





NEWSLETTER


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


 **Joyful Readers**


 **Opportunities to Build Upon Knowledge and Skills**

 **Understanding of British and Christian Values**

 **Resilience and Perseverance**

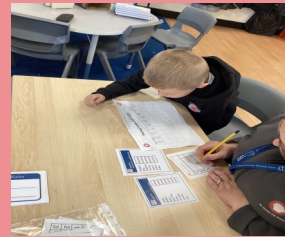
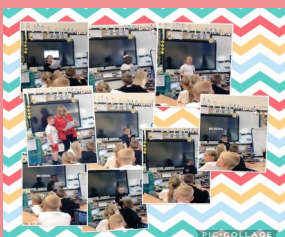
 **Nurture Curiosity**

 **Encourage Articulate Learners**

 **Your Wellbeing and Health**

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



This week at St James

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your children are settling back into the school routine smoothly. It's been a fantastic week filled with engaging activities and important lessons.

This week, Year 1 to Year 6 had a fantastic opportunity to meet the St Helens Recycling Team. The team held a lively discussion about recycling, answering lots of curious questions from the children. It was inspiring to see how excited they were about learning ways to help our planet. They left with a strong sense of responsibility towards recycling and environmental care.

Our Year 5 pupils had a visit from the local PCSO officers, who provided an important session on online safety. The discussion covered essential tips for navigating the digital world safely. We encourage you to continue these important conversations at home to help reinforce the key messages from their visit.

Year 6 had a special visit from Byrchall High School representatives this week. They shared valuable insights about their school and invited our students to their Open Evening. This visit has been instrumental in helping our Year 6 students prepare for their transition to secondary school.

We were delighted to welcome Joe Heyes for his first worship session of the year. His engaging and inspiring message was well-received by the children, who enjoyed a thought-provoking and lively worship experience. It's a great start to what we hope will be a year full of spiritual growth and learning.

Today, we celebrated "Journeying Together" day, focusing on our new school vision: "Together to live, learn, and laugh with the love of God." The day was filled with Bible stories, games, crafts, and various activities that helped us all connect with our vision. A huge thank you to Miss Barratt for her exceptional planning and organisation, making the day both meaningful and fun for everyone.

As we move forward, let's keep embracing the spirit of learning, laughter, and love that makes our school community special. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Warm regards,

Mrs Briers

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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 **94.9%**

The class with the highest attendance this week, and the winner of the virtual £5 is Y1

There were 146 pupils with perfect attendance this week. Can we beat this next week?

Weekly Attendance	
Whole School	96.7%
Reception	99.3%
Year 1	99.6%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	84.4%
Year 6	99.0%



Term Dates

2024-2025

Autumn Term		Days
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Friday 18 th October 2024	33
Monday 4 th November 2024	Thursday 19 th December 2024	34
Spring Term		
Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025	30
Monday 24 th February 2025	Wednesday 9 th April 2025	33
Summer Term		
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025	23
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	37
		190

Arrival Time Reminder

To ensure your child has the best start to their day, please make sure they arrive at school between **08:40 and 08:50**. Lessons begin promptly at 08:50, including important retrieval activities. Arriving after this time means missing out on valuable learning and being marked as late. We regularly monitor late arrivals and will inform you of the cumulative hours of missed learning. Please note, if your child arrives after 09:20, it will be recorded as 'unauthorised absence'.

Thank you for your cooperation!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

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
15 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

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Welcome to our series of safeguarding tips, designed to help keep our children safe and supported.

In today's digital age, ensuring your child's online safety is more important than ever. As children spend increasing amounts of time online, it's essential to promote responsible digital use and help them navigate the online world safely.

Encourage your child to practice good online habits, such as using privacy settings on social media, being cautious about sharing personal information, and thinking critically about the content they encounter. Discuss the importance of treating others with respect online and the potential risks of engaging with unknown contacts or sites.

It's also valuable to maintain an open dialogue about their online experiences. Regularly check in with your child about their online activities and address any concerns or questions they may have.

For additional resources and advice on promoting online safety, refer to the Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 document or contact our school's safeguarding team.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

Hoaxes, Online Challenges and Bad Apps

This week, some schools in the area about an internet rumour or character that is causing concern among students. This has also led to some parents reaching out to about a potential threat. However, Merseyside Police have not identified any direct threat, so while it's important for your children to feel comfortable discussing their worries with you, please reassure them that there is no known risk and they need not be alarmed.

When addressing concerns about online challenges, apps, websites, or games, it's crucial to avoid directly naming or describing the issue. Exposing children to unsettling or frightening content can be counterproductive and may inadvertently lead to increased curiosity or online traffic, which can perpetuate the problem. Instead, focusing on general safety tips and encouraging open communication with your child can be more effective in keeping them informed and safe. See the following poster for more information.



Spirituality Spotlight

As a school community we want to be:

**“Journeying together to Live,
Learn and Laugh with the Love of
God”**

DO
EVERYTHING
in love
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

Mrs Briers' favourite bible verse is:



'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.'
Deuteronomy 31:6

Mrs Briers says:



People are inspired by different things, but when I do not have all the answers for the challenges in front of me, my inspiration comes from God. When times are tough, I trust that he will bring me guidance and just knowing that he is with me every step of the way is of great comfort to me. It also reminds me of one of my favourite hymns, 'Be Bold, Be Strong.'

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

SCARE! Hoaxes, online challenges & 'bad apps'

What parents and schools need to know to keep children safe from the latest dares, scares, threats & challenges

There are always stories going round about nasty things online and you may be asked to share warnings about them. The ones with clever names and funny pictures are usually fakes and hoaxes, but of course bad things happen online too and we all want to keep young people safe from them.



NO NEED TO SHOW SCARY THINGS, NAME THEM OR SAY WHERE TO FIND THEM

Whether a scare is real or not, we would advise against sharing warnings about specific challenges or even 'bad apps', sites or games. Read on to find out why...and what to do instead.

Why shouldn't we share specific warnings?

Scare-shares can cause:

1. A false sense of security
2. Free publicity
3. Unproductive panic

What can we do instead?

1. Talk about **GENERAL** risks and what can go wrong online wherever you are
2. Use **NON-SCARY EXAMPLES** to talk about how to respond to dares, challenges, scares and threats
3. Make sure children and young people know who to talk to and where to get **HELP** from different sources
4. Focus on the **POSITIVES** - after all, if we say it's all bad, they won't listen to us

Top tips



Still not sure? Have a look at what the experts at CEOP say about online scares or how the Samaritans advise us to talk about challenges.



Find out more at scare.lgfl.net

 &  @LGfLSafeguardED



Joyful Readers

"And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."

[1 John 1:4]

Well done to this weeks Headteacher's award winners who have lived our Journey driver of being a 'Joyful Reader'.

RECEPTION	Kwamina Adabie
YEAR 1	Dominion udeh
YEAR 2	Sofia Bate
YEAR 3	Olivia Nelson
YEAR 4	Isobel McCue
YEAR 5	Alex Eccleston
YEAR 6	William Gartside



DEMOCRACY DAY



Last week all classes from Y1 -Y6 discussed the importance of our British Values 'Democracy' and 'Individual Liberty'.

Following this, manifestos were written, speeches were given and our new school pupil leadership team were elected. Congratulations to our newly elected Head Boy and Head Girl

Finely and Dulagee

Congratulation to our newly elected Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl

Logan C and Briella

Congratulations to newly appointed School Council

Y2-Sofia B and Vinny

Y3-Emmanuel and Olivia

Y4-Massa and Elliot

Y5-Charlie and Lily

Y6-Finley, Logan C, Dulagee and Briella

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
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PE Days

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

Clubs

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

- **Tuesday**– FAB Club for Y1 and Y2 with Miss Barratt
- **Wednesday**-FAB Club for Y3 and Y4 with Miss Barratt
- **Thursday**– Basketball for Y5 and Y6 with the Sports Coach

If your child is in Y5, you may receive a letter inviting them to attend a Reading Booster Club.

Whole School events Autumn 1



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
24/09/24	Year 6 - Anglican Cathedral visit
25/09/24	Coffee Morning - Spelling 9.00am
26/09/24	Year 2 St James' the Great Visit
01/10/24	Reception Welcome Service
03/10/24	Year 1 St James' the Great Visit
08/10/24	St Jame' Harvest Service lead by Year 5
09/10/24	Debt Awareness Sessions Year 5 and Year 6
10/10/24	Year 6 Assembly 9.00am
11/10/24	Year 3 Football
14/10/24	Safety Week
15/10/24	Year 6 - Bike Right
16/10/24	Year 6 - Bike Right
16/10/24	Fire brigade visit
17/10/24	Year 6 Bike Right
17/10/24	Reception St James' the Great
18/10/24	School Closes for half term 3.20pm

Summer Menu 2024

Week 1

w/c 27/05/24 • 17/06/24 • 08/07/24
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 03/06/24 • 24/06/24 • 15/07/24
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 10/06/24 • 01/07/24 • 22/07/24
18/09/24 • 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.



Snack Time Reminder

We've noticed a shift in the types of snacks children are bringing for break times. In Year 1 and Year 2, children receive free fruit daily, so they generally don't need an additional snack. However, we understand that not all children like the fruit provided and may bring alternatives.

Lately, we've seen an increase in children bringing bags of crisps and chocolate bars for break time. While these items are fine as part of a balanced packed lunch, they are not ideal for a quick snack. It seems that some children might be taking these items from their lunchboxes for break time, leading to confusion about when certain foods should be eaten.

To help manage this, please send only one small, healthy snack with your child for morning break. This snack should be packed separately from their lunch (e.g., in their book bag). Reserve larger packets of crisps and chocolate bars for lunchtime.

Thank you for your support in keeping snack times healthy and manageable!

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School Bags and Home/School Diaries

To manage classroom space effectively, please ensure your child brings only their school book bag to school each day. Large rucksacks are not permitted. Additionally, make sure your child packs their Home/School Diary in their bag daily. These diaries are crucial for communication and support our approach to learning and independent study.

Our School Rules:

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Our STAR Learning Behaviours



- S** – Sit up.
- T** – Tune in.
- A** – Ask and answer questions.
- R** – Respect everyone and everything.