



ST JAMES NEWS



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2025

The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



CHRISTMAS SHOWS

We would like to offer a huge congratulations to our Reception and Key Stage One (CL3, 4 & 5) children for their outstanding Nativity and Christingle performances this week. The children shone on stage, sharing the Christmas story with such confidence, warmth and joy.

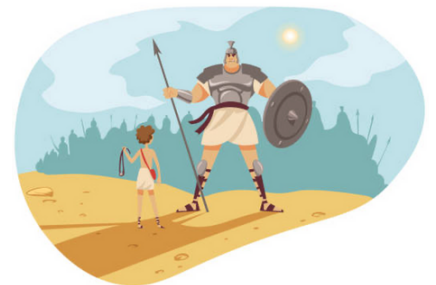
We were incredibly proud of how well they learnt their lines and remembered every song, delivering each one with actions, enthusiasm and big smiles. Their hard work in rehearsals truly paid off, and it was a delight to see them perform so beautifully.

A special thank you also goes to the staff for their dedication in preparing the children, and to our families for their continued support. The performances were a wonderful start to the festive season and a reminder of the magic this time of year brings.

Don't forget next week, Key Stage 2 (CL6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12) will perform some Christmas songs at our 'Coffee and Carols' morning on Friday 19th at 9:00 am. Come and join us for a brew, a mince pie, and some singing.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class 1 - All of CL1
Class 2 - All of CL2
Class 3 - Yasmin J
Class 4 - Bettie R
Class 5 - Zara U
Class 6 - Advika BR
Class 7 - Haniya M
Class 8 - Ella B
Class 9 - Blaine D
Class 10 - Sheriff C
Class 11 - Kayleb H
Class 12 - Lujain A



VISION AWARD

Class 1 - All of CL1
Class 2 - All of CL2
Class 3 - Isaac C
Class 4 - Isabella P
Class 5 - Stella C
Class 6 - Elif O
Class 7 - Talia K
Class 8 - Rosie-Jade E
Class 9 - Liliana C
Class 10 - Skyler G
Class 11 - Anna D
Class 12 - Alfie H

Coming up!

WC - 15th December 2025

Monday 15th - Little Saints & Nursery Pop-Up Nativity @10:30am & 2:15pm

Tuesday 16th - EYFS/CL3, 4 & 5 Party (PM)

Tuesday 16th - Nursery & Little Saints Nativity (times TBC)

Wednesday 17th - CL6, 7 & 8 Party (PM)

Thursday 18th - Little Saints & Nursery Christmas party

Thursday 18th - CL9, 10, 11 & 12 Party (PM)

Friday 19th - Carols & Coffee with Class 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 @9am

Friday 19th - Reception visit to the Pantomime

Friday 19th - Finish for Christmas

AFTER POPULAR DEMAND, CHILDREN CAN WEAR CHRISTMAS CLOTHES ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM. THIS COULD BE A CHRISTMAS JUMPER, DRESSES, T-SHIRTS, OR JUST RED & GREEN. PLEASE DO NOT GO TO ANY EXPENSE. THERE WILL BE NO DONATIONS NEEDED.

WC - 5th January 2026

Monday 5th - Children return to school at 8:40 am.

Monday 5th - Pantomime visit to school

WC - 12th January 2026

Monday 12th - Class 6, 7 & 8 Stay & Learn @ 9 am.

Monday 12th - Class 9, 10, 11 & 12 Stay & Learn @ 2:30 pm

Tuesday 13th - Class 3, 4 & 5 Stay & Learn @ 9 am

Tuesday 13th - Class 6, 7 & 8 Stay & Learn @ 2:30 pm

Wednesday 14th - Class 9, 10 & 12 Stay & Learn @ 9 am

Thursday 15th - Class 3, 4 & 5 Stay & Learn @ 2:30 pm


We Love St James



We have
enjoyed
Christmas
Crafts.
Ember & Teddy
- CL7




I have
reached 100
dojos!
Jorja - CL7



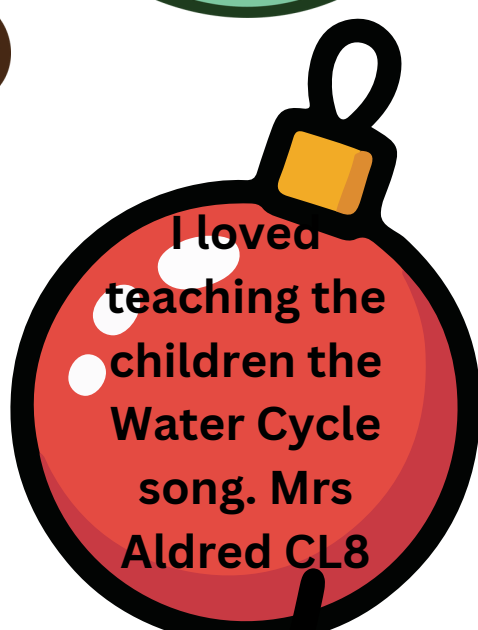
I loved the
Christmas
dinner and
crackers.
Anna - CL5



We like
learning
about shapes.
Cole & Gideon
- CL5



I like English
and writing
about
Katherine
Johnson. Isla
CL8



I loved
teaching the
children the
Water Cycle
song. Mrs
Aldred CL8

Christmas dinner day was lovely!
Miss Walton



Gold Scroll

Genesis M
Jaiden T
Ayokunmi O
Lewis B
Alfie H
Michael M
Finley S
Dawson F
Rogan J
Ronnie B
Jacob W
Teddy W
Isaac Wa

Joan I
Shahaine J
Ruby-River P
Terri L
Robyn G
Alicia K
Alexa W
Ella B
Jorja Mc
India B
Jasmine U
Thomas F
Karem BH



A huge thank you to New Bury Post Office for organising the Christmas Crackers and to Simon from Bookers for the kind donation.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

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