



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a fantastic festive holiday and we have enjoyed welcoming the children back this week. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of good attendance at school. Parents and carers have a legal responsibility to make sure that their children get a full time education. This means being in school every day. It is no surprise to hear that the more your child is in school, the more they will learn. DfE evidence shows that the children with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A-Level results. DfE research has also found that children who performed better at the end of primary school, missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. We are sure that you would want the very best for your child and hope that they do well at school - this starts with good attendance so that they receive the education that they are entitled to have. Being in school is also good for children's social skills which can have a positive impact on their wellbeing. We know that sometimes children are poorly, but as soon as children are well enough it is important they return to school as soon as they are able. If you are struggling to get your child into school then please contact Mrs McKinnon, or your child's class teacher, to see what support can be offered.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Olly BM
- Class 2 - Freddie D
- Class 3 - Raphael F
- Class 4 - Alex R
- Class 5 - Imogen L
- Class 6 - Mia R
- Class 7 - Jan Y
- Class 8 - Lara R
- Class 9 - Tianna Leigh W
- Class 10 - Luke B
- Class 11 - Favour A

GOLD SCROLL

Kasper S
Freddie B
Nora C
Paisley G
Ariella K
Cole CH
David W
Lydia SB
David M
Daniel O

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is
Love.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We love because he first loved us.
John 4:19



ATTENDANCE PRIZES

This term we will have three attendance prizes on offer! There will be a £50 Amazon voucher on offer for children in KS2 and a £50 Amazon voucher for children in KS1 & Reception. To be in with a chance of winning one of those vouchers, your child needs to have an attendance rate of 96% or above. This tends to be no more than 2-3 days off school throughout the full term.

There will also be a £50 Amazon voucher for the most improved attendance from Autumn Term to end of Spring Term. So if your child's attendance wasn't high last term, if they are in school every day this term then they may be in with a chance of winning this prize. You've got to be in it to win it!

STAFFING UPDATES

Miss Wood, one of our teaching assistants, returns to school on Monday after her maternity leave. We are very much looking forward to her return. She is now known as Miss Walton.

REMINDERS

Wednesday 17th January - Class 8 Assembly @ 2:45 pm.

Monday 22nd January - Year 6 SATs Meeting @ 2:45 pm.

PE DAYS

Reception - Thursdays

CL3 - Monday

CL4 - Tuesdays & Thursdays

CL5 - Wednesdays & Thursdays

CL6 - Tuesdays & Fridays

CL7 - Mondays & Tuesdays

CL8 - Wednesdays & Thursdays

CL9 - Tuesdays & Fridays

CL10 - Wednesdays & Fridays

CL11 - Tuesdays

ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	93.4%
Class 1	91.3%
Class 2	86.1%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	93.4%
Class 5	94.6%
Class 6	92.4%
Class 7	88.6%
Class 8	95.5%
Class 9	97.0%
Class 10	92.4%
Class 11	95.2%

Green: 100% - 95%

Yellow: 94.9% - 90%

Red: Below 90%



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Spring Calendar of Events

Spring 1

Week	W/C	Events
1	08/01/24	9 th - School Re-opens
2	15/01/24	15 th - Parent leaflets out 17 th - CL8 Assembly @2:45pm
3	22/01/24	22 nd - Year 6 SATs Meeting
4	29/01/24	
5	05/02/24	Children's Mental Health Week 6 th - Safer Internet Day & assembly by CL9 @2:45pm
6	12/02/24	16 th - School closes for half-term

Spring 2

Week	W/C	Events
1	26/02/24	26 th - School Re-opens 27 th & 28 th - Parent Consultation (in school) 28 th - Book Fair in school
2	04/03/24	6 th - Mothers' Day Assembly by CL3 8 th - World Book Day (Pyjama-themed dress up day)
3	11/03/24	15 th - Red Nose Day
4	18/03/24	
5	25/03/24	Experience Easter 27 th - Easter Assembly by CL7 @2:45pm 28 th - School Closes for Easter

Please note that dates are subject to change and school will inform parents if these changes occur.

What Children & Young People Need to Know about

FREE SPEECH

HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the GEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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Source: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/schedule/1/entry-1-17> text: 'Everyone's rights: the rights to freedom of expression'