



MESSAGE FROM MRS TYRER

The sun is shining (at the moment) the evenings are starting to get lighter and today we break for the half term holidays. We will welcome everyone back 'smartly dressed in their St. James' uniforms on Tuesday 22nd February.

With Spring just around the corner, maybe you will get the opportunity to get out looking for signs of Spring. I saw the first snowdrops of the season yesterday which always reminds me of Spring walks with my own children when they were little.

I mentioned last week that our gymnastics group were taking part in a competition on Monday. Well done to Ben, Danny, Luke, Alexander, Harriet, Lacey, Ella and Charlotte for the hard work, determination, and great gymnastic ability you showed, we are all so proud of you!

In assembly today, we celebrated the brilliant dancing that took place during last week's Danceathon. The children watched a video put together by Miss White of each class dancing. It was lovely to see the big smiles on everyone's faces and the variety of different dances that the classes performed.

As the half term draws to a close, I would like to say a huge thank you for the welcome that you have all shown me at St James' it has been lovely getting to know everyone and I look forward to seeing what the new half term has to offer.

Another big thank you to all the staff at St James' for the love and hard work they put into every day single day.

Have a lovely break everyone, God Bless. and take care

DANCEATHON

Thank you for supporting our Danceathon. We raised almost £600 for Kings Highway School, Eldoret. This will be used to buy books and classroom resources for the school.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

14–18 Feb 22	Half-term
21 Feb 22	INSET Day
4–18 Apr 22	Easter
29 Apr 22	Extra BH
2 May 22	May Day
27 May	Jubilee Celebration Day
30 May–3 June	Half-term
6 June 22	INSET Day
22 July 22	INSET Day
25 July	Summer Holiday



INTERNET SAFETY—SCREEN TIME

Although most parents and children believe that they have a good balance of time on and offline, research for UK Safer Internet Centre found that there was a clear link between the amount of time children spend online and their exposure to upset, risk and issues related to well-being.

It is not just about time it is also what they are doing online that matters. Assessing children's online activity to minimise risk and maximise the opportunities is key.

What can you do to help?

- Discuss with your child what they do online.
- Put in place a family agreement.
- Use tech tools and parental controls.
- Use apps that encourage movement and play outdoors.
- Get the 'whole' family to unplug.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Caspian Atkinson
Reuben Rhys-Whittaker
Eli Slinger
Otis Wignall

Willow

Harlow Haworth
Rose Ellins
Ellis Crook

Hawthorn

Whole Class!

Alder

Rizan Rafhan
Maddie Rose
Henry Snape
Natalia Swiatonska

Ash

Annie Wellman
Ella-Rose Getty
Emily Horton
Esmae Gill
Heidi Knowles
Leah Dixon
Olivia Davis
Ted Macdonald
Patrick Peck
Joshua Gill
Jacob Dwyer

Rowan

Austin Moorby
George Laycock
Ruby Lorek
Scarlett Lorek

Sycamore

Whole Class!

Oak

Reece Parkinson
Louis Squires
Abu Bakr Ali
Felix Valinakis-Westwell

Birch

Amber Imran
Lily Taylor
Kayleigh Cook
Oliver Downham
Sophia Robbins

Chestnut

Natalia Brunning
Alexander Nowak
Harley Rhys-Whittaker
Sofia Harwood

Attendance

The attendance figures for the week commencing 7th February 2022 are as follows:

<u>Oak</u>		<u>Acorn</u>	
96.1%	30 mins late	95%	no mins late
<u>Ash</u>		<u>Willow</u>	
95.8%	no mins lates	96.5%	55 mins late
<u>Birch</u>		<u>Hawthorn</u>	
87%	1hr 40 mins	93.4%	no mins late
<u>Chestnut</u>		<u>Alder</u>	
97.8%	40 mins late	83.7%	1hr late
<u>Rowan</u>		<u>Sycamore</u>	
92.6%	20 mins late	98.3%	no mins late

School

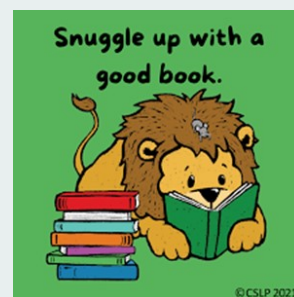
93.5% Attendance

5hrs 5mins of education missed due to late arrival

Government guidelines recommend a minimum attendance of 96%.

WORLD BOOK DAY—3 MARCH 2022

On Thursday 3rd March it is World Book Day. We want to use this special day to encourage the reading habit and focus on the enjoyment of reading. We are asking everyone in school to bring in their favourite book to share in their classes. They may also like to bring in their favourite cushion or blanket - so that we can all enjoy some time to get nice and comfy and "snuggle up with a book".



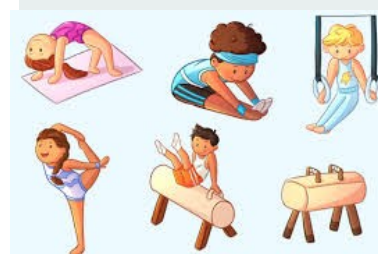
COMIC RELIEF—REDNOSE DAY—18 MARCH 22

In support of a Comic Relief, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18th March 2022. Pupils can wear their own clothes if they donate £1.00 to Comic Relief.



GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

On Monday 7th February, eight Year 4 children represented the school in a gymnastics competition where they had to perform a floor routine and vault. After much practice at school, they all performed wonderfully without any assistance remembering the routine. Team A came 4th and Team B came 5th. Well done to all who participated.



THE RETURN OF BIBLE DIGGERS

Helen Potts and Mrs Woodward will be running Bible Diggers for children in Years 1 to 4 after half-term. The club will run every Wednesday from 23rd February to 23rd March 2022. Please complete and return the form if your child wishes to attend. Hard copies of the form are available from the school office.



BLACKBURN HAWKS COMMUNITY

Blackburn Hawks Community Team are offering concessionary tickets to our families for their match against Nottingham Lions on 26th February 2022. Tickets are available from the School Office; they cost £1 per person and will admit 2 adults and unlimited children.



JIMMYS ONLINE SYSTEM

Jimmys Online Booking system is now live. Please ensure that you have registered your child and booked your required places online. More information is available from Jimmys.

To register [click on this link](#)

Sessions must be booked and paid for in advance.



FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' SCHOOL—28 FEBRUARY 22

Please join us at our Friends' meeting on Monday 28th February at 6pm in the KS1 Hall.

The Friends' Committee have raised lots of money for school over the years. They have arranged socials, school fairs and craft activities. We hope to get a few ideas together for activities for the rest of this school year.

PRIMROSE LODGE WORKS

We have been notified that further work is being carried out at the Primrose Lodge Nature Reserve. The work should increase the amount of public access by creating a "mini" circular walk.

Please be aware that, although work should not commence until 9.00am and cease between 3.00pm and 3.30pm, there may be heavy equipment working in the area.

Work should be completed by Easter.

SCHOOL GAMES VALUES

In PE, we are concentrating on the school games values which are: determination, self-belief, passion, respect, teamwork and honesty. These children received a certificate for their efforts this half-term:

	Respect	Honesty	Teamwork	Self-belief	Determination	Passion
Acorn	Sofia Saghin	Jacob George	Nathan Oxley	Connor Barton	Darcie Brunskill	Theo Gregory
Oak	Franki Donnelly	Athena Valinakis-Westwell	Eloise Almond	Kayden Schofield	Cora Holgate	Ellie Wright
Ash	Jacob Dwyer	Annie Wellman	Ernie Chetwyn	Ted Macdonald	Amelia Snape	Levi Devine
Willow	Tom Wyness	Rose Ellins	Jacob Batulis	Sarah Grigor	Angelica Isherwood	Emmie Walmsley
Birch	Stanley Phillips	Oliver Downham	Georgia Fletcher	Sophia Robbins	Harry Hamer-	Lydia Tyson
Hawthorn	Jacob Harris	Elliott Jeffrey	Isla Ellins	Jenson Edwards	Freddie Wade	Gracie-Rae Spedding
Chestnut	Regan Lynch	Lucy Whittaker	Harriet Barnes	Lewi Dewhurst	Alex Scheidt	Lexi Devine
Alder	Gordon Chong	Lily-Marie Kelly	Oliver Parkinson	Isaac Ridgway	Joshua Lambert	Ethan Horton
Rowan	Blake Taylor	Ruby Lorek	Scarlett Lorek	Lili McTear	George Laycock	Alfie Thirtle
Sycamore	Blake McTear		Oliver Clarkson	Harrison	Lewis Dinsdale	Alfie Fletcher

