



Newsletter

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Last Week at St James'...

We've all enjoyed Friendship Week this week—our school is well known locally for being a friendly, family based school with excellent strong relationships between adults and children, and we are really proud of that reputation. During Friendship Week, we are able to restate our core values of friendship through various activities and events, as well as remind children about what to do when they feel unhappy or lonely at school. On Wednesday afternoon, we opened up St James' University—children across the school were able to sign up for courses and work with children from across the school—we had cross stitching, origami, speed stacking cups, STEM, friendship bracelet making, yoga and rugby, and everyone had a great time! Pupil Governors asked to run a sweet stall in order to raise money for Cancer Research, and today are holding a MUFTI day for Children in Need—the children wanted to show the values of friendship to those people who need a little extra help and support.

We've also had lots on bicycle safety this week, ahead of next week's Road Safety Week—younger children received balance bike training, and today, older children are receiving bikeability training. We hope that these activities will help us develop more sustainable modes of travel to and from school, as well as help keep children safe when away from school. On Monday, we will be visited by the Traffic Police team who will talk about road safety and (hopefully) let the children have a look around one of their patrol cars. Throughout the week, we will be reinforcing the safety rules for using the road—please support this at home, and help children stay safe by ensuring they wear hi viz clothing/accessories in the next few months.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend,

Maria and all the team at St James'



Ms Soulsby's Rainbow Moment this week is awarded to **Holly**—Holly has only joined St James' recently, but is making great progress in school, showing a fantastic attitude towards her learning and the people around her. I was particularly impressed with her tactical thinking during rugby this week, and think she's a great sportswoman! Keep it up, Holly!

Dear Children...

Welcome to Mahdy & Ali who joined St James' this week—we're all very glad you're here and hope you are settling in well to school life.

Friendship Week is one of my favourite weeks in the school year—it reminds me about just how kind and caring you all are to each other, and that together we have built a really special school, where everyone is cared for and looked after—that's because you're so great (and it doesn't happen in every school!), so well done!

I gave out more pen licences this week—well done Sarah, Yousef and Isla! And I know Y5 are waiting for me to visit! Isla's story was outstanding—I posted it on Twitter if you want to read it, it really is very good!

Ava and Henry are famous! Here they are being interviewed by Sky on the big screen at Wembley, how exciting!

Have a great weekend everyone, see you next week, & keep being brilliant!

Ms Soulsby



Can You Help?

We're looking for donations of equipment to supplement our existing lunchtime resources and toys. If you have any items which might be useful, we'd be pleased to receive them:

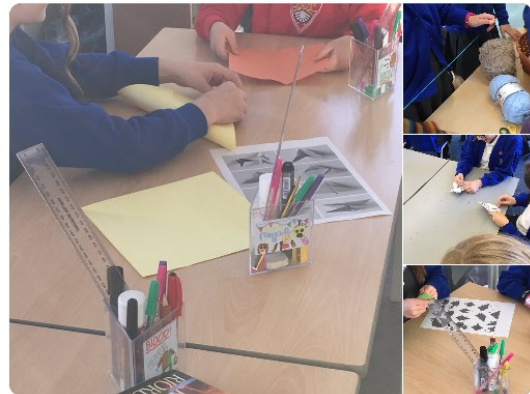
- Good quality board games, jigsaws, lego, duplo suitable for wet play activities
- Plastic tea sets
- Tarpaulins, picnic blankets
- Plastic crates (bottle crates, for example)
- Good quality decking planks or similar (sanded, so no danger of splinters)
- Guttering pipes
- Old tents, camping chairs
- Old tyres
- Plastic boxes, with lids, for storage
- Old goal posts
- Any good quality sports equipment or outdoor games
- Good quality dolls and dolls clothes (the younger children are enjoying playing babies!)

Thank you for all the donations we've received so far—very greatly appreciated!



Twitter users.....Follow St James': [@StJamesHead](https://twitter.com/StJamesHead) for regular school updates

St James' University Afternoon



Coming Up...

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| Tuesday | Robins Vision Screening (NHS) |
| Wednesday | PSA Meeting to plan Christmas events—all parents welcome |
| Friday | Y3 Assembly 2.30 |
| | St James' has got talent—finals |



Cyberbullying and online harassment

Cyberbullying and online harassment can be extremely distressing. They can be classed as criminal offences but there is lots of help available to support you.

Tips to stay safe online

Think before you post - when posting or commenting on the internet, consider what you say and what effect this may have. Never post comments that are abusive or may cause offence to others.

Keep personal information personal - do not say anything or publish pictures that might later cause you or someone else embarrassment. Be aware of what friends post about you, or reply to your posts, particularly about your personal details and activities.

Make the most of privacy settings - keep your profiles closed, allowing access only to your chosen friends and family.

Report cyberbullying to internet service providers - lots of content on social media that is offensive or upsetting is not necessarily a criminal offence. However, cyberbullying often violates the terms and conditions established by social media sites and internet service providers. Report cyberbullying to the social media site so they can take action against users abusing the terms of service.

Social media help sections can show you how to block users and change settings to control who can contact you. You can get advice and support on using the following social media sites including the ability to report content to them.

Facebook - facebook.com
Twitter - twitter.com
Instagram - instagram.com
LinkedIn - linkedin.com
Google+ - google.com
YouTube - youtube.com
Pinterest - pinterest.com
Tumblr - tumblr.com
Snapchat - snapchat.com

If you believe that you are the victim of an offence, always keep a record of the content, by taking a screenshot, for example. If you are worried that your child or a loved one might be the victim of cyberbullying here are some signs to look out for:

- Low self-esteem.
- Withdrawal from family and spending a lot of time alone.
- Reluctance to let parents or other family members anywhere near their mobiles, laptops etc.
- Finding excuses to stay away from school or work including school refusal.

For further signs and advice visit bullying.co.uk

Advice for parents and guardians

The internet can be a valuable resource for children, allowing them to connect with friends and learn new things. But there are also risks when going online, and children can be particularly vulnerable. Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe online. By understanding the risks and keeping yourself up-to-date on the latest technology, websites and social networks you can help your child enjoy the internet safely and securely.

For further help and advice, please click on the links to our parents websites, where you will find additional help and support. We are proud to be working alongside a range of charities on this important subject.

NSPCC nspcc.org.uk
BullyingUK bullying.co.uk
Mumsnet mumsnet.com
Kooth kooth.com
Internet Matters internetmatters.org
Kidscape kidscape.org.uk

Help protect your children online

- Keep computers and games consoles in family rooms where you can monitor activity. Also make sure the games your child plays online are age appropriate.
- Install parental control software or activate parental controls through your internet to prevent access to inappropriate content.
- "Friend" or "follow" your child on social networking sites, so you can see how they are using them.
- Check they are old enough to join any websites or social networks with age restrictions.
- Advise your child not to post personal information or any images they wouldn't want everyone to see.
- Avoid using webcams unless talking to close friends or family. Consider covering your webcam when it's not in use.
- Monitor your children's internet usage, and be watchful for any secretive behaviour.
- Encourage your child to be open about what they do online and who they talk to.

Further advice is available for parents and carers of children at gov.uk

Advice for schools

Advice by the Department for Education:

Preventing and tackling bullying
 Advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies can be viewed at gov.uk

Cyberbullying
 Advice for headteachers and school staff gov.uk

What can the police do?

If we consider a message or post to be potentially criminal, we will take appropriate action. This could involve arresting the person responsible or interviewing them under caution. Cases involving sustained abuse or where someone's life is threatened will be treated seriously.

We will look at all of the circumstances when considering the best response to a report of cyber bullying. We will assess how vulnerable the victim is and what resources are required to trace the offender via social networking sites, which often operate abroad and to different legislation. In certain cases it may be difficult to take action if the offender isn't in the UK.

We will work with the victim to bring about the most suitable and proportionate conclusion. This could include alternative options that include the officer in the case using their discretion and working with the offender to record an apology to the victim.

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