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2024



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at St James C of E Academy, the entire staff wish to express their deepest gratitude for your thoughtful contributions in providing party food, staff gifts, heartwarming words of appreciation, and donations to our Amazon wishlist.

Thank you



THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S

POPPY APPEAL

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to:

St James C of E Academy

Amount raised:

£170.17

Your contribution helps us to support the Armed Forces community,
past and present.

EVERY POPPY COUNTS

Kessie King
Bulkington Poppy Appeal Organiser
November 2024 Poppy Appeal



Let's make this holiday season one of compassion, understanding, and support for one another. If you are aware of someone who may benefit from this information, please consider sharing it with them.

Support organisations and contacts:

NHS helpline 111

Warwickshire children and families front door (MASH) 01926 414144

FIS (Family Information Service) 01926 742274

Family Support Line 01926 412412

EDT (social care out of hours emergency duty number) 01926 886922

RISE crisis team (child/young people) 08081 966798 (option 2)

Child Line 0800 1111

Young Minds 0207 0895050

Mental Health access hub (adults) 0300 200 0011 (open 24/7, 365 days)

Samaritans 116 123 (open 24/7, 365 days)

Safe line 0808 8005008

Refuge 0800 2000 247 (open 24/7)

National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV) 0800 970 2070

Cost of living crisis - useful contacts:

Help for Households website: www.helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk

[Act On Energy](http://www.actonenergy.org.uk) on 0800 988 2881

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme 0800 408 1448 or visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk

Citizens Advice: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

p.h.i.l. (Preventing homelessness, Improving lives) in Warwickshire: www.warwickshirephil.org.uk

Warwickshire Cost of living web page: <https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/>

Warwickshire Food Banks:

warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk

rugby.foodbank.org.uk

nuneaton.foodbank.org.uk

bedworth.foodbank.org.uk

northwarks.gov.uk

Relaunch of Premier Education Wraparound Care (WAC) Club

Please see the letter below regarding Wrap Around and afterschool clubs. Thank you



Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting Announcement: Relaunch of the Wrap Around Care (WAC) Club

We are delighted to share that, starting January 2025, St James CofE Academy will be relaunching our Wrap Around Care (WAC) Club, with a range of options to support families. This includes the addition of a daily Breakfast Club, providing a convenient and safe start to the school day.

Temporary Funding to Support Our WAC Club

We are also pleased to inform you that we have secured temporary funding from the local authority, which will help us develop and grow the WAC Club over the next 6-9 months. This funding allows us to offer reduced pricing during the initial phase. However, to ensure the club's long-term sustainability, our charges must be competitive with national rates for similar services, therefore we will be offering a phased pricing period.

The pricing for the WAC Club will be phased as follows:

January - July 2025

Before School

7:30 - 8:45am: £4.50 *this includes food

After School

3:15 - 4:15pm: £4

3:15 - 5:30pm: £8 *this includes food

From September 2025...

Before School

7:30 - 8:45am: £6 *this includes food

After School

3:15 - 4:15pm: £6

3:15 - 5:30pm: £12 *this includes food

Changes to After-School Sports Club

We would like to inform you that the after-school sports club will no longer be available separately. Instead, Premier Education, the UK's largest provider of wraparound care services, will be delivering the sports club as part of the WAC Club. Premier Education offers a wide range of activities including sports, arts, crafts, and child-led activities. To help children book into specific activities, we have introduced the following sports timetable for the first hour of the after-school session (3:15 - 4:15pm):

Mondays: Football

Tuesdays: Dodgeball

Wednesdays: Basketball/Netball

Thursdays: Football

Fridays: Gymnastics

**Activities are subject to change based on demand/popularity*

How to Book and Pay

All bookings for the WAC Club can be made online at www.premier-education.com, and bookings can be made up until the day of the session. Payments can be made via card or childcare vouchers. Many parents find it useful to pay using Tax-Free Childcare vouchers, which can help reduce childcare costs.

To find out more about paying with Tax-Free Childcare vouchers visit www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/childcare-vouchers

If you have any questions about the pricing, the new timetable, or how to book a place for your child, please don't hesitate to contact us - ndobbin@premier-education.com. We are happy to assist you.

Why choose Premier Education

Premier Education is the UK's largest provider of wraparound care services. We specialise in offering a wide range of out-of-school care services, including breakfast clubs, after-school clubs, holiday clubs, and other extended learning activities for children. Premier Education operates in schools across the UK and is committed to providing high-quality, affordable, and accessible childcare.

Premier Education works closely with schools to offer structured activities for children during the before-school and after-school periods, and often incorporates elements like sports coaching, team-building exercises, and creative arts into their programmes. Our aim is to support working parents while providing children with valuable extracurricular experiences.

We are excited to offer these enhanced services and look forward to welcoming your child(ren) to the new-look Wrap Around Care Club in January.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Let's educate
and activate
the world.**

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Children in Need

We raised a fantastic £520.00 for Children in Need - Thank you all for the generous donations.



Increase to School Meal Prices

As of 1st January 2025 the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.75 per day.

Goodbye to Mrs Loveitt

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Mrs Loveitt, who has worked in the school office for the past 16 years. Mrs Loveitt decided to take early retirement so she could spend more time with her family and also to concentrate on her hobbies. We will all miss her and wish her every happiness for the future.



23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025 - Christmas Holiday

6th January 2025 - Teacher Training Day

13th January 2025 - Year 6 Trip to Coventry Cathedral

23rd January 2025 - Year 4 Roman Day

30th January 2025 - Young Voices Concert Resorts World Birmingham

10th February 2025 - Year 6 Heights and Weights

17th—21st February 2025 - Half Term

24th February 2025 - Teacher Training Day

18th March 2025 - Year 3 Trip to Kingsbury Water Park

14th - 25th April 2025 - Easter Holiday

5th May 2025 - Mayday

12th - 15th May 2025 - Year 6 SATs Week

20th May 2025 - Year 5 Trip to Blists Hill Victorian Town

21st May 2025 - Image Musical Theatre (Jungle Book)

26th - 30th May 2025 - Half Term

11th June 2025 - Year 4 Trip to Thinktank Birmingham

16th - 19th June 2025—Year 5 Bikeability

2nd July 2025 - Transition Day

18th July 2025 - Last Day of Term

Attendance - Target 97%

The whole school attendance from 1st to 13th December was **92.4%** which is below target. The highest attendance was achieved by Hazel and Willow class both with 96%



A Christmas Prayer

*May the blessing of joy abide within you;
May the blessing of peace rest upon you;
May the blessing of love flow out through
you; May all the blessings of the Lord be
yours at Christmas and in the new year.*

