



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



CROSS-COUNTRY SUCCESS

On Wednesday, St James' hosted a cross-country competition. Children from across Farnworth competed in several races according to their year group. Throughout the competition, our runners won two gold medals, a silver medal and a bronze medal! When all the scores were added up, St James won second place.

A huge well done, and congratulations to all our runners who contributed to our win!!! Also, a big thank you to our year 5 pupils who helped organise the event - their behaviour and sportsmanship where are credit to school.



SHADES AMBASSADORS

School is proud of these amazing Shades Ambassadors who presented to the Diocesan Synod last Saturday in Bury. The confidence they showed to speak in front of 100 adults was incredible. Spreading their Shades message to stop racism! Well done! A huge thank you to the parents/carers who brought them too.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery - Dabira S

Class 1 - Bonnie W

Class 2 - Abraham T

Class 3 - Toby T

Class 4 - Freddie W

Class 5 - Talia K

Class 6 - Felicity P

Class 7 - Alex R

Class 8 - Gracie-Ella B

Class 9 - All of CL9

Class 10 - Thomas F

Class 11 - Tin N

Class 12 - Ruianny LP



GOLD SCROLL

Christophe N, Summer-Leigh J,
Luiza P, Markela N, Zainab K,
Charlie H, Arianna K,
Philip O, Oscar W, Jason L,
Joy B, Ella E, Isabella P,
Toby S, Yusuf A, Mahi Q,
Tallulah Rose L, Jessica C,
Talia K, Nawara M, Dominic H,
Oscar H, Jon Y, Noryah M,
Olly BM

CHRISTIAN VALUES

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

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"

Luke 23:34

"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)

Things coming up

W/C	Events
24.03.25	<p>Love Your School Week</p> <p>26th – Class 7 visit to Bolton Parish Church</p> <p>26th - Reception Wiggle Stay and Learn (2-3pm)</p> <p>27th - Little Saints Stay and Play – 10:45am & 2:45pm</p> <p>27th - Class 3 Assembly @2:45pm – Mother's Day</p> <p>28th – Eid Super Learning Day</p> <p>28th - Nursery Stay and Play – 10:40am & 2:40pm</p> <p>28th - Non-uniform - chocolate egg donations</p>
31.03.25	<p>Experience Easter Week</p> <p>1st – Phonic Screen parents' meeting @2:45pm</p> <p>3rd - Class 7 Assembly @2:45 - Easter</p> <p>4th - Easter Bingo in school</p> <p>4th – Closed for Easter</p>

Easter Bingo

On Friday, 28th March, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for chocolate egg donations. These donations will be used as prizes for Easter bingo on Friday 4th April.

Easter Bingo tickets will be available for £1.50. This will give children access to all bingo games along with a snack and drink. Money for tickets will need to be given to the class teacher. Alternatively, tickets can be purchased via ParentPay.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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