



FRIDAY NEWS

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The official newsletter of St James CE Primary School



CORONATION SUPER LEARNING DAY

Today, we celebrated the upcoming coronation of King Charles III with a super learning day. We celebrated by taking part in a range of activities centred around this weekend's events.

There was face painting, colouring, re-enactments of the coronation and the crowning of a few 'kings & queens'. All of the children have really got into the royal spirit.

The coronation of a monarch is a rare and special moment in history and we hope we have made it memorable for all of our children. To reflect the King and Queen's deep affection for the natural world, the school has sent home a small packet of wildflower seeds with each child.

We hope all of our families have a lovely bank holiday weekend. The school will re-open on Tuesday 9th May at 8:40 am.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- Class 1 - Iqra S
- Class 2 - Ember B
- Class 3 - Leah L
- Class 4 - Annabelle M
- Class 5 - Jan Y
- Class 6 - Max F
- Class 7 - Jake S
- Class 8 - Haider A
- Class 9 - Zadie-Mae K
- Class 10 - Owen H
- Class 11 - Lily-Mae L



GOLD SCROLL

Liliana C, Oscar W,
Zohan A, Tallulah L,
Jack E, Ali A,
Manha M, Libby S,
Brooke G, Lexi G,
Mwangaza G

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Our Christian value this half term is
Honesty.

BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21:3



YEAR 6 SATS

On Tuesday 9th May, Year 6 will begin their End of Key Stage 2 SATs. It is crucial that Year 6 pupils arrive at school on time in order to settle and prepare for these exams. Therefore, Year 6 pupils can come to school from 8:30am where the school will provide sausage sandwiches (a vegetarian option will be available).

I'm sure you will join them in wishing them luck!

PARENTS EVENING CATCH-UP

Due to being unable to go ahead last term, catch-up parents' evenings have been arranged for class 3 on the 15th & 16th May. A link to the online booking form has been texted to relevant parents.

STAFFING UPDATE

Next Friday, Mr Sabreen, one of our teaching assistants leaves us to start a new career outside of education. We thank him for all of his hard work whilst he has been at our school and wish him well in his new venture.

THINGS COMING UP

- Monday 8th May - School closed for Bank Holiday.
- Tuesday 9th May - Year 6 SATs begin.
- Monday 16th May - Year 2 SATs begin.
- Tuesday 16th May - Roman Day for Lower KS2.

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

www.st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk



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ATTENDANCE

OUR TARGET IS 96%

Whole School	94.2%
Class 1	93.8%
Class 2	94.0%
Class 3	88.4%
Class 4	98.2%
Class 5	94.2%
Class 6	94.4%
Class 7	96.1%
Class 8	98.9%
Class 9	93.2%
Class 10	92.4%
Class 11	93.5%

Green - 100% - 95%

Yellow - 94.9% - 90%

Red - Below 90%

SUPER LEARNING DAY



10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



The life of KING CHARLES III



1948
Charles Windsor is born in Buckingham Palace to proud parents Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

1952
Charles' mother becomes Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England, making him the heir apparent.

1958
Charles is made Prince of Wales but does not have his investiture until 1969, when he is crowned in a televised ceremony.

1971-76
Following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and two great-grandfathers, Charles serves in the RAF. After training as a jet pilot, he joins the Royal Navy.



1982
The couple's first child, William, is born in St Mary's Hospital in London – and two years later, Prince Harry is born. Unlike many royal fathers, Charles was present at the birth of both his children.

1981
The prince marries Lady Diana Spencer in a ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral after a five-month engagement.

1976
On leaving the navy, Charles uses his severance pay to set up The Prince's Trust – a charity to help vulnerable young people which is still running today.



2005
Having divorced in 1996, Charles marries his second wife, Camilla Parker Bowles, in a civil ceremony at Windsor Guildhall.

2022
Charles becomes king following the passing of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. He was the longest serving heir apparent in British history.

2023
Charles is crowned in a ceremony at Westminster Abbey alongside his wife Camilla, becoming the oldest British monarch to ascend to the throne.

Did you know?...

GOD SAVE THE KING

Charles was the monarch in waiting for 70 years, overtaking Edward VII who had been heir apparent for 59 years.



The new king has a degree from the University of Cambridge and A Levels in History and French.

Charles is a committed environmentalist who has supported campaigns to address climate change. In 2007, he won Harvard University's Global Environmental Citizen Award.



Charles is also passionate about architecture. His charity – the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment – has helped design, construct and refurbish important buildings around the world. This won His Majesty the Driehaus Architecture Prize from the University of Notre Dame.



At 73, Charles becomes the oldest British king to be crowned. The previous oldest was William IV, Queen Victoria's uncle, who was 64 at his coronation way back in 1830.



#WakeUpWednesday

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