



# FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



## CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Next Friday - 1st December - is our annual Christmas Markets where you will be able to purchase a range of Christmas-themed products that the children have made. The markets will open at 2:00 pm.

In order for everybody to get the chance to buy our wonderful products, **the school will close for children at 2:00 pm.**

Please note that children will not be permitted to attend the markets alone. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

## STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Ariella K
- Class 2 - Jackson WO
- Class 3 - Ruby Y
- Class 4 - Bella W
- Class 5 - Rosie E
- Class 6 - Willow C
- Class 7 - Liliana C
- Class 8 - Kayleb H
- Class 9 - Liliana W
- Class 10 - Jayden L
- Class 11 - Leo D

## GOLD SCROLL

Oliver C  
Ranae L  
Eva-Rose S  
Francis N  
Decan M  
Jackson WO  
Eesa S  
Jenson M  
Raya T  
Lincoln B  
Taro P

## CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is  
**Peace.**

## BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Blessed are the peacekeepers, for they will be called the children of God. Romans 12:18*



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Just a reminder that on Thursday 7th December, we will take part in Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day for a donation of £1 with all proceeds going to Save The Children International. Donations will go to help provide lifesaving resources such as food, clean water, clothing and blankets.

## PE KITS

We are seeing more and more children without school PE kits and without the appropriate kit, children are unable to take part in their lessons.

PE is a compulsory subject and all children are legally required to take part in this lesson. To ensure that this happens, any child without a PE kit on their assigned PE day will need to wear a spare kit provided by the school. This will also happen if children are wearing inappropriate footwear. We will be implementing this from January 2024.

**PE kits should consist of a plain white t-shirt, navy blue shorts and black PE pumps.**

If parents/carers have any PE kits that are no longer being used or do not fit children anymore, please could you consider donating these to the school.

## ATTENDANCE

**OUR TARGET IS 96%**

<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
<b>Class 1</b>	<b>89.4%</b>
<b>Class 2</b>	<b>89.1%</b>
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>Class 4</b>	<b>87.2%</b>
<b>Class 5</b>	<b>92.7%</b>
<b>Class 6</b>	<b>90.7%</b>
<b>Class 7</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>Class 8</b>	<b>89.7%</b>
<b>Class 9</b>	<b>97.0%</b>
<b>Class 10</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Class 11</b>	<b>100%</b>

Green: 100% - 95%

Yellow: 94.9% - 90%

Red: Below 90%

Don't forget that you can find lots of information on our website:

[www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk](http://www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk) or follow us on



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# Christmas Events

## Christmas Markets

*Friday 1st December at 2 pm*

*School will close at 2pm to accommodate this start time.*

## Christmas Performances

*EYFS Nativity - Tues 12th December at 9:30 am & Wed 13th  
December at 2:15 pm.*

*KS1 Christingle - Tues 12th December at 2:15 pm & Wed 13th  
December at 9:30 am.*

*Year 3 & 4 Carol Service - Friday 15th at 2:30 pm.*

## Christmas Parties

*EYFS & Classes 3, 4 & 5 - Monday 18th December*

*Classes 6, 7 & 8 - Tuesday 19th December*

*Classes 9, 10 & 11 - Wednesday 20th December*





**CRESCENT FOOD BANK**

# UTILITY BILLS SUPPORT

Financial support available for households that are struggling to keep up with gas and electricity bills

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# Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

## ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE



Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

## TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS



If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

## REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS



Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

## BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS



Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

## CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL



It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

## MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS



Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

## SET STURDY PASSWORDS



A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

## DITCH THE DEBIT CARD



Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

## RESIST THE INFLUENCE



Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

## TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.



## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



# National Online Safety

## #WakeUpWednesday



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