

ST. JAMES' (C OF E) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026

WATERSTONES...

On Wednesday, as part of our celebrations for World Book Day, all of the children visited the wonderful Waterstones in Derby city centre.

Waterstones in Derby is such a magical shop and the children had a fantastic time exploring the shelves and discovering new books. Their behaviour throughout the visit was superb and they represented the school brilliantly. Every child was able to exchange their World Book Day voucher and received a free book to take home and enjoy. A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who generously volunteered their time to walk with us and help make the trip possible.

CYBER SECURITY INFORMATION SESSION...

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend the recent Cyber Security Information Session held on Thursday at Rosehill Infant School. We hope you found the session useful and informative. The expert-led presentation provided practical advice on keeping children safe online, spotting potential risks and scams, securing devices, and supporting children to use the internet safely and confidently at home. Thank you to Rosehill Infant School for kindly hosting the event and supporting this valuable opportunity for families to learn more about online safety.

YEAR 5 MUSEUM TRIP...

Children in Year 5 will be visiting the Derby Museum and Art Gallery on Wednesday 11th March as part of their topic on the Ancient Egypt. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore artefacts and learn more about the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians. The classes will be walking to and from the museum, so please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat and sensible footwear suitable for the walk.

YEAR 4 UKULELE PERFORMANCE TO PARENTS...

On Thursday 12th March, children in Year 4 will be showcasing the skills they have learned on their ukuleles as part of their music lessons. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend a short concert where the children will perform some of the pieces they have been practising. The performance will take place at 2:15pm in the school hall, and we look forward to welcoming you to celebrate the children's hard work and musical progress. 🎵

YEAR 4 READ WITH PARENTS...

Again this half-term, we will be holding our popular year group reading sessions with parents and carers. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to share a love of reading and enjoy a story together in school. Year 4 will be hosting their story session on Friday 13th March at 2:55pm and parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to welcoming you into school to enjoy some reading time with the children. 📖⭐



This week's theme for the Golden Book is 'Someone who always tries their best.'

This week's winners are:

3R	Isaac
3W	Ianis
3/4MS	Omar
4A	Rehaan
4B	Barin
5F	Hanna
5H	Monika
5/6FB	Nyra
6K	Taiba
6Q	Sarina

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



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing'), involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

Advice for Parents & Educators

BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

Meet Our Expert

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