

NEWSLETTER

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Journeying Together to Live, Learn and Laugh with the Love of God



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OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS: FRIENDSHIP



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic end to the half term we have had this week as we continue to journey er—living, learning, and laughing with the love of God. It has been a week full of flection, and joyful experiences, reminding us of the wonderful school community we share.

On Tuesday, we marked Mental Health Awareness Week. From dressing in green, to pating in a trust-wide worship and engaging in thoughtful activities in our classrooms, we came together to increase understanding and appreciation of mental health. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of caring for our minds and supporting one another.



Wednesday saw St James take on Eurovision, and what a spectacular event it was! Each class performed a past Eurovision-winning entry, filling the school with music, energy, and enthusiasm. It was a joy to see the creativity and confidence of our pupils as they took the stage, celebrating both music and togetherness.



On Thursday, Year 1 embarked on their exciting Golden Shell experience with a visit to Knowsley Safari Park. The children had a 'roarsome' day exploring the wonders of wildlife, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Their excitement was infectious, and we are so pleased they had such a brilliant experience.



Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the coffee morning today. We hope you found it both useful and informative, and we look forward to sharing more about the School's Pledge with you in the months ahead.



As we break up today for the half-term holiday, I encourage you to take note of the diary dates included in this newsletter—next half term is packed with exciting events and opportunities for our school community. We return on Monday, 2nd June, refreshed and ready for the next chapter in our journey together.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break!

Mrs Briers

School Matters!



Attendance Updates

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!

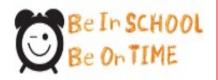
Our Whole School attendance to date is 95.7%

The class with the highest attendance this week, and the winner of the virtual £5 is Year 5

There were 135 pupils with perfect attendance this week. Can we beat this next week?

| Weekly Attendance | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Whole School | 94% |
| Reception | 90.7% |
| Year 1 | 96.4% |
| Year 2 | 97.3% |
| Year 3 | 92.3% |
| Year 4 | 92.9% |
| Year 5 | 97.7% |
| Year 6 | 89.5% |





| Equates to: | 100% | PERFECTION |
|--------------------------------|------|---|
| SCHOOL DAYS off each year | 98% | IMPRESSIVE |
| 7 SCHOOL Of DAYS off each year | 96% | >>> 6000 |
| 9 SCHOOL MAYS of reach year | 95% | NEARLY THERE |
| SCHOOL DAYS off each year | 94% | NEEDS TO IMPROVE |
| SCHOOL DAYS Off each year | 90% | CONCERNS ordered to Educational Vectors (Persistent absorates) |
| 30 SCHOOL DAYS of each year | 85% | SERIOUS CONCERNS |





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 HOLI DAYS, FAMILY TIME, VISITS, SHOPPING, HOUSEHOLD JOBS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

190 school days each year for your child's education EXCELLENT

96% - 100%

Most effective way to success and sets your child off to a flying 10 days absence 180 days of education

CONCERNING LESS THAN 96%

School monitors attendance; it is less than expected.

19 days of absence 170 days of education WORRYING

Less than 90%

Less chance of success; harder to make progress in learning, friendships and relationships with others. 29 days absence HALF A TERM MISSED

161 DAYS OF EDUCATION

Serious concerns

Less than 85%

This is not fair on your child. You risk prosecution and a jail term.



| | MINUTES LATE TO SCHOOL | IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN 1 YEAR |
|----|---------------------------|---|
| | 5 MINUTES PER DAY = | 3.4 DAYS MISSED 98.4% ATTENDANCE |
| | 10 MINUTES PER DAY = | 6.9 DAYS MISSED 97.6/ ATTENDANCE |
| 20 | 5 MINUTES PER DAY = | 10.3 DAYS MISSED 94.6% ATTENDANCE |
| | 20 MINUTES PER DAY= | 13.8 DAYS MISSED 92.9% ATTENDANCE |
| | 30 MINUTES PER DAY= | 20,7 DAYS MISSED 89,2% ATTENDANCE |

Miss School Miss Out

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















Whole School events Summer 2

| Done | Eventh |
|------------|--|
| 02/06/2025 | School Re-opens 8.40am |
| 03/06/2025 | Reception Early Years Maths Course (for parents) LOOpm |
| 03/06/2025 | Confirmation Class 3.20pm |
| 04/06/2025 | Year 4 Swimming Commences |
| 04/06/2025 | Yer Phonics Club 3.20pm |
| 05/06/2025 | Year 6 Residential |
| 06/06/2025 | Year 6 Residential |
| 10/06/2025 | Judo Club Commences 8.00am |
| 10/06/2025 | Year 4 to lead Pentecost Service, St James' The Great 9.30am |
| 10/06/2025 | Year 6 High School Transition workshop for parents 2.15pm |
| 10/06/2025 | Confirmation Class 3.15pm |
| 11/06/2025 | Year 6 Leavers Service Anglican Cathedral |
| 11/06/2025 | Year 4 Susmering |
| 13/06/2025 | Reception Father's Day Event 2pm |
| 17/06/2025 | Year 4 Trip Liverpool Museum and Ferry Ride |
| 17/06/2025 | Judo Club 8.00am |
| 17/06/2025 | Confirmation Class 3.20pm |
| 18/06/2025 | Year 4 Sustmening |
| 19/06/2025 | Reception Trip Manchester Airport |
| 20/06/2025 | Coffee Marring Maths 9.00am |
| 22/06/2025 | Confirmation Service St James' The Great 10.30am |
| 23/06/2025 | Year 4 and Year 5 Softhall |
| 23/06/2025 | New Intake Meeting 4pm |
| 24/06/2025 | Year 2 Trip World of Glass |
| 24/06/2025 | Judo Club 8.00am |
| 25/06/2025 | Year 4 Sudmening |
| 26/06/2025 | Year 2 Class Assembly 9.00am |
| 27/06/2025 | Year 6 Trip Shakespeare North Playhouse |
| 30/06/2025 | Transition Week |
| 30/06/2025 | Reception Vision Screening Test |
| 01/07/2025 | Judo club 8.00am |
| 01/07/2025 | Year 3 and Year 4 Crass Rounders |
| 02/07/2025 | Year 4 Suitmening |
| 04/07/2025 | Sports Day - KSI 9.30am, KS2 1.00pm |
| 07/07/2025 | Reserve Sports Day |
| 08/07/2025 | Judo dub 8.00am |
| 09/07/2025 | Year 4 Swimming |
| 10/07/2025 | Year 5 and Year 6 Ultimate Frielie |
| 14/07/2025 | Awards Evening |
| 15/07/2025 | Zumbathon Sponsored Event |
| 16/07/2025 | Reception Assembly 9.00am |
| 16/07/2025 | Year 4 Swimming |
| 18/07/2025 | End of Year Report to go Home |
| 22/07/2025 | Year 6 to Lead Year 6 Leavers Assembly |
| 22/07/2025 | School Closes for Summer 2pm |

THANK YOU SUPPORT

Term Dates

2025-2026

| Autumn | Term | Days |
|--|---------------------------------------|------|
| Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 | Friday 24 th October 2025 | 38 |
| Monday 3 rd November 2025 | Friday 19 th December 2025 | 35 |
| Spring ¹ | Геrm | |
| Monday 5 th January 2026 | Friday 13 th February 2026 | 30 |
| Monday 23 rd February 2026 | Friday 27 th March 2026 | 25 |
| Summer | Term | |
| Monday 13 th April 2026 | Friday 22 nd May 2026 | 29 |
| Wednesday 3 rd June 2026 | Friday 17 th July 2026 | 33 |
| | | 190 |

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.









+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160 4 children & 1 parent = £640

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...



2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000 2 parents & 4 children = £20,000





Dear Parents and Carers.

I am excited to share an opportunity for us to come together as a school community to support everyone's health and well-being. While we already do a great deal to help pupils stay healthy, we believe we can do even more. Our passion lies in helping children reach their full potential and ensuring that our school environment promotes healthier choices and behaviours.

In England, one in three children leave primary school overweight or living with obesity. You may have heard discussions in the media about government efforts to address this issue, but schools also play a vital role. Our environment and curriculum have a powerful impact on children's health, and we are eager to work with the wider community to explore ways to improve access to nutritious food and encourage physical activity.

As a school, we are making a commitment by signing the School's Pledge for a Healthier and Active Future—an initiative being adopted by schools across the country. This pledge reflects our dedication to supporting children, staff, families, and the local community in achieving and maintaining a healthier lifestyle.

Beyond making changes, we also aim to challenge attitudes and reduce stigma surrounding health issues. We want to foster a culture of support, where positive change feels accessible to everyone.

We would love to hear your thoughts and find out how we can best support your family in eating well and staying active. You may have ideas on ways we can improve our school environment to better serve your child and their friends in leading happy, healthy lives. To help shape our approach, we ask that you review the 9 Core Commitments (found overleaf) and complete a short survey using the QR code provided.



If you'd like to get involved further, please reach out to Mrs. Briers via the school office to join our "School's Pledge for a Healthier and Active Future" action group.

We look forward to sharing our progress, exciting changes, and further opportunities to participate through our school newsletters and website.

Thank you for your support.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Safeguarding Policy

At St James, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our top priority. We follow the latest guidance from *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025*, ensuring that every child feels secure, valued, and supported.

Key points from our safeguarding policy include:

- Commitment to Child Protection Staff are fully trained to recognise and respond to safeguarding concerns.
- Safe Recruitment Practices Thorough checks are conducted to ensure all staff and volunteers are suitable to work with children.
- Online Safety Educating pupils about responsible internet use and monitoring their online activity in school.
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Providing resources and support to promote emotional resilience and wellbeing.
- Clear Reporting Procedures Any concerns can be raised confidentially with designated safeguarding leads, who take swift and appropriate action.

For full details, please refer to our safeguarding policy, available on the school website.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

10 Top Tips for Encouraging Healthy Friendships



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







Dear Parents/Carers,

Ahead of this half term, we would be grateful if you would take the time to talk through some of the points below with the young people in your lives, so they can have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Bikes

We would strongly recommend investing in a bike tracking device. Both pedal bikes and e-bikes are significantly more likely to get recovered, should they be stolen, if they have a tracker. It also increases the potential for those committing these offences to be caught and prevent other people from being targeted.

Research shows that bikes are 83% more likely to be stolen if they're not registered on the national database: Bike Register. We regularly run bike marking events – check your local police Facebook page for events near to you.

Shared Spaces

Across the last few weeks we've seen an increase in reports of antisocial behaviour. We know that the vast majority of children and young people will be out enjoying the parks, beaches and other shared spaces safely and sensibly. A few, though, might make choices which have major consequences for themselves and others.

Even the most typically well-behaved kids can make impulsive decisions, and unfortunately those can result in their future jobs and even their future foreign travel being restricted. We would ask you to speak to young people, no matter how well behaved they are, about where they are going, who they are going with, and to check in with them regularly.

We would ask you to remind young people to walk away from places or people which could land them in trouble, and to talk with them about what they could say or do to get out of the situation if they feel something is getting out of hand.

Keep an eye on your local council and police Facebook page for any free activities to help keep the kids occupied in the holidays.

Water Safety

It can be incredibly tempting for children to want to play in local bodies of water when the weather is good. Please speak to young people about the dangers of entering water where no lifeguard is on duty.

Even in areas where a lifeguard is present, encourage young people to enter the water slowly and with care, warn against jumping from heights, and remind them that inflatables should never be used in open water.

9% of UK accidental drownings occur between May and August and there is a heightened risk of drowning when air temperatures are higher.

Fire

With the good weather, many people have everything they need for a barbeque on hand at the moment. Please make sure matches, lighters, fuel and accelerants are well out of reach of children.

Remind children and young people about just how quickly a small fire can get out of control – especially in dry weather.

Thank you.

Merseyside Police

Spirituality Spotlight

As a school community we want to be:



Friendship and God's Love

In laughter shared and hands held tight, We walk together in His light.

Through kindness, love, and words so true, God's friendship guides in all we do.

Like the stars that shine above, He fills our hearts with endless love.

Through storm and sun, through joy and pain, His grace will never fade or wane.

A friend is there to lift us high, To dry our tears, to help us try.

And in our hearts, both bright and true, God's friendship holds me, holds you too.

So side by side, let's spread His light, With love and hope so big and bright. Together strong, forever free,

In God's great love, eternally.





Journey Driver Focus:

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 Nurturing Curiosity.

| RECEPTION | Oliver Klemp |
|-----------|-------------------|
| YEAR 1 | Joshua Hodgkinson |
| YEAR 2 | Sofia Bate |
| YEAR 3 | Daniel Udeh |
| YEAR 4 | David Varga |
| YEAR 5 | Ruben Forshaw |
| YEAR 6 | Finley Birkett |

British Value Focus:

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 Friendship"

| RECEPTION | Olivia-Rose Preston |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| YEAR 1 | Alijah Finch |
| YEAR 2 | Alexis Hodgkinson |
| YEAR 3 | Alice Slater |
| YEAR 4 | Axel Richardson |
| YEAR 5 | Madison Frater- Hassett |
| YEAR 6 | Briella Shaw |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

PE Days

Monday Year 3

Tuesday Year 1 and 2

Wednesday Reception, Year

Thursday Year 5 and 6.

Friday Year 1, 2.3 and

4.

Y4 Swimming (4nd Jun – 16th July).



Clubs

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

Tuesday

- -Judo at 8am (5 weeks 10th June-8th July)-Please see flyer
- -Sports Club for YR, Y1 and Y2 with the Sports Coach
- -FAB Club for Y2 and Y3-Miss Barratt
- -Confirmation Classes (for those children who are being confirmed) with Father Micheal.

Wednesday

- Football Club for Y5 and Y6 with Mr Moon
- Thursday—
 - Sports Club for KS2 with the Sports Coach





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THE OLYMPIC SPORT OF JUDO IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL



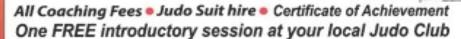
What can Judo do for your child?

Self Defence • Increase Confidence • Increase Concentration Self Discipline and Respect • Increased Health & Fitness

- The classes are taught by fully qualified coaches.
- They have extensive experience in teaching children of all ages and abilities.
- All Coaches are Fully DBS Cleared

There are multiple levels in our courses. Each course attended, progresses your child onto their next skill level.

The Educational Judo course includes :







St James CE Primary School

START DATE:

Tuesday 10th June 2025

TIME:

08:00 - 08:45am

Please scan the QR code below and complete the form. We will then confirm your child's place.

Alternatively, just email dale@judoeducation.co.uk or text/call 07456475612.



5 Week Judo Course! Cost: £30 Please scan this QR code to join.

Coach: Dale Lawton

Email: dale@judoeducation.co.uk





ST JAMES ARENT SURVEY RESULTS

LDST

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE 36 PARENTS AND CARERS WHO RESPONDED TO OUR RECENT PARENT SURVEY.

PLEASE FIND BELOW THE RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY ALONGSIDE WHERE YOU CAN FIND FURTHER INFORMATION AND OUR NEXT STEPS AS A SCHOOL.

97%

OF PARENTS WOULD RECOMMEND THIS SCHOOL TO ANOTHER PARENT. MY CHILD IS HAPPY AT THIS SCHOOL

AGREED OR STRONGLEY AGREED THAT THEIR CHILD WAS SAFE AT THIS SCHOOL.

92%

STRONGLY AGREED OR AGREED THAT THERE WERE A GOOD RANGE OF SUBJECTS AVAILABLE.

MY CHILD CAN TAKE PART IN CLUBS AND **ACTIVITIES AT THIS** SCHOOL:

AGREED OR STRONGLY
AGREED THAT PUPILS
ARE WELL BEHAVED.

92%

AGREED OR STRONGLY

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PARENTS:

- If you're ever curious about what your child is learning, we've got plenty of ways to keep you informed! You can check out our Journey Curriculum tab on the school website, which has year-group details and learning topics. We also go over this at the start of each academic year during Meet the Teacher sessions and regularly in our half-termly Coffee Mornings-a great chance to chat and stay in the loop!
- We're committed to keeping you updated. This year, we've had two Parents' Evenings, mid-term reports, and will soon be sharing our annual end-of-year reports to give a full picture of your child's progress.
- We always want to ensure any concerns are heard and addressed. If you have a question or need to raise and issue, please don't hesitate to reach out via our central school inbox:sthelensstjameshaydock@ldst.org.uk We're here to support you and your child every step of the way!



SCHOOL NEXT STEPS:

Exciting changes ahead-we appreciate your ongoing support!

- Updating our Positive Relationships policy and St James Way to reflect traumainformed and restorative justice practices.
- Introducing calm classrooms, sensory spaces, and sensory circuits to support pupil well-being and emotional regulation.
- Launching "My Happy Minds" and the "School Pledge" in September to promote positive mental health and healthier lifestyles across the community.
- Explore expanding extracurricular clubs.
- Explore SEND coffee mornings, parent information sessions, and support groups.

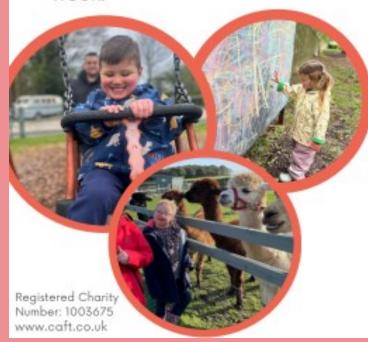
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WHIT HOLIDAY FAMILY VISITS

Looking for somewhere to bring your children during half term

We are running 2 hour family visits throughout the half term week.



During your visit you can:

 Meet our furry friends on the Farm

CREATE

PLAY

EXPLORE

- Explore our Sensory Garden
- Have fun in our adventure playground
- Explore the woodland & toast a marshmallow

To book visit: www.caft.co.uk/families

CAFT is able to offer visits for children up to 17 years with disabilities, life limiting/terminal illness, from disadvantaged backgrounds, with sensory/additional/social/emotional/behavioural/special educational needs. Please contact us for any questions on eligibility.



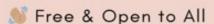
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Join our free creative workshops this May! All ages are welcome to help re-imagine Haydock Library as a fun and inclusive place, especially for disabled people and children. Share your ideas and explore materials as we design the library of the future together.

Refreshments provided - Family and sensory friendly

† Haydock Library, St Helens, WA11 OLY



Book the workshop dates and times below. You can come to as many as you like.

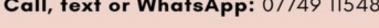
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- Wed 28 May 7 pm 9 pm
- Thurs 29 May 11am 1pm
- Thursday 29 May 4pm-5.30pm





Book a free place and tell us your access requirements

Email: emilypeasgoodstudio@gmail.com Call, text or WhatsApp: 07749 115484





ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL







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FOOTBALL CLASSES

First Class FREE to try

All sessions are based around fun, with matches being played. Even if you are in a team why not come along for extra training. My sessions are designed to build confidence, learn new skills and make new friends.

I am DBS approved and an FA qualified coach. I have over 15 years experience in coaching both in the UK and overseas.

CLASSES AVAILABLE.

Monday 5-6pm (Girls - Year 4 - Year 6)

Tuesday 5-6pm (Mixed - Year 1- Year 3)

Tuesday 6-7pm (Girls Year 1 - Year 3)

Wednesday 5-6pm (Boys Year 4 - Year 6)

Wednesdays 6-7pm (Boys Year 3 - Year 5)

Thursdays 5-6pm (Boys Reception - Year 1)

Thursdays 6-7pm (Mixed 9 - 12 Years)

Friday 6-7pm (Mixed 10 - 13 Years)

Saturday 9.15-10am (3 - 4 Years Nursery)

Sunday 11-12 (Mixed Year 3 - Year 5)



Course Details

Ages 3 - 15 years

Walmsley Road Football Fields WA105JR

For more information on prices and availability contact - Steven Pagendam on 07492091999 or message me on facebook Steven Pagendam

Water and shin pads essential.