



Bramble's News



Being the best we can be

4th November 2022

A message from Mrs Gynn

Parent consultations

Teachers have been making telephone calls this week to discuss your children's progress. You should have also received targets so that you know what your child's next steps are. I hope the information has been useful.

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this afternoon too. I hope you enjoyed seeing all of the work your children have been busy doing.

If you have missed any of this, we will be in touch next week to make alternative arrangements.



Online safety tip 2: Manage Children's time online effectively -

Scheduling times when your child can be on the internet and the amount they can be online, allows you to know when they are on the internet and for how long. It reduces children having a free reign.



Safeguarding safety tip 2: Explain what a stranger is...

Does your child understand what a stranger is? Explain: "A stranger is someone who hasn't been to your house or to your school."

It is also important to make it clear that most people in the world are strangers and they are mostly good people, but that they should only do things with grown-ups they know.



Reading fact 2: Did you know that statistics show that one in five children cannot read well by the age of 11? Please read regularly with your child; at least 3 times per week.



The Friends of St James Infant & Pre-School are excited to be taking part in The Big PTA Cash Draw, to raise much needed funds for our school and give you, the opportunity to win up to £5,000.

For every ticket you will have 6 chances to win up to £5,000 and 50% of your ticket purchase will come direct to St James Infant & Pre-School so we can support the school and purchase those little extras that our children will remember and cherish. Every little helps, so please buy as many tickets as you feel able and please do let us know if you are one of the lucky winners. Good Luck!

A copy of the QR code can be found on Class Dojo.

THE BIG PTA CASH DRAW

Bring a little sparkle and festive cheer this year!

WIN UP TO £5,000

£3 ticket enters you in all 6 draws

- Raise cash for St James Infant & Pre-School
- Tickets cost just £3
- 6 chances to win up to £5,000
- Good luck and we hope you enjoy taking part!

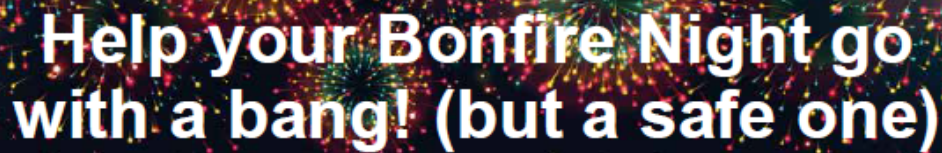
Use our QR Code to go straight to our raffle page

To buy tickets, visit: bigptaraffle.co.uk and search for: St James Infant School

Don't delay - buy your tickets today!

It is illegal for anyone under 20 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 20 years of age who buys a ticket for The Big PTA Cash Draw will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 15th December 2022. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you think you may have a problem with gambling, contact the National Gambling Helpline on 0800 800 0111. Alternatively, visit the Gamble Aware website at www.gamblerecognition.org or the GamCare website at www.gamcare.org.uk

As we look ahead to an exciting weekend, here is some helpful advice from the Local Authority.



Help your Bonfire Night go with a bang! (but a safe one)

At Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service and Northamptonshire Police, we would always say its best attend an organised fireworks display, but for those who are planning to use them at home, there are tips to remember to avoid accident or injury.

Using fireworks... some tips

Firstly, it sounds simple, but read the instructions on your fireworks. Light them at arm's length using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick. Everyone should stand well clear and never return to a lit firework. It's best to keep a bucket of water handy too. Fireworks should always be handled by adults.

Sparklers are not suitable for children under five. Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.

Last tip - It can be a frightening time for pets, so keep furry and non-furry companions safe indoors and be mindful of the effects on pets in your neighbourhood.

Fireworks: knowing the law

Unfortunately, people sometimes use this time of year to misuse fireworks. Fireworks may be beautiful to watch but they can also cause devastating injuries to people and damage to property if they are used in the wrong way. Never throw them or store them unsafely, such as in a pocket.

The laws state:

- You can't buy fireworks if you're under 18
- Fireworks cannot be set off between 11pm and 7am, except for Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight. On New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, the cut off is 1am
- You must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places
- You should only buy fireworks from registered dealers or licensed shops
- You can be fined an unlimited amount and imprisoned for up to six months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90

For more about fireworks and the law, see: www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law

Bonfires - the safe way

Fireworks may often be the main feature of a seasonal display, but bonfires are also a major attraction.

- Before lighting a bonfire, always check the structure is sound and there are no small children or animals hiding inside
- Position a bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees to avoid flames spreading
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light a fire. A safer way is to use paper and solid firelighters in two or three places to ensure an even burn
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as foam-filled furniture, rubber, aerosols, tins of paint, pressurised gas cylinders, tyres and bottles
- Have one person responsible for lighting the fire. That person, and any helpers, should wear suitable clothing such as a substantial outer garment made of wool or other low flammable material and strong boots or shoes
- Never leave a bonfire unattended

We hope you found our safety tips interesting and that you remember them when you have your celebrations. From everyone at Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue and Northamptonshire Police, have a happy and safe Halloween and Bonfire Night.



Open events

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If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023. Please telephone school to make an appointment to view the school. We are happy to show people our lovely school at any time.

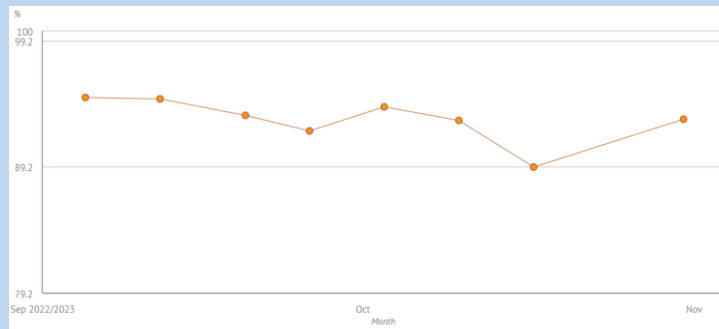
If you have a child who is due to be turning 3 years old and needs a Pre-School place, please do come along and visit too.

Everyone is welcome.

Attendance Matters



This graph shows our current picture of attendance.







Our attendance has shown great improvement this week.

As you can see from the graph, attendance has gone up.

Our Overall attendance percentage is now 93%. This means that it is +4% on the last week of last term.

This is great news. Sending your children to school every day really does make a difference.

100%	0 days missed	Fantastic attendance!	
99%	2 days missed	Well done—you are at or above the School Target	
98%	4 days missed		
97%	6 days missed		
96%	8 days missed	At 96% and below you are just below target—make sure you do not miss any more days	
95%	10 days missed		
94%	12 days missed		
93%	14 days missed	At 93% and below your attendance is becoming worryingly low.	
92%	16 days missed		
91%	18 days missed		
90%	19 days missed	At 90% and below you are Persistently Absent—school will support you and your family to help this improve	
89%	21 days missed		
88%	23 days missed		
87%	25 days missed		
86%	27 days missed		
85%	29 days missed		

What will be happening in our school?

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Year 2 parents - please see the details of
Open events at The Abbey Junior Academy
Mon 7th Nov, 1.30 - 3.00 p.m.

Please let your class teacher know if you
would like to attend any of these.

Parents of Year 2
children

Please remember
that you need to
apply for a year 3
school place on the
County website

www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

Other Dates:

The library will be open every Wednesday, every week.

Do come in between 8.45 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. to choose a book for your child.

9.11.22 - 9.10 a.m. Dandelions class assembly. All parents of Dandelion class are welcome to come and watch.

11.11.22 - Remembrance Day - we shall all take part in 2 minutes silence

14.11.22 - Nursery Rhyme week - make the most of this week to sing with your children

14.11.22 - Road Safety Week and Anti Bullying Week

18.11.22 - Children in Need

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8785>



Children in Need have teamed up with ParentPay this year. Please use the link above to make a donation.

On the day, children can come to school in 'spot'acular clothes. Anything spotty will be great.

25.11.22 - MUFTI

Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes - please send them with a bottle to donate to the Friends' bottle tombola instead of a £1.00 donation.

30.11.22 - Art Day - Making Christmas!

Please send your children to school in clothing suitable for doing art and craft in.

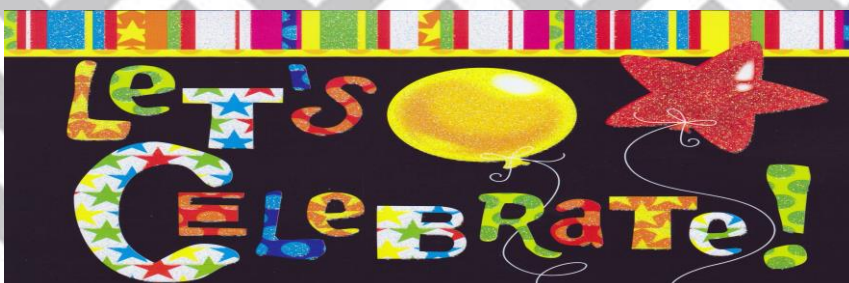
w.c. 5.12.22 - Christmas Play Performances

Afternoon performances are on 5th and 6th December / Evening performances are on 7th and 8th December. More details will be follow shortly.

8.12.22 - Christmas jumper day

14.12.22 - Christmas party day

16.12.22 - School finishes for the Christmas holiday.



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Certificates have been awarded to:

Let's
Investigate

World of
Words

Express
Yourself

Exploring the
World

Being Your
Best

Wow!

Fantastic
maths or
science work

Great
reading,
writing,
speaking and
listening or
drama work

Wonderful
art, design
technology,
music or P.E.
work

Super history,
geography or
religious
education work

Lorenzo in
Bluebell
Class

Mohamed in
Buttercup
Class

Gabriela in
Dandelion
Class

Araiya-Jae
in Daisy
Class

Alicia in
Snowdrop
Class

Dominic in
Sunflower
Class



Attendance Cup
Snowdrop Class
Well done!

Our value for
November is:



Honesty -
Integrity



Values:

Inclusion

Integrity

Initiative

Inspiring



We celebrated with:

Fatima, who is now 5 years old!

Bella O, who is now 6 years old!

**Aaron, Eugen, Lacy, Noah C, Oscar, who are
now 7 years old!**



50 read
challenge:

Aaron, Molly
and Poppy



222 messages

142 stories shared

2275 skills celebrated

100% positive feedback



Bramble's Rule ☺

Inga, Oscar, Daria, Denis,
Regan, Emily, Rebecca, Elijah,
Stanley, Isabella, Sophia, Jack

For next week:

Children who can be just like Timmy
Teamwork and keep our school tidy

**Look at how amazing
our school was last
week:**

