



Being the best we can
be

Bramble's

News

10th February 2023



A message from Mrs Gynn

Listening to children read



Listening to your children read at home, or sharing books with them is one of the best things you can do. It helps them to remember letter sounds / helps to develop vocabulary / helps to develop fluency skills / helps to develop imagination.

We run a reading challenge in school. When your child reads 20, 50, 100 times or more at school they put an apple on the display and receive a brand new book. Please help us to award the children by writing in their reading record book when you listen to them read.

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.

Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.

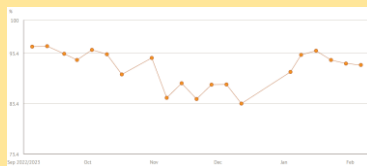


Learn more:

smartreading.org/parent-resources



Attendance



It is nice to see that our attendance has not fallen this week, which is the first time in a month. I really do hope that after the half term break, we shall see an improvement in the weather, which in turn will mean that everyone feels better and illness reduces. We shall be entering the last half of the school year. Skills and knowledge really do get developed and practised during this second half, so every day counts.

Fairwell to Mrs Morari. Everyone at St James wishes her well. We look forward to welcoming Miss Cox who will be joining the St James team after the holidays. ☺

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Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

InMAT

Two FREE tickets to The Big Sing
GIVE AWAY



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3

**SHARE
& TAG US**

Share any of our Big Sing posts and tag both InMAT and NMPAT to win

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

I hope you have a lovely break next week and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 21st.



Reminders...

Homework Splats

These have been posted on Class Dojo this week.

Deadline is w.b.25th March in Reception /
Wednesday 27th March in Year 1 /
Thursday 28th March in Year 2

Children can bring in any finished projects
at any time throughout the term.

Jewellery

Our uniform policy states that jewellery
should not be worn in school. This
includes crucifix necklaces.

This is a health and safety policy.

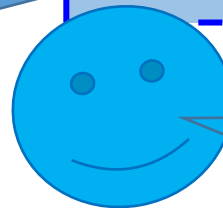
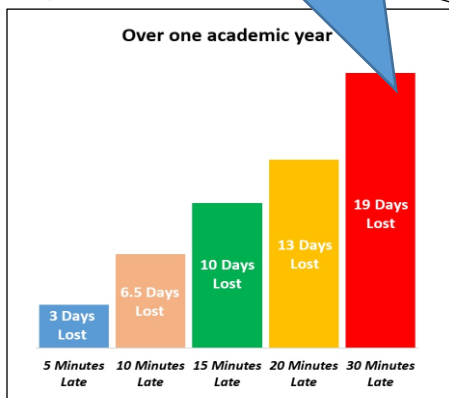
Too many children are wearing jewellery.
Please start the new term by taking off all
items.

School uniform

School uniform should be worn every day,
except for PE days. PE kits should be school
colours only.

Please do your best to send your children
to school in the correct clothing.

Thank you to all parents who have
already worked with their children.
Wonderful work is being shared.



Thank you - lots of children are
wearing uniform every day.
However, there are a few who do
not. Please dress your children in
uniform or uniform colours on
school days.

Being on time, sets up the day for success.

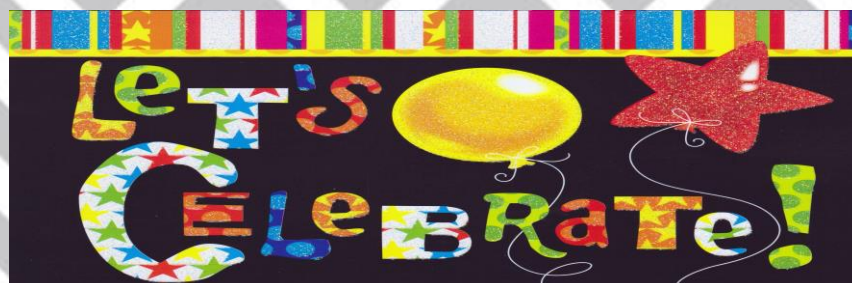
Take a look at the graph opposite to see how much time
your child may have lost already this year.

It is surprising how quickly it mounts up.

This week's book recommendation:



As we break up for a week, I am keeping my fingers crossed
that the weather is dry and not too cold, so that everyone
can get out and about. This book has lots of ideas for what
to do to discover the outdoors, whether that's a city park, a
beach, deep in the woods or even in a garden. There are lots
of activities to do together too. I hope you enjoy it. 😊



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Certificates have been awarded to:

World of Words

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

Mohamed in Buttercup Class

Let's Investigate

Fantastic maths or science work

Maria in Dandelion Class

Express Yourself

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

Oliwia in Sunflower Class

Exploring the World

Super history, geography or religious education work

Oliver in Bluebell Class

Being your best

Fatima in Daisy Class

Wow!

Ellie in Snowdrop Class

Our value for February is:



Independence - initiative



Values:

Inclusion

Integrity

Initiative

Inspiring



We celebrated with:

Edgar, who is now 71

Happy Birthday to you!



Attendance cup awarded to:



Snowdrop Class -

Well done!



Handwriting Award

Marcel P and Nikolay ☺

Star Readers

Hanna and Mohamed - who have 100 reads!

Alesia, Dante, Mujo, Scarlett - who have 50 reads!

A wonderful achievement - well done!



What will be happening in our school?

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Bramble's Rule

Alla, Archie, Chloe,
Harmilan, Ivy, Jake, Libby,
Misha, Molly, Mujo, Oliver,
Phoebe



Look at how
amazing our school
was last week:

1557 skills celebrated

390

291 messages



Lots of children received 5 Dojo points this week, having been in school every day. Dojo points will continue to be issued this week. 😊

10.2.23 - Term 3 finishes



SCHOOL HOLIDAY

20.2.23 - Training Day

21.2.23 - Term 4 begins / Pancake Day

23.2.23 - Sports Super Hero Festival

24.2.23 - Crazy Hat Day - please wear something strange!

w.b. 27.2.23 - Reading Week - (2.3.22 - World Book Day)



5p bottle challenge

Coming after the week's holiday

Please collect as many 5 pences as you can.

An event for your diary
Curriculum Drop-in sessions
this term:

Focus = Phonics
Reception parents are
invited to join us for the
next sessions



Friends of St James Events - Spring term

Mufti Day's St James Infant & Pre-School 2023

- Friday 31st March Mufti -We will be asking for chocolate for the Easter Fayre Tombola instead of the £1
- Friday 28th April Mufti -Stars, Spots, & Stripes Day 
- Friday 26th May Mufti - its Pyjamarama day 
- Friday 30th June Mufti Day - We ask for a bottle for the Summer Fate Tombola instead of £1
- Thursday 20th July - A single colour Day (students to wear red, white, pink, blue or green from head to toe)

