



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



SUMMER FAIR

This year, our summer fair is on Friday 14th July and will begin at 2pm. This means that school will close for children at 2pm and they will need to be collected promptly for the fair to begin. Children will not be allowed to attend the fair unless accompanied by an adult.

There will be a variety of stalls and games for you and your family to enjoy but to help us prepare for this and fully stock our stalls for the tombola, we are asking our families for chocolate donations on Tuesday 11th July. As a thank you, children can wear non-uniform on this day.

GOODBYE, MRS POLITA

Mrs Polita, who has been part of our nursery team and covering for Mrs Finch, finishes with us today now Mrs Finch has returned. She has made a huge impact on the lives of the nursery children and those who have worked with her. We wish her every success as she continues her path at St Maxentius, but she will still be part of our Archbishop Temple Trust family.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Maggie R
- Class 2 - Dominic H
- Class 3 - Burhan K
- Class 4 - Blossom K
- Class 5 - Skyler G
- Class 6 - Autumn S
- Class 7 - Bobby H
- Class 8 - Joseph M
- Class 9 - Poppie B
- Class 10 - Destiny B
- Class 11 - Ali A



GOLD SCROLL

Israel L
Brooke 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



TRANSITION DAY

Yesterday, the children enjoyed their transitions day to meet their new class teachers and we hope that they came home excited about the next academic year. However, it is important to remember that transition is a period of change and some children find this a little challenging. This is normal. If your child is finding transition tricky, please talk to the class teacher. We will work with you to ensure your child settles into their new class, but we will need your help and kindness to do this. A letter went out yesterday about classes, but as a reminder:

Nursery - Mrs Finch

Class 1 - Mrs Whitton

Class 2 - Mrs Pilling

Class 3 - Miss Jama

Class 4 - Miss Armour

Class 5 - Mrs Parkinson

Class 6 - Miss Hilson

Class 7 - Miss Casserley

Class 8 - Miss Thomas

Class 9 - Mrs Pandor

Class 10 - Miss Ali

Class 11 - Miss Craven

SPORTS DAYS

Sports Days are planned for the following days:

- **KS1 - Monday 10th July at 1:30 pm.**
- **Lower KS2 - Tuesday 11th July at 1:30 pm.**

We will re-arrange the UKS2 sports day before the end of the term. We'll let you know of any dates planned.

ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	92.5%
Class 1	89.5%
Class 2	93.3%
Class 3	92.2%
Class 4	95.6%
Class 5	93.3%
Class 6	94.8%
Class 7	93.0%
Class 8	89.0%
Class 9	86.5%
Class 10	96.2%
Class 11	96.7%

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

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

www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk or follow us on



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

RUMBLE



on the App Store; 'Teen' on Google Play

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.



THE ALTERNATIVE VIEW

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared from some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

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