4	Madison Frater-Hassett
YEAR 5	William Gartside
YEAR 6	Chloe



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
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Whole School events Summer 2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
03/06/24	School opens at 8.40am
05/06/24	World Environment Day
05/06/24	Year 4 - Swimming starts
06/06/24	Year 6 Trip - Forest Camp
10/06/24	KS2 - Tri-Golf
12/06/24	Year 6 -Leavers Service Anglican Cathedral Liverpool 12.30pm
17/06/24	Refugee Week
18/06/24	Reception School Trip - Manchester Airport
20/06/24	Year 4 Trip - Liverpool Museum and Ferry Ride
21/06/24	Coffee Morning - Music 9.00am
21/06/24	World Music Day
26/06/24	Year 2 Trip - World of Glass
01/07/24	Outwood Academy Induction Day
02/07/24	Outlook Academy Induction Day
02/07/24	Reception vision Test
03/07/24	New Hope Charity Day
09/07/24	Sports Day - Times to be confirmed
12/07/24	Reception Assembly 9.00am
16/07/24	Reserve Sports Day
17/07/24	Year4 Swimming - Last Finishes
18/07/24	Year 6 Leavers Service - St James' Church 9.30am
19/07/24	Close Closes for Summer 2pm

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Summer Menu 2024

Week 1

W/C 27/08/24 • 17/09/24 • 08/10/24
02/09/24 • 23/09/24 • 14/10/24

Monday

Pasta Bolognese
Cheesy Pasta Bake (v)
Carrots & Peas
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo)
Raspberry Ripple Ice-cream

Tuesday

Beef Burger/Southern Style Chicken
Super Hotdog (v)
Wedges & Sweetcorn
Filled Jacket Potato (Sweetcorn (v), Cheese (v), Baked Beans (v), Tuna Mayo)
Apple Slices & Raisins

Wednesday

Pork Steak Dinner
Savoury Mince (v)
Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potato, Carrot & Swede, Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo)
Chocolate Brownie

Thursday

BBQ Chicken Pizza
Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake (v)
Pasta, Broccoli & Carrots
Filled Jacket Potato (Cheese (v), Sweetcorn (v), Baked Beans (v), Tuna Mayo)
Fruit Salad

Friday

Breaded Fish Shapes
Coated Nuggets (v)
Chips & Peas
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo)
Homemade Cookie

Week 2

W/C 01/09/24 • 24/09/24 • 15/10/24
09/09/24 • 30/09/24 • 21/10/24

Monday

Ham & Sweetcorn Homemade Pizza
Sausage Roll (v)
Pasta, Broccoli & Carrots
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo)
Fruit & Ice-cream

Tuesday

All day Breakfast
All day Breakfast (v)
(Sausage/Quorn Sausage, Hash brown, Beans, Tomato)
Filled Jacket Potato
(Baked Beans (v), Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo, Sweetcorn (v))
Summer Fruit Pudding

Wednesday

Chicken Dinner
Quorn Dinner (v)
Mash, Cauliflower, Carrots & Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo)
Cooks Muffin

Thursday

Chicken Pie (Cooks Pick)
Cheese & Onion Bake (v)
Mashed Potato, Seasonal vegetables
Filled Jacket Potato (Chicken in Gravy, Cheese (v), Sweetcorn (v))
Shortbread

Friday

Fish Fingers
Vegetable Fingers (v)
Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo)
Banana & Butterscotch Sauce

Week 3

W/C 10/08/24 • 01/07/24 • 23/07/24
16/09/23 • 07/10/24 • 28/10/24

Monday

Beef Hotpot
Tomato & Mozzarella Panini (v)
New Potatoes & Broccoli
Choice of Sandwich (Cheese (v), Ham, Tuna Mayo)
Ice-Cream with Summer Berry Sauce

Tuesday

Pasta Bolognese
Two Cheese Pizza (v)
Pasta, Peas & Sweetcorn
Filled Jacket Potato (Beef Bolognese, Sweetcorn (v), Cheese (v), Baked Beans (v))
Homemade Flapjack

Wednesday

Sausage Dinner
Sausage Dinner (v)
Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy
Tortilla Wrap (Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo)
Banana & Raisins

Thursday

Chicken Curry & Rice
Cheese & Bean Potato Bake (v)
Seasonal Vegetables
Filled Jacket Potato (Chicken Curry, Cheese (v), Sweetcorn (v), Tuna Mayo)
Cooks Muffin

Friday

Fish Fingers / Salmon Bites
Battered Nuggets (v)
Chips & Beans
Choice of Sandwich (Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna Mayo)
Fruit & Jelly



In addition to the above, White & Brown Bread, Yoghurt and Fruit will be available daily alongside a variety of salad bar items. Choice of Milk, Water & Fruit Juice across the week.
(v) = Suitable for vegetarians. Did you know some of our dishes are also Vegan Friendly?

Changes to Published Menu - The menu may be subject to change to ensure ingredients are used to the optimum quality or to meet the needs of an individual school.

Dietary Requirements - Alternative Dietary specific menus available by request following the Special Diets Procedure. Allergen and Carb information also available upon request and via the council's website.



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



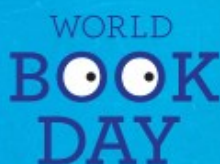
12th November 2023
REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY
Honouring those who
have served. (Actual day
11th November)



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





PE Days Summer 2

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

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

Seashells



After a successful trial run, Seashells breakfast club will continue to open from 7.45am at a cost of £5 per session.



Clubs

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

- **Monday**-Fun Fusion Club for Y1, Y2 and Y3 with the Sports Coach
- **Wednesday**-LFC Football Club for Girls for Y4, Y5 and Y6 with LFC
- **Thursday**-Nature Club for YR with Mrs Boardman
-Build-a-Book Club for Y1 and Y2 with Miss Hunter
- **Thursday**- Football Club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 with Mr Moon and Mr Atherton

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

PANTS



When's the right time to talk PANTS? Every family is different, and when and where you have these conversations may depend on your child's age, or how grown up they are - it's all about whatever feels natural for you and them. Some examples of times you can talk PANTS are:

- After school - If they've had a lesson on personal relationships or Talk PANTS at school, ask them what they remember when they get home.
- Bathtime - you could start a conversation when you're running your child's bath, or helping them get dressed.
- Car journeys - this can be a great time to talk, and your child will have plenty of time to ask questions if they need.
- Reading - Read the new PANTS storybook together.
- Singing - Sing along to our PANTS song with Pantosaurus!
- Swimming - A great time to say that what's covered by swimwear is private.
- Walking - Walking home from school, or a weekend walk to the shops.

For more information please see: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>



National Online Safety Tip of the Week

10 Top Tips for Encouraging Healthy Friendships

This week's free explores friendships between children and young people, offering advice on how to help them nurture healthy relationships with one another.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

Navigating the complexities of childhood and adolescent friendships can be challenging – but with the right guidance, children and young people can cultivate meaningful, supportive relationships, some of which may last for many years. These top tips provide a comprehensive approach to fostering healthy friendships among children and young people. It's important to remember, however, that each child is different, and will require an individual approach to relationship support.

1 GRANT FRIENDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Encouraging children and young people to join extracurricular activities can foster healthy friendships by providing shared interests and common ground. Engaging in these pastimes offers a platform for interaction, sometimes alleviating the social pressure of knowing what to say, and helps children develop meaningful connections.

2 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

The children and young people in our lives see how we behave, the connections that we've made and the interactions between us and others. When we model healthy friendships, we set an example and help youngsters to understand what healthy friendships looks like and how to navigate them.

3 HELP THEM LOVE THEMSELVES

Healthy friendships aren't just about dynamics with other people. They're about our relationship with ourselves. For overall wellbeing, it's important for a child to have the space to build their self-esteem and a positive self-image, as these factors can have a notable influence on the friendships they form throughout life.

4 MONITOR SCREEN TIME

Too much screen time can affect some children's wellbeing in general, but it can specifically impact friendships if it results in fewer positive social interactions. In some cases, reducing screen time and encouraging children and young people to find ways to interact face-to-face can have positive results. It's also important to remember that young people can make positive friendships online, but they will require support to do this safely.

5 TEACH PROBLEM-SOLVING

Inevitably, friendships can run into problems. However, this is also an opportunity to support children and young people to work through any difficulties that may arise. It can be tempting to intervene and try to fix these issues for those involved, but helping them consider ways of resolving conflict or managing difficult situations for themselves can help them create stronger friendships.

6 EMPOWER THE CHILD

When we give children and young people the confidence to choose their friends, navigate interpersonal boundaries and consider how they want to interact with the different people around them, we empower them to take control of the friendships they have. When young people feel in control of these things, they're more likely to make positive choices and remain aware of the signs of a negative relationship.

7 TEACH EMPATHY

'Healthy friendships' doesn't always mean 'perfect.' Sometimes, disagreements can happen. When we teach children and young people to have empathy, we help them to see both sides of a relationship; to be mindful of the challenges a friend might be facing or whatever else might be going on. This can help children and young people to build stronger friendships.

8 BE OPEN TO QUESTIONS

Talking to young people about their friendships, who they spend time with and who they interact with can open the door to questions if they have concerns. Initially, these queries may be straightforward, but if we are receptive to discussion from the outset, young people are more likely to come to us for help when they are older as well.

9 UNDERSTAND BOUNDARIES

One of the keys to a healthy friendship is honouring boundaries. This can include anything from respecting personal space and belongings to acceptable language and behaviour. Understanding the importance of setting these limits and upholding those set by others can help children stay safe. If young people figure out their boundaries and feel comfortable enforcing them, they're more likely to call someone out if they go too far.

10 SPOT THE SIGNS

We can't always supervise young people: sometimes, we need to step back and give them some space. However, it's important to consider any indicators that they may be struggling in their friendships. Are they becoming increasingly irritable? Does their behaviour alter when they've been with their friends? Are they becoming withdrawn or reluctant to take part in certain activities? These could all be signs that they're finding things difficult, and we should remain alert to such changes.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an experienced educator who has worked in primary and secondary schools for 20 years. She is a facilitator, consultant and coach working with young people and the adults who work with them, with a focus on developing understanding and skills around mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding.



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- Parenting for Anxiety - 23 February
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- Neurodiversity - 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17 May
- LGBTQ+ - 21 June
- Emotional Regulation - 19 July



WHEN
4pm to 4:45pm



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

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IN OTHER NEWS



Go Active is supporting the National Drowning Prevention Campaign!

18th - 25th June

With many of us opting for staycations once again this year, the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), fears that families will flock to beaches and inland water locations this summer, without considering the potential dangers, putting themselves and others at risk. Or for those of us who will be venturing abroad for their summer holiday, they may find themselves using nonlifeguarded pools and therefore be at risk if they do not have the necessary water safety skills. Figures indicate that around 25 per cent of primary pupils leave school unable to swim, and experts fear that as a result of the pandemic many young people lacking the ability to swim or self-rescue.



Starting on Monday 20th until Friday 24th June during your swimming school lesson, all pupils will be completing compulsory Water Safety Sessions!

ROOKIE LIFEGUARD

The water safety sessions are pre-planned sessions with your Swimming Instructors to focus on water safety, during Drowning Prevention Week.

During the above week, please support us by following the below guidelines:

1. Leave your goggles at home! You won't need these for your water safety lesson (excluding prescription goggles).
2. Please continue to bring your swimming costume or trunks.
3. Please bring along a pair of trousers, and a t-shirt! These will help to transform your lesson, to a day-to-day outdoor environment as if you were on holiday or near open water.

See the following link to enjoy some fun water safety activities before you put it into practise during your swimming lesson! <https://www.rlss.org.uk/news/entertain-your-rookies>

Enjoy Water Safely

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit www.rlss.org.uk

Once you have completed your water safety lesson, you will be Congratulated with a Certificate to share with your family and friends!

Well Done Certificate link: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=155b4827-297d-4186-8c4e-5cae3908db43>

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