

Headlines and Reminders:

Today, we proudly celebrated **World Mental Health Day** with both our staff and children, highlighting the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing. In a world that continues to face many challenges, this message feels more important than ever in 2026. To kick off our National Mental Health Day celebrations, our wonderful staff were treated to some delicious sweet breakfast treats this morning. A small gesture to recognise the amazing job they do every day to support the children and families in our school community. Our children looked fantastic dressed in yellow, bringing a bright splash of colour and positivity to the school. Throughout the day, we took time to reflect on the importance of kindness, resilience, talking about our feelings, and supporting one another. Thank you to all our families for supporting this special day and helping us reinforce such an important message: that mental health matters, and no one should ever feel alone.



Today marks the start of an exciting new chapter for **Georgia**, as she begins her maternity leave. On behalf of everyone at Sty James, we would like to wish her all the very best as she prepares to welcome her new baby. Georgia is a valued member of our school community, and she will be greatly missed while she is away. We hope she enjoys this special time with her family, takes the opportunity to rest and treasures every precious moment with her little one. Good luck, Georgia, and enjoy every moment!



We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to **Mrs Morris**, who has recently joined our team as our Office Administrator, working alongside Mrs Hackett. Since joining us, Mrs Morris has quickly become a valued member of our school community through her kind, friendly and welcoming nature. Her positive attitude and willingness to help have already made a wonderful impression on both staff and families, and we are delighted to have her as part of our team. We look forward to working with her and know she will be a fantastic addition to our school.

We are also very excited to open our doors on **Thursday 15th October to welcome new families** who are looking for a Reception place in 2027, or to families looking at making a mid-year admissions. All of our classrooms and teachers will be available, our fabulous Performing Arts Group will be taking to the stage and there will be some sweet treats available in the hall. Doors will be open from 3:30pm, with the last admission being at 4:45pm. Entrance will be via our front office. We look forward to welcoming you all. Please contact us if you require any further information.

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Our EYFS Stars of the Week

Nursery - Tahlia - for doing an amazing job in **phonics**! She has been fantastic at clapping and identifying syllables and is becoming really confident at identifying the initial sounds!

Romaan - for making lots of fantastic **improvements in Nursery**. He has shown kindness, shared happily and is taking turns. We are very proud!



Sunshine - Jaxson - for **settling in so well**. You are such a funny, kind and resilient little boy. You are starting to follow instructions and attempting the work that has been given to you. You are a superstar!

Our KSI Stars of the Week

Year 1 - Noah - for **working your socks off in every lesson**. You listen carefully and always try your very best. Keep up the amazing work!

Medina - for **growing in confidence and seeing your love of learning shining through**. You always push yourself to do well in every lesson!



Year 2 - Alex - for **making such a fantastic effort with your writing**. You worked incredibly hard to write your instructions and you have impressed with your determination, willingness and focus.

Theo - for **showing amazing concentration this week**. You have taken such care with your work and you did a fantastic job of completing your maths work independently. It is wonderful to see you becoming more confident with your learning.

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Our Lower KS2 Stars of the Week

Year 3 - Ben & Toby - for a fantastic effort in French. Both boys were able to say how old they were. This is very impressive!



Year 4 - Melody - for being a fantastic model and consistently being an example to others with her kind, respectful and hardworking attitude. She is a joy to have in the classroom.



Casey - for showing fantastic perseverance in maths this week. He has grown in confidence and independence and he needs to be incredibly proud of his hard work and progress.

Our Upper KS2 Stars of the Week

Year 5 - Brian - for outstanding work in maths this week. Your incredible mathematical ability, excellent understanding and the way you approach challenging questions continue to amaze us!

Roman - for being such a fantastic friend and showing such a supportive attitude towards others. You set a brilliant example of how we can help one another to succeed in our learning.



Year 6 - Warren - for making such a fantastic start to Year 6 and showing a real improvement in your attitude towards learning. Your respectful manner, willingness to listen and the effort you are putting in your work continues to impress us.

Iffah - for making some excellent contributions in lessons and showing a genuine passion for learning. Your enthusiasm and eagerness to learn new things shine through every day. You are so kind and respectful to others, too.



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Out of School Stars!



Congratulations to our Out of School Stars this week!
Carter earned two wonderful trophies for his achievements in Motor Cross!

Jaxon earned a trophy for being named Club Member of the Year!

We are very proud of you both!



Our Fantastic Rainbow Readers!



Melody, Aahil, Billie, Jak,
Bibi, Aaron, Willow, Lily, Noah, Theo & Jack.

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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

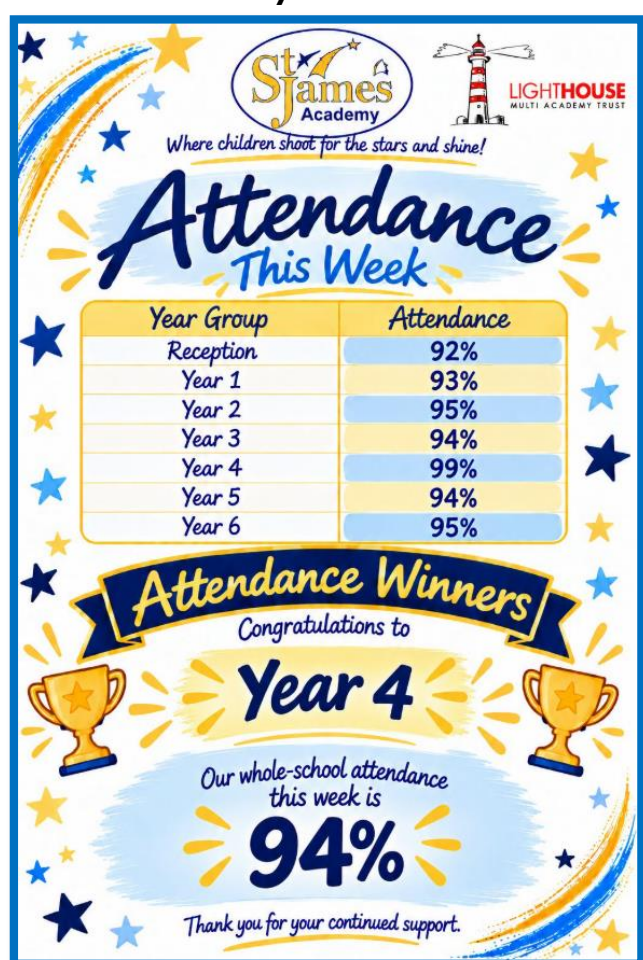
If you know your child is going to be absent from school, you should:

- **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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A vibrant, hand-drawn style poster for an 'Open Evening' at St James Academy. The background is a bright blue sky with yellow and blue stars. At the top left, a yellow banner says 'Small steps... Big dreams...' with a heart icon. The top center features the 'St James Academy' logo in a blue oval with a star and a lighthouse icon to the right, labeled 'LIGHTHOUSE MULTI ACADEMY TRUST'. Below the logo, the tagline 'Where children shoot for the stars and shine!' is written in a cursive font. The main title 'OPEN Evening' is in large, bold, blue letters with a yellow outline and radiating lines. A yellow banner below the title shows a calendar icon and the date 'Thursday 15 October 3:30pm - 5:00pm'. The middle section has two options separated by a sun icon and the word 'OR': 'Are you looking for a place for your child in Reception? (September 2027)' with a rainbow icon, and 'Are you looking at a mid-year transfer?' with a clipboard icon. A large blue banner with white text says 'Please come and have a look and discover why our school is the perfect place for your child'. On the left, four wooden signs read 'Share', 'Care', 'Believe', and 'Achieve', each with a heart icon. On the right, a yellow heart says 'We can't wait to meet you!'. The bottom of the poster shows the backs of four children in blue school uniforms standing in a field of daisies, looking towards a school building.

Small steps...
Big dreams...

St James Academy

LIGHTHOUSE
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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3:30pm – 5:00pm

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OR

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Be here
Be amazing!

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Every day counts!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- ★ Monday 14th September – Individual and sibling photographs 
- ★ Friday 25th September – MacMillan Coffee morning 
- ★ Monday 28th September – Harvest Food Donation 

OCTOBER

- ★ October – Black History Month 
- ★ Friday 9th October – Mental Health Day – wear yellow 
- ★ Thursday 22nd October – Halloween Disco 
- ★ Friday 23rd October – Popcorn Party for the class with the best attendance 
- ★ Friday 23rd October – Teddy Bear Collection for Xmas Fayre 
- ★ Friday 23rd October – Good to be Green Treat Day 
- ★ Friday 23rd October – Break-up at 3.15pm 
- ★ Friday 31st October – Deadline for secondary school applications 

Half Term Week: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

NOVEMBER

- ★ Monday 2nd November – Den Building Week for all years. (More information to follow).
- ★ Friday 6th November – Xmas Fayre donations – cosmetics and toiletries 
- ★ Thursday 12th November – Parents' Evening and Book Fayre – school shuts at 1:30pm 
- ★ Friday 13th November – EYFS Poetry performance to families @ 2:30pm 
- ★ Friday 13th November – Children In Need & Xmas Fayre donations – bottles 
- ★ Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day 
- ★ Wednesday 25th November – Choir Performance at Forest Arts 
- ★ Friday 20th November – Xmas Fayre donations – chocolate 
- ★ Monday 23rd November – Assessment Week 

DECEMBER

- ★ Friday 4th December – Xmas Fayre and cake donations 
- ★ Wednesday 9th December – Xmas Family Lunch 
- ★ Monday 14th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity 
- ★ Friday 18th December – Xmas Jumper Day & KS2 Carol concert 
- ★ Friday 18th December – Break up at 1.15pm 

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

JANUARY

- ★ Monday 4th January – INSET Day 
- ★ Tuesday 5th January – Children return to school 

Be here  Learn more  Achieve more 

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