

# ST. JAMES' (C OF E) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025

### YEAR 3 RIVER TRIP...

On Wednesday, our Year 3's visited Alvaston Park as part of their Geography topic. The children were looking at lakes and rivers. The weather was amazing and the children had a wonderful time.

### CELEBRATION OF DANCE...

On Thursday, a group of children took part in the Celebration of Dance event at Derby Theatre. The children performed to a live audience and they were superb. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to watch.

### TRANSITION DAYS...

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we will be holding our annual transition days. These will be days where your child will meet their teacher for next year. All children in Year 6 will go directly to their secondary schools on these dates and they do not need to come to St. James' Junior School.

### SPORTS DAY...

We will be holding our annual Sports Day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. As normal, the children will be taking part in some events in school during the morning before our main event on Arboretum Park in the afternoon. As always, we would love parents and carers to come along and join us for the afternoon. This year, we will also be allowing parents and carers to purchase a school dinner so that they can sit and have lunch with their child. You can order a lunch via ParentPay at a cost of £3 per adult. The menu choices will be a chicken burger (halal) or a veggie burger, served with chips. There will be ice-cream for dessert.

### SUMMER FAIR...

We will be holding Summer Fair on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July. This will take place at school and times will be confirmed soon. Tickets for our Raffle are on sale now. There are some AMAZING prizes to be won including:

- ◆ a scooter ◆ lunch for 2 at Swarkestone Nursery ◆ ALDI food vouchers
- ◆ 2 tickets to watch a Derbyshire County Cricket match ◆ free entry to Rollerworld for 2
- ◆ free climbing at clip n climb for 2 ◆ zigzag tickets from Trent Barton
- ◆ £25 voucher for the Great Northern Restaurant ◆ £40 voucher for the Slice of India
- ◆ Family pass to Matlock Park Farm ◆ a sweet hamper ◆ and much more!



This week's theme for the Golden Book is 'Someone who has an outstanding attitude in school.'

This week's winners are:

3H	Dominic
3W	Jennifer
3/4K	Hafsa
4A	Muntazhir
4B	Bonnie
5F	Tiwa
5R	Wonoula
5/6B	Damirs
6F	Moiz
6Q	Maryam

A huge well done to all this week's winners.



## GOODBYE...

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Haines, who will be leaving St. James' Junior School to take up an exciting new role as Deputy Headteacher at another school.

Mrs Haines has been part of our school family for the past 8 years and, during that time, has worked with so many of our children and their families. As our SENDCO, she has supported numerous pupils with a wide range of needs, always ensuring they are fully included in school life and able to thrive in their learning.

A true champion of inclusion, Mrs Haines has worked tirelessly to make sure every child receives the support they need and deserves. Alongside her SENDCO role, she has also served as Assistant Headteacher, taking on many important responsibilities across the school. She has been especially passionate about developing our curriculum and played a key role in reshaping it to reflect the needs and interests of our pupils.

On a personal note, I know Mrs Haines would also say one of her unofficial duties has been keeping me organised — and she's done a great job of it!

Mrs Haines has said "I would like to say a really big thank you to all the children and families at St James Junior School. I have really enjoyed working with you all and have felt honoured to be able to support and work with the children and the families. I have felt very lucky to work in such a special community and I wish our children and families all the best in the future".

We would all like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Haines and wish her all the very best of luck in her new role.

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# SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY

12th July

11AM

JOIN IN ON THE

ST. JAMES' JUNIOR SCHOOL

# RAFFLE

SATURDAY  
**12TH**  
JULY

LOTS OF PRIZES TO  
BE WON

PRIZES INCLUDE...

- A SCOOTER
- LUNCH FOR 2 AT SWARKESTONE NURSERY
- ALDI FOOD VOUCHERS
- 2 TICKETS TO WATCH A DERBYSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET MATCH
- FREE ENTRY TO ROLLERWORLD FOR 2
- FREE CLIMBING AT CLIP N CLIMB FOR 2
- ZIGZAG TICKETS FROM TRENT BARTON
- A SWEET HAMPER
- AND MORE!

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