



NEWSLETTER

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Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills



Understanding of British and Christian Values



Resilience and Perseverance



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Encourage Articulate Learners



Your Wellbeing and Health

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

A message from Mrs Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy first week back we have had!



Our Y4 children have started to carry out their Multiplication Times Table Checks and Mr Hardy has been very impressed with the times table knowledge!

Y6 enjoyed their end of year outdoor adventure trip! The photos on X/Twitter looked amazing and so much fun was had by all!

Next week, Y1 pupils will begin to carry out the Phonics Screening Check - a busy week for them.

We welcomed Merseyside Police into school on Wednesday to talk with our KS2 children about the dangers of anti social behaviour and knife crime in an age-appropriate manner. These types of workshops are an important part of our safeguarding curriculum.

Did you hear the news about our new 'Young Carers in School' award? We are the first LDST school to receive the award! Young carers are children under 18 who are responsible for the care of a family member with who, due to illness, disability, mental health condition or addiction, can't cope without their support. Research by Carers Trust shows 40% of young carers say they don't get enough support to balance education and caring. With this in mind, it is an amazing achievement for the school and one that demonstrates St James' commitment to putting a range of support in place and therefore making a huge difference to young carer's lives. Special mention To Miss Barratt, Mrs Evans and Mrs Conant who are the school's Young Carers Champions.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Young



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance

Whole School	94.6%
Reception	96.3%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	93.2%



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME



144

pupils

with perfect attendance this week.

Can we beat this next week?



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%



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

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 start.

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.

Miss School Miss Out

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



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.



Journey Driver Focus:

RECEPTION	Theo Plumpton
YEAR 1	Sophia Illes
YEAR 2	Evelyn Topping-Smith
YEAR 3	Axel Richardson
YEAR 4	Alex Eccleston
YEAR 5	Demi Rattray
YEAR 6	Alisar Alsejnawi



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT



Whole School events Summer 2

Date	Event
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
14/06/24	Year 2 Assembly 9.00am
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
04/07/24	Sports Day - Times to be confirmed
12/07/24	Reception Assembly 9.00am
16/07/24	Reserve Sports Day
17/07/24	Year 4 Swimming - Last Finishes
18/07/24	Year 6 Leavers Service - St James' Church 9.30am
19/07/24	Close Closes for Summer 2pm

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.



PE Days Summer 2

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

Monday Year 5 and

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

Clubs

We are running the following after school clubs this 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
- **Thursday-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
- Mrs Conant will also be running a Recorder Club at lunchtime for children in Y2 and Y3.
- **Post Confirmation sessions Tuesdays** 11th and 18th June with Father Michael

Summer Menu 2024

Week 1

W16: 21/05/24 • 17/06/24 • 18/07/24
B2/06/24 • 23/06/24 • 14/07/24

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
Apple Slices & Raisins
Filled Jacket Potato (Sweetcorn (v), Cheese (v), Baked Beans (v), Tuna Mayo)

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)

Friday

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

Week 2

W16: 03/06/24 • 04/06/24 • 18/07/24
09/06/24 • 10/06/24 • 21/07/24

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)
Pasta, Broccoli & Carrots
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

W16: 18/06/24 • 03/07/24 • 22/07/24
14/06/24 • 05/07/24 • 26/07/24

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
Homemade Flapjack
Filled Jacket Potato (Beef Bolognese, Sweetcorn (v), Cheese (v), Baked Beans (v))

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, Yogurt 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 ordered 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 Diet Procedure. Allergen and Carb information also available upon request and via the council's website.



Safeguarding Tip of the Week



Safety in the Sun

This week our safeguarding focus is on staying safe when out in the sun. As the weather starts to warm up and the sun is shining, it is important that we protect our skin and our health in general.

Here are some top tips for being safe in the sun:

- Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection
- Reapply sunscreen if you have been in the water
- Wear sunglasses with UV protection
- Wear a sunhat and loose clothing made of breathable material
- Stay in the shade during the middle of the day when the sun is at its strongest
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated



National Online Safety Tip of the Week

Palworld

With an all-time peak of 2.1 million concurrent players, Palworld rose to prominence after its release earlier this year on PC and Xbox, resonating in particular with the younger audience – both those who saw their favourite influencers playing it and those who bought the game themselves.

Despite its light-hearted presentation and cartoonish art style, Palworld has been noted for its mature references that could be inappropriate for children. What's more, the presence of online multiplayer and the potential for interacting with strangers can pose further online safety risks. This week's online safety guide is bringing you expert advice on how to protect young people from the concerns associated with Palworld.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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Good to know – minimum age limits for popular apps



Facebook (minimum age 13) – lets users create their own profiles, share status updates, pictures, videos and chat with other users and also has a messenger app.



Instagram (minimum age 13) – allows users to alter photos, upload them and share to other social networking sites. Photos and videos can be sent directly to specific users.



Snapchat (minimum age 13) – a photo-sharing app where users can send photos or videos to their friends. These will display on screen for up to ten seconds before being deleted, although it is possible to take screenshots of messages and download other apps designed to capture and save Snapchat content.



TikTok (minimum age 13) – TikTok users can make their own short videos on the mobile app and often like to have music accompany these. The users have creative control over the videos. Other TikTok users can 'react' to videos they see by filming their responses alongside the original video, or 'duet' by making a video alongside another video.



Twitter (minimum age 13) – a social network that lets users send and read 'Tweets': messages limited to 280 characters.



Tumblr (minimum age 16) – a social networking site where users can post blogs and follow other people's blogs. Some of the content on this site includes sexual and/or pornographic images.



WhatsApp (minimum age 16) – a free-of-charge, real-time messaging service. Users can share images and videos, take part in 'group chats' and share locations. As it's based on knowing the user's phone number, you can only message users if you already have this information.



YouTube (minimum age 16) – allows users to watch, create and comment on videos. The dislike button can create insecurities with content posted even if comments are turned off for the video.

IN OTHER NEWS



Meet the Team



Baby Showers



A chance to meet the services delivered in St Helens Family Hubs and Children's Centres!

FREE raffle draw to win a baby starter hamper.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Wednesday 19th June 2024
1.00pm - 3.00pm

Central Link Family Hub

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Wednesday 3rd July 2024
9.30am - 11.30am

Sutton Family Hub

Services available:

Midwifery
Health Visiting

Family Hubs

Parents in Mind
Home-Start

Advice on free
childcare

And many more..

BSL Interpreters are available on request.

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