

ST. JAMES' (C OF E) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

AUTHOR VISIT...

On Monday, we welcomed winner of the 2025 Children's Wainwright Prize for Nature Writing and the winner of Derby Book Festival's - Derby Children's Picture Book Award 2025, Lanisha Butterfield in to school. Lanisha read her story, Flower Block to our Year 3 and 4 children and answered any questions. We were also delighted to be joined by the Year 2 children from Rosehill and St. James' Infant Schools.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK.

This week has been our Anti-Bullying Week. We started the week with 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate everyone being unique and special. Throughout the week, children have learnt about different types of bullying, what to do if they or someone they know is being bullied and how to work with other people in kind and respectful ways.

YEAR 4 STORY WITH PARENTS...

A reminder that Year 4 parents are invited to join us for a story session today at 2:55pm. Last week, we welcomed lots of Year 3 parents to the read and it was a great session. I look forward to seeing Year 4 parents and carers later.

ADVENT SERVICE AT OZZY ROAD CHURCH...

Next Thursday we will be marking the start of Advent with a church service at Osmaston Road Church. This is an annual tradition and we are delighted to be able to attend again this year. Parents and carers are more than welcome to join us for the service. We are aiming to be in church and ready to start for 9:15am.

YEAR 3 NATIVITY TO PARENTS

Our wonderful Year 3 children will be performing their Nativity play to parents on Tuesday 16th December. The performance will start at 9:15am. Last year's performance was very busy, so please arrive in school in good time to avoid being late and to ensure you get a seat!

SCHOOL CLOSURES...

A reminder that school closes to children on Thursday 18th December. There is no school on Friday 19th December.

Children return to school on Monday 5th January.



This week's theme for the Golden Book is 'Someone who makes the most of every moment.'

This week's winners are:

3R	Ife
3W	Maria
3/4MS	Victory
4A	Muna
4B	Stela
5F	Hurain
5H	Aurelio
5/6FB	Lena
6K	Ellie
6Q	Maira

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GOOGLE CHROMEBOOK

Google Chromebooks were first introduced in 2011 as a budget-friendly alternative to Windows laptops. They have a cloud-based desktop operating system created by Google that performs internet-based tasks simply and quickly. Although primarily optimised for Google apps – such as Gmail and Google Drive – newer devices also support Android apps and offer a range of parental controls via the Google Family Link tool. Nonetheless, whilst these tools are comprehensive, there are some limitations which means there are a number of risks trusted adults should be aware of.

SETTING UP

SET UP FAMILY LINK

To do this, first install the "Google Family Link" app onto your smartphone to set up an account for your child. If you're setting up a new account, it's important you follow the setup process and sign in with your parent account, as this has access to special privileges. Once this is done, you can add your child's account to the Chromebook.

DISABLE GUEST MODE

If "Guest mode" or the ability to add new users is available, your child may be able to bypass the Chromebook's parental controls. To disable this, sign into the Chromebook with your parent account, head to "Settings > Manage other people" and turn on "Restrict sign-in to the following users" – from there, you'll be able to turn off the "guest browsing" feature.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

In your child's account, head to "Settings > People > Parental controls set up" to begin the process. This will confirm the child's account you want to enable parental controls for and will list the devices that can be protected. You'll then be asked to enter the email and password, before being prompted to ask your child to confirm the supervision via their password.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE, ALL THE TIME

As "internet-first" devices, Google Chromebooks are reliant on a Wi-Fi connection, with only limited support for offline tasks. This means your child has access to the internet at all times, with an enduring risk of being exposed to online harm, particularly as Family Link is only able to block most inappropriate content. Even if your child isn't searching for inappropriate websites and information, there's always the chance that they might see something that could upset them.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like most technology, laptops are addictive in nature, and you might find your child spending too long staring at their Chromebook – particularly given its support for Android apps, such as games and social media platforms. This could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks.

BEWARE OF MALWARE

Although Google's Chrome OS features a number of built-in security measures, that doesn't fully eliminate the risk of malware, which can be downloaded onto the machine via phishing emails or from downloading malware-laced content. This should be a particular concern if your child is taking their laptop into school, as the malware could find itself entering the school's network and infecting other pupils' laptops.

Advice for Parents & Carers

There are a number of safety features that you can enable to keep your child safe while using Google Chromebook:

- 1 Disable guest mode and control who can sign into your child's Chromebook
- 2 Restrict or block access to apps from the Chrome Web Store and the Google Play Store
- 3 Disable Incognito Mode so you can always track what sites your child has been on.
- 4 Manage the websites your children can visit on Chrome
- 5 Limit your child's ability to grant permissions to websites
- 6 Check Family Link to ensure the Chrome browser default is set to block sexually explicit and violent sites from being shown to children
- 7 Set bedtimes, screen-time limits, and lock devices when not in use

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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