



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



ANNUAL TRUST SERVICE

On Wednesday, our year 5 and 6 children attended Bolton Parish Church for our annual service to celebrate the special partnership between our multi-academy trust and the church. The service was overseen by The Right Reverend Mark Davies, Bishop of Middleton, who gave a special blessing to all the schools in our trust. Pupils from St James, St Maxentius and Bishop Bridgeman collaborated to sing together in a trust choir and provided presentations about their school's Christian vision. Our children read and acted out the origins of our school Christian vision, the bible story of 'David and Goliath'. The children sang beautifully and behaved impeccably. They were a credit to our school.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Oscar H
- Class 2 - Nora C
- Class 3 - Violet P
- Class 4 - Markela N
- Class 5 - Burhan K
- Class 6 - Skyler G
- Class 7 - Oscar W
- Class 8 - Seth R
- Class 9 - Craig C
- Class 10 - Luke B
- Class 11 - Addison F



GOLD SCROLL

Rogan J, Ethan MK,
Harrison I, Raya T,
Libby M, Anna E,
Samin T, Alisha C,
Yara S, Tiife R,
Jayden L, Chido G,
Poppy A, Zina S,
Zayyan W, Gideon M,
William H

CHRISTIAN VALUE

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

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18

"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)



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week, the school will be celebrating National Anti-Bullying Week and children will be completing activities to further embed their knowledge about bullying and what to do to combat it.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17th November, children are invited to wear non-uniform to school for a small donation of 50p or £1. All donations will go to Children In Need.

JEWELLERY

A reminder for parents that necklaces are not allowed in school. Please check your child is not wearing a necklace before arriving at school. Thank you

PE DAYS

PE Days for this half term:

- CL1 - Mon
- CL2 - Mon
- CL3 - Mon & Fri
- CL4 - Mon & Fri
- CL5 - Fri
- CL6 - Wed & Thurs
- CL7 - Tues & Thurs
- CL8 - Mon & Wed
- CL9 - Tues & Thurs
- CL10 - Thurs & Fri
- CL11 - Tues & Thurs

Don't forget that you can find lots of information on our website:
www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk or follow us on



ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	90.0%
Class 1	95.0%
Class 2	94.5%
Class 3	87.8%
Class 4	77.9%
Class 5	80.0%
Class 6	93.6%
Class 7	91.0%
Class 8	88.6%
Class 9	97.7%
Class 10	93.0%
Class 11	92.0%

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

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Today, the children were treated to a rock concert performed by the band 'Banned'.

'Banned' are a group of local teenagers from Little Lever High School. The band recently won Bolton's 'Battle of the Bands' and have since performed around Manchester in various venues and festivals.

We hope that this will inspire some of our children to have a love of music and possibly think about learning to play an instrument.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow; this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



National Online Safety

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SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPORT

Support available for families with children that are in financial difficulty



If you need support with school uniform for your child, please email your request, name and contact number to **winterclothing@crestfoodbank.org.uk**

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