



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



MUSIC FESTIVAL

Last night, St James' school choir performed at the Bolton Music Festival in Victoria Hall in Bolton town centre. Ten other schools across the borough joined them on the fourth night of a week-long festival. St James sang individually, with some fantastic solos, and as a mass choir where everyone sang together.

Our children did an amazing job and sang on stage with such confidence. Their behaviour was impeccable as they had to wait to be the last school on the billing.

Thank you to all the parents who came to support the children. We definitely had the best cheers!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - Freddie W

Class 2 - Theo S

Class 3 - Oliver C

Class 4 - Sheriff C

Class 5 - Ashton B

Class 6 - Avniel AF

Class 7 - Ayoub A

Class 8 - David M

Class 9 - Max B

Class 10 - Dominic G

Class 11 - Ali A



GOLD SCROLL

Tallulah Rose L
Zohan A, Tianna W,
Levi C, Jessica C,
Tommie I, Dakota G,
Mansa K, Leo D,
Sienna-Rose T,
Chido G

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is
Hope.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans for welfare and
not for evil, to give you a future and
hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

"With God, there is no limit to what you can do. There is no obstacle you can't overcome. Through Him all things are possible."
(Matthew 19:26)

Attendance

DRUMH WORKSHOPS

This week, all of the children took part in a special DRUMH workshop to develop their PE and music skills. The children were able to practice their co-ordination and rhythm by dancing around their drum whilst hitting it to the beat of the song. Lots of fun was had all the children from Little Saints to Year 6.



SPORTS COMPETITION

Well done to all our pupils who competed in sports events this week. We had lots of winners and the children had an amazing time competing against other schools in Farnworth.

ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	91.7%
Class 1	90.0%
Class 2	86.7%
Class 3	93.5%
Class 4	95.0%
Class 5	94.7%
Class 6	84.4%
Class 7	92.8%
Class 8	96.2%
Class 9	94.8%
Class 10	85.3%
Class 11	92.8%

Green - 100% - 95%
 Yellow - 94.9% - 90%
 Red - Below 90%



A Moment of Reflection

O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference; living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time.

Amen

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

www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law: involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.



POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.



FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.



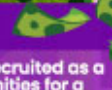
MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.



TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.



STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at www.moneymules.co.uk) has plenty of useful information and advice.



REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Meet Our Expert

Rose Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



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