



# Bramble's News



Being the best we can be

11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## A message from Mrs Gynn

### Class assemblies

We had our first class assembly this week. Dandelion class were fantastic; telling us all about their learning, singing - including actions and reading stories too. ☺

It was so nice to see so many parents join us.

Please look out for the messages on your own child's class page to see the dates for other classes. Every class will do an assembly during the year.



### Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey this week. Your feedback is immensely important to me.

I shall provide some analysis in next week's letter and explain how we will be responding to your comments.

### Sponsored Walk



Well done to all of the children. They all managed to complete their sponsored walk; 14 laps or even 16 laps of the playground. Everyone kept on going despite the tired legs!

Please don't forget to collect your sponsor money. It will all be gratefully received.

### School gates

I have been asked this week about the reason behind no longer opening the vehicle gates at drop off and collection times.

Opening of the large gates began during the pandemic so that we could do everything we could to ensure social distancing. However, it did pose a health and safety risk; vans and lorries choosing to drive straight in, risk of children running straight onto the road, or strangers walking onto site. All of which did happen.

We have reverted back to opening only the pedestrian gate now that social distancing guidelines do not have to be followed. This ensures the safety of all.

It does mean that we do have only one entrance and exit point. Could I therefore ask, that if you are leaving the site and parents are waiting to enter, priority is given to those coming in.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Monday. ☺



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## Christmas Events Friends of St James



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**  
Parentcare

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](http://bigptaraffle.co.uk) and search for: St James Infant School

**Don't delay - buy your tickets today!**

It is illegal for anyone under 18 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 18 years of age who buys a ticket for The Big PTA Cash Draw will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date: 14th December 2023. All raffles are a form of gambling. If you think you may have a problem with gambling, contact the National Gambling Helpline confidentially on 0800 3002113. Alternatively, visit the Gamble Aware website at [www.gamblerecognition.org](http://www.gamblerecognition.org) or the GamCare website at [www.gamcare.org.uk](http://www.gamcare.org.uk)

**25<sup>th</sup> November**

**MUFTI - bring a bottle for the Christmas tombola**



**30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Making Christmas - All children will make a decoration to hang on the tree in the hall**



**15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Santa visits St James**



**16<sup>th</sup> December**

**MUFTI - Christmas themed - £1.00 donation**



# Reminders...

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## Starting school September 2023

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.

It is nursery rhyme week

Please try to sing nursery rhymes as much as you can with your children - it is lots of fun and will really help them with their learning.

## 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](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions)

Our PE kit is:

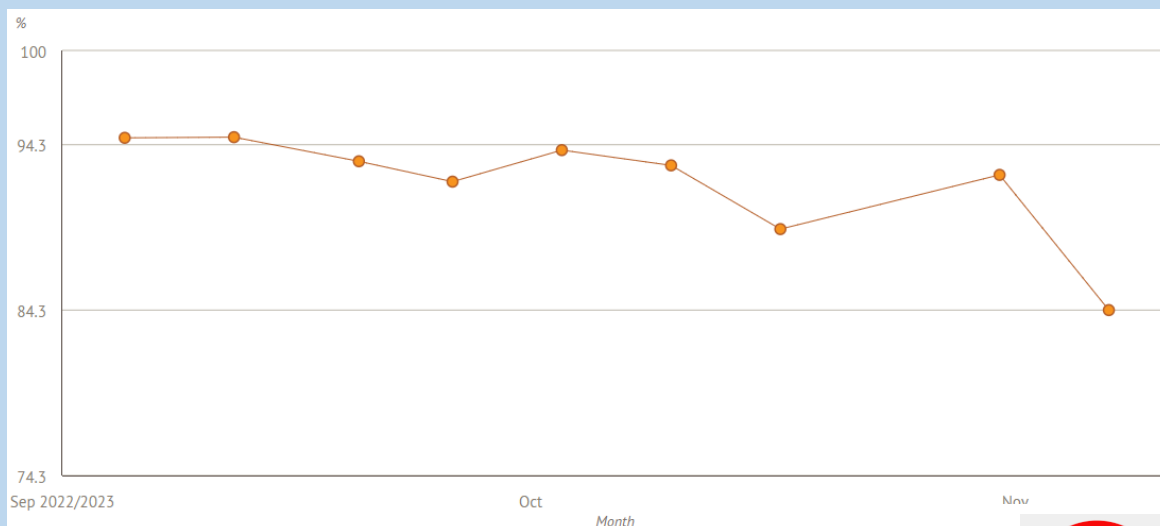
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blue tracksuit bottoms,  
white T shirt.

Other colours and  
patterned designs  
should not be worn.

### Attendance Matters

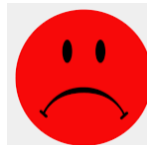


This graph shows our current picture of attendance.



Our attendance figure has fallen dramatically this week.

Our Overall attendance percentage is now 84%. This means that it has fallen by 9% on last week.



There are cases of illness and unfortunately, we are approaching the time of year where we struggle with coughs, colds and sickness. However, unless your child is too unwell, please do send them to school. We will look after them. We would also telephone if we felt that they were too unwell to stay.



A future date for your diary:

In line with the announcement this week, the school will be closed on 8<sup>th</sup> May, in honour of the King's coronation.

This is a new date that was not on the original yearly planner.

## What will be happening in our school?

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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.

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.

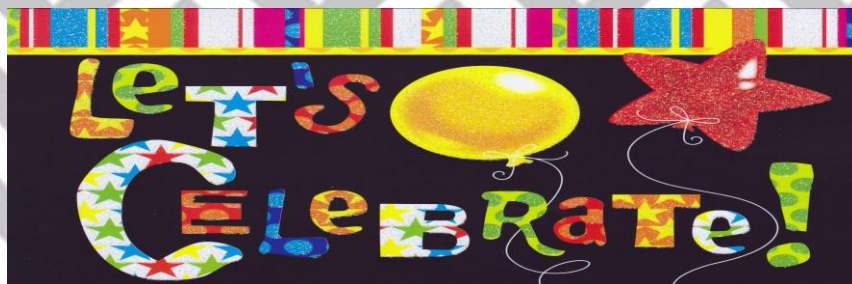
w.c. 5.12.22 - Christmas Play Performances

Afternoon performances are on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December / Evening performances are on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Denis in  
Sunflower  
Class**

**Alesia in  
Buttercup  
Class**

**Marcel in  
Dandelion  
Class**

**Isabella in  
Snowdrops  
Class**

**Grayson in  
Bluebells  
class**

**Olivia in  
Daisy Class**



**Attendance Cup  
Snowdrops Class  
Well done!**

**Our value for  
November is:**



**Honesty -  
Integrity**



**Values:**

**Inclusion**

**Integrity**

**Initiative**

**Inspiring**



**We celebrated with:**



**Alfie, who is now 6 years old!**

**Happy Birthday to you!**



**Bramble's Rule ☺**

**For next week;**

**Be caring like Christopher and do  
not run in the corridors**



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



**197 messages**

**174 stories shared**

**1501 skills celebrated**

**100% positive feedback**

