

Headlines and Reminders:

What an **amazing community** we have! 

Following the theft of our Nursery outdoor play equipment earlier this term, we have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown towards our school.

A huge thank you to Jennifer Ashe & Son Funeral Directors, Brownhills, who have very generously donated £500 towards replacing our Nursery equipment. We were delighted to welcome John Ashe, Managing Director, and Richard Bick, Operations Director, to school to present their cheque.

We are also incredibly grateful to Caroline Watkinson, who has been instrumental in fundraising on our behalf and has made a very generous contribution too, along with four beautiful hanging baskets for the front of our school.

Your kindness will make such a difference to our Nursery children and help us to create an outdoor environment where they can play, explore and learn.

From all of us at St James Academy, thank you so much for supporting our children! It means so much to us. 



It was lovely to see our families at our **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, today. Thank you to all those that have donated and sent money in with their children. With your help, we have managed to raise £226.09 for this worthwhile and important charity. Thank you so much!

We had a lovely Celebration Assembly this afternoon! Some of our children proudly shared the wonderful poems they had created at home, after Mr Phillips set them a special poetry challenge to coincide with **National Poetry Day**, yesterday. We were so impressed by their creativity, enthusiasm and confidence when sharing their work with everyone. Well done to all of our budding poets!



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Our EYFS Stars of the Week

Sunshine - **Arlo** - for being **kind** and **caring** to his new **classmate**. He has also created a fantastic hedgehog shelter with its very own slide so that the hedgehog can have some fun! Keep shining, Arlo!



Our KSI Stars of the Week

Year 1 - **Ollie** - for having an amazing week and **showing us how much more confident you are**. You have been coming into class with a big smile on your face and you try so hard in every lesson.

Arriah-Bleu - for **working your socks off in every lesson**, especially English where you have written some fantastic sentences independently!



Year 2 - **Bella** - for **bringing such positive energy into your classroom** and trying so hard with your learning. You have shown wonderful determination.

Vinnie - for **showing fantastic effort in maths**. You have really persevered this week and become so much more confident. You are also showing great understanding with Shed Sentences, using punctuation well!



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Our Lower KS2 Stars of the Week

Year 3 - Betsy-Lou - for **having a great week**. She has remained focused on her learning and completed all tasks set.

Carter - for **trying so hard in class**.

He is listening to instructions and is focused on his learning. Well done!



Year 4 - Sienna - for **being an absolute delight**. She is such a kind and thoughtful member of the class who has a wonderful way of making those around her feel happy.



Alfie - for **putting so much effort into his newspaper report**, based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. He has shown such care with this and it has been wonderful to see the pride he has in his work.

Our Upper KS2 Stars of the Week

Year 5 - Lohan - for **settling into school fantastically well**. He has made a brilliant start, shown a fantastic attitude and put great effort into his work. You are already a valued member of our class.

Luna - for **producing an excellent piece of writing**.

She included some brilliant ideas and used the skills that she had been learning extremely effectively.



Year 6 - Brody - for **working so hard this week**. He has been so determined to learn his times tables and we are very proud.

Livia - for **settling in so well into our school**. She works so hard, participates in every lesson and is extremely kind and caring.

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Out of School Stars!



Well done to our Out of School Sports Stars this week.
Ella placed first in two of her horse-riding competitions.
Jayden was named 'Player of the Match' after developing his tactical play and scoring a great goal.
Harper was awarded her blue and purple belt in kickboxing!



Our Fantastic Rainbow Readers!



Rose, Tommy, Lexi-May, Luna & Annie

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Attendance Update:

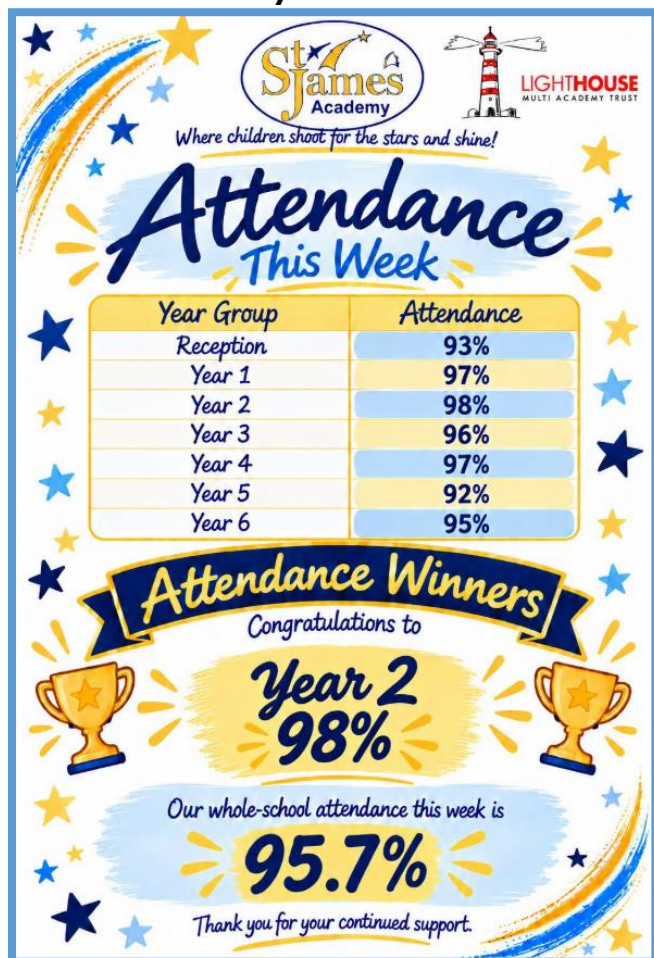
As a school, we are aiming for 97%. It is so important that children are here every day and on time.

Every day at school really does count and makes a difference.

If your child is absent

If you know your child is going to be absent from school, you should:

- **Ring the school office at the earliest opportunity to let them know why your child is going to be absent or by 9.25am.**
- Send a note to school explaining the reason for the absence. If possible call in advance- for example if your child has a doctor's appointment. We will also need proof of appointments to ensure that we are keeping all children as safe as possible.
- School will contact parents on the morning of the absence if the above has not been carried out. If no message or letter is sent your child's absence will be unauthorised on the computer system which Education Welfare can look at too. Fines will also be issued for holidays taken during school term times
- **No holidays taken in term time will be authorised.**



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ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

BEST ATTENDANCE CLASS

Win a Cupcake Party and Extra Break Time!

WINNERS' CELEBRATION
LAST FRIDAY OF EACH HALF TERM

The class with the highest attendance across the half term will win a cupcake party and extra break time!

Let's be here, learn more and achieve more – together!

Be here Learn more Achieve more

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A vibrant, colorful poster for an 'Open Evening' at St James Academy. The background features a bright blue sky with white clouds, yellow and blue stars, and a sunburst effect behind the main title. At the top, the St James Academy logo is centered, flanked by a lighthouse icon and the text 'Lighthouse Multi Academy Trust'. To the left, a speech bubble says 'Small steps... Big dreams...' with a heart icon. Below the logo, the tagline 'Where children shoot for the stars and shine!' is written. The main title 'OPEN Evening' is in large, bold, blue letters with a yellow outline. Below this, a yellow banner with a calendar icon contains the date and time: 'Thursday 15 October 3:30pm - 5:00pm'. Two columns of text are separated by a sunburst and the word 'OR'. The left column, accompanied by a rainbow icon, asks 'Are you looking for a place for your child in Reception? (September 2027)'. The right column, accompanied by a clipboard icon, asks 'Are you looking at a mid-year transfer?'. A large, dark blue banner with a sunburst effect contains the text 'Please come and have a look and discover why our school is the perfect place for your child'. On the left, four wooden signs with hearts read 'Share', 'Care', 'Believe', and 'Achieve'. On the right, a yellow heart contains the text 'We can't wait to meet you!'. At the bottom, four children in blue school uniforms are seen from behind, standing in a field of white daisies with a school building in the background.

Small steps...
Big dreams...

St James Academy

Lighthouse
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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OPEN Evening

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3:30pm – 5:00pm

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OR

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SCHOOL EVENTS

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SHARE.
CARE.
BELIEVE.
ACHIEVE.

OCTOBER – Black History Month



- Friday 9th October – Mental Health Day – wear yellow
- Thursday 15th October – Open Evening for new Reception families and mid-year admissions
- Thursday 22nd October – Halloween Disco – throughout the day
- Friday 23rd October – Popcorn Party for the class with the best attendance
- Friday 23rd October – Teddy Bear Collection for Xmas Fayre
- Friday 23rd October – 6tHG treat day
- Friday 23rd October – Break-up at 3.15pm
- Friday 31st October – deadline for secondary school applications

Half Term Wank – Monday 27th October – Friday 3rd October

NOVEMBER

- Monday 3rd November – Inset Day – School closed to pupils.
- Thursday 6th November – Open Evening and Book Fayre – school shuts at 2pm
- Friday 7th November – Xmas Fayre donations – cosmetics and toiletries
- Monday 10th November – Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day
- Tuesday 12th November – Odd Sock Day
- Friday 14th November – Xmas Fayre donations – chocolate
- Friday 21st November – Children in Need – non-uniform day – Xmas Fayre donations – bottles
- Monday 24th November – Assessment Week



CHOOSE
RESPECT

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



DECEMBER



- Friday 5th December – Xmas Fayre and cake donations
- Wednesday 10th December – Xmas Family Lunch
- Monday 15th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity
- Tuesday 16th December – Good to be Green Treat – Christmas film & popcorn
- Thursday 18th December – Pizza Party for 100 attendance winners
- Friday 19th December – Xmas Jumper Day & KS2 Carol concert
- Friday 19th December – break up at 1.30pm

A BRIGHTER FUTURE TOGETHER!

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