

St James and St John



CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Unite and Prosper"



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Welcome



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have the great pleasure of welcoming you and your family to St James and St John Church of England Primary School. I hope this booklet provides you with a solid introduction to the ethos, values and expectations of our school.

At St James & St John Church of England Primary School, we 'Unite and Prosper' by placing a strong emphasis on working hard and supporting each other to ensure a successful future for all.

We are passionate about learning and strive to ensure a love of learning in a stimulating, creative and nurturing atmosphere. We have high expectations of exemplary behaviour and courtesy.

Our fantastic team have a strong commitment to high-quality teaching and learning. We believe in the development of the "whole child" as an individual and endeavour to encourage them towards a successful future, where they will use the skills and qualities they have learnt to dream big and become responsible global citizens in an ever-changing world.

We hope you feel the warmth and close-knit spirit that makes our school truly special. It's a place where every child is known, cared for, and encouraged to flourish. We look forward to welcoming you and your family into our nurturing community very soon.

Louise Woods

Headteacher





Our school

St James and St John Church of England Primary School is a small, split-site school nestled in two idyllic villages in North Buckinghamshire.

Our Key Stage 1 site is located in the charming village of Akeley, where you'll find our Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. Just over a mile away, in the picturesque village of Chackmore, lies our Key Stage 2 site, home to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Both sites are surrounded by stunning countryside and are just a stone's throw from the historic Stowe Landscape Gardens.

We are proud of our strong community links and enjoy close partnerships with the church, other local schools, the National Trust, and village committees, among many others. These relationships enrich school life and help us maintain the excellent reputation of our school. This is underpinned by the high expectations we set for both our pupils and staff, who work hard every day to uphold our values and standards.

At the heart of everything we do is our unique, nurturing ethos rooted in Christian values. We believe in creating a warm, inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported and encouraged to thrive. We may be a small school, but we have a **BIG** heart – full of warmth, care, and a passion for helping every child flourish.

Vision & values

Our friendly, nurturing school welcomes all to unite together through creative, stimulating and challenging learning opportunities.

We aim to support and enable all to flourish and prosper in all aspects of their life as they begin their journey with St James and St John Church of England Primary School.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Our school's Christian values are represented in our unique twist of the scallop shell of St James. We do all we can to model these values to our children, and we encourage all children to understand why the values are so important.

- Respect
- Kindness
- Aspiration
- Collaboration
- Friendship
- Resilience
- Courage



I can honestly say that the individuals that work at this school are some of the most **kind and nurturing** I've ever come across. The hand holding, the cuddles and the gorgeous smiles are exactly what my child needs just now and I am in no doubt that he will thrive in this wonderful environment. Thank you to everyone at St James and St John! You're all **fabulous!**

-Parent's kind words

Our curriculum

Our curriculum intent is embedded in our vision of enabling all children to flourish and prosper by uniting as a community of learners.

At St James and St John Church of England Primary School, we are committed to providing our pupils with a creative, stimulating and challenging curriculum that will equip them with the skills, knowledge and learning experiences that will provide a solid foundation for their journey of life-long learning.

We believe in the development of the 'whole child', and our school values of kindness, respect, collaboration, resilience, aspiration, courage and friendship are integral to our aim of helping children develop their social and moral code. These Christian school values are what we live and breathe within our school and are incorporated into our learning opportunities.

We are committed to meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and the Primary National Curriculum. Our schemes of work are specifically designed to reflect the content and challenge of these curricula. We ensure our curriculum is inclusive and enable all children to prosper academically, socially and emotionally.



Our broad and balanced curriculum takes into account our location, our cohort of children and the opportunities our community can offer. Through a combination of the learning experiences developed in our curriculum, collective worship and everyday school life, we embrace equality and diversity, encouraging all learners to be kind and respectful.



Our inclusive, nurturing and happy school values everyone in our school community equally. We welcome children who have their own unique needs and require a more personalised approach. We work with parents to ensure there is equity.



Through using a variety of resources, our curriculum is designed to encourage children to flourish and prosper, with many lightbulb moments along the way. Our children will learn to become resilient and embrace mistakes in a safe and supportive environment that encourages them to go above and beyond. The resources we use have been carefully selected to engage and challenge our children in their learning. We strive to provide our children with a clear structure and progression in their learning journey.





EYFS curriculum

Our EYFS curriculum is designed to enable all pupils to flourish and prosper within St James and St John Church of England Primary School as they start their school life journey. It is a holistic approach to education, developing the child as a whole and building confident lifelong learners.

All pupils will work towards the school curriculum goals guided by Development Matters, Birth to Five and the Early Years Foundation Statutory Framework.

Settle	Settle in and become a confident learner
Follow	Follow a series of instructions to achieve a goal
Make	Make an imaginative product using different materials
Move	Move confidently in a variety of ways
Create	Create a healthy dish to share with friends and family
Write	Write a simple sentence
Remember	Remember the key parts of a story and discuss characters & events
Explore	Explore and represent numbers

Within each statement, there will be 4 checkpoints. Check point A will take place within the pupil's first six weeks in the Autumn term. Checkpoint B will take place in the second half of the Autumn term. Checkpoint C will occur during the Spring term. Checkpoint D will occur during the first Summer term. The final checkpoint will be ELGs (Early Learning Goals) in the final Summer Term, where pupils will be assessed at expected or emerging.

Implementation

Pupils will receive daily taught sessions guided by the Early Years Statutory Framework. Pupils will learn their phonics through the synthetic systematic phonics scheme RWInc. They will have daily phonics lessons that are grouped homogeneously.

Pupils will develop their love of reading through daily story time sessions. Pupils will explore and discover maths through teacher input, discovery time and spotlight tasks to gain the foundations of their mathematical understanding following the WhiteRose Maths Scheme as a guide.

The classroom environment will reflect this with spotlight discovery tasks alongside continuous provision areas. For example, the continuous provision for maths would have numerals, blocks, dice, wood slices, and the spotlight task would be to match buttons.

Pupils will deepen their understanding of concepts through 'Discovery time'. Pupils are free to explore the classroom and select resources of their choosing. They can access all continuous provision and spotlight tasks.

During 'Discovery time' time staff will extend pupils learning through their use of language, questioning and modelling enabling sustained thinking opportunities. Assessment indicators will be planned for within the provision and staff will work to identify if pupils are 'on track/working towards' the curriculum goals.



A guide to the school day in KS1

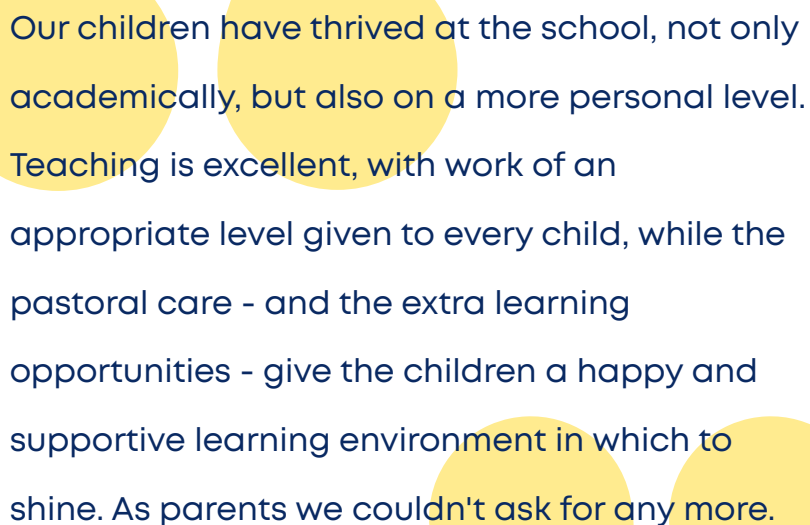
8:40am	●	Registration
8:45am	●	Dough disco
9:00am	●	ReadWriteInc phonics
9:45am	●	English
10:30am	●	Collective Worship
10:45am	●	Playtime
11:00am	●	Guided reading
11:10am	●	Maths
12:00pm	●	Lunch
1:00pm	●	Curriculum subject
2:00pm	●	Curriculum subject
2:45pm	●	Storytime
3:10pm	●	Hometime



A guide to the school day in KS2



- 8:45am ● Registration and morning work
- 8:55am ● Guided reading
- 9:20am ● English
- 10:20am ● Collective Worship
- 10:35am ● Playtime
- 10:50am ● Maths fluency
- 11:10am ● Maths
- 12:10pm ● Grace
- 12:15pm ● Lunch
- 1:15m ● Curriculum subject
- 2:15pm ● Curriculum subject
- 3:15pm ● Hometime



Our children have thrived at the school, not only academically, but also on a more personal level. Teaching is excellent, with work of an appropriate level given to every child, while the pastoral care - and the extra learning opportunities - give the children a happy and supportive learning environment in which to shine. As parents we couldn't ask for any more.

-Parent's kind words

School dinners

At St James and St John Church of England Primary School, we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful selection of hot dinner options available to our pupils.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are entitled to free hot meals through the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

For children in Key Stage 2 who are not eligible for universal free meals, hot dinners are still available to purchase.

Our meals are provided by Kingswood Catering, a trusted company that offers a variety of delicious and nutritious options. They cater for a range of dietary needs, including vegetarian and allergen-free meals.

The menu operates on a three-week rotation and is updated twice a year to include seasonal dishes wherever possible. Here is what a daily choice can look like:



MAIN

Crispy Chicken Goujons with Rice and Sweetcorn - BBQ Dip Optional

VEGETARIAN

Crispy Vegetable Nuggets with Rice and Sweetcorn - BBQ Dip Optional (v)

JACKET A

Jacket Potato with Mild White Cheddar Cheese and Carrot Batons (v)

JACKET B

Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo and Carrot Batons

FREE FROM

Summer Potato Salad with Sweetcorn

PACKED LUNCH A

Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Batons, Raisins and Pudding of the day (v)

PACKED LUNCH B

Tuna Mayo Sandwich, Carrot Batons, Raisins and Pudding of the Day

PUDDING

Belgian Waffle (v)



Wrap around care

We are lucky enough to work with a fantastic company, S4A, who provide our Wraparound Care, also known as Sunrisers and Sunsetters at both of our sites. Wraparound Care includes breakfast clubs, starting from 7:30 am with a nutritious breakfast, and after-school care, offering fun activities, crafts, games, and optional light meals until up to 6pm.

Their program is fully child-led, meaning children choose their daily activities, ensuring they always engage in something they love. They offer five key themes to inspire creativity, activity, and teamwork. The S4A team also offer an array of school clubs, including football, dodgeball and nerf club!



Forest school

We're incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated Forest School area nestled just behind our Akeley playground. It's a wonderful natural space where outdoor learning comes to life.

Our Forest School sessions are led by a qualified Forest School Leader from Green Planet Forest School and are thoughtfully designed to be inclusive, engaging, and inspiring. Each session nurtures children's confidence, self-esteem, resilience, and mindfulness through hands-on experiences in nature, all passionately delivered by the Forest School Lead.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 spend a full afternoon in the forest each week, alternating by class every half term. Whether they're building dens, climbing trees, exploring the woodland, or enjoying a warm cup of "hot mud" (forest-style hot chocolate!), every session is an opportunity for adventure, creativity, and connection with the natural world.





Our PTFA

We have a fantastic PTFA team who are dedicated, passionate and kind. The PTFA runs solely with the support and dedication of our volunteers, and our aim is to raise funds for the school to purchase items which the school's budget cannot stretch. Throughout the year, we run events for parents and children to attend; recently, these included:

- **Christmas Events**
- **Easter Events**
- **Talent Show**
- **Colour Run**
- **School Discos**

Our PTFA provide refreshments at key school events throughout the year, such as the KS1 Nativity, KS2 Christmas Carols, Harvest festivals and Mothers & Marvellous Men day assemblies.

Here is an example of things that the PTFA has been able to fund and provide for the school in the past:

- **iPads and other electronic equipment**
- **Playground markings and outdoor games equipment**
- **Sheds**
- **Transport for whole school pantomime visit and other educational sites**
- **Science and drama workshops**

The PTFA are also always seeking new faces who would like to support!

School trips

At St James and St John Church of England Primary School, we believe that learning goes far beyond the classroom walls. Our carefully planned programme of school trips and residential experiences plays a vital role in enriching the curriculum, building confidence, and creating everlasting memories for our pupils.

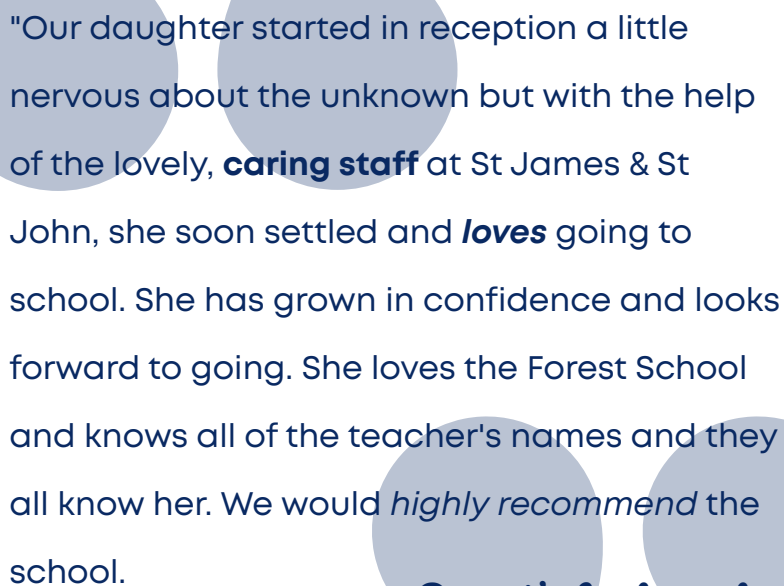
Throughout the school year, children across all year groups have the opportunity to take part in a variety of educational visits. These have included:

- Hogshaw Farm
- Roald Dahl Museum
- Warner Bros. Studios
- MK Museum
- Old Gaol
- Blenheim Palace
- Pitt Rivers Museum
- National Space Centre

We also enjoy a whole school trip to the pantomime every Christmas! We have also been lucky enough to have visits from the Mounted Police, Andreas Animals and Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue, to name just a few!

In Years 4 and 6, pupils are invited to take part in residential experiences where they can develop independence, teamwork, and resilience in a supportive and exciting environment. Recently, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a three-day residential trip to Everdon, and our Year 6 pupils love their trip to Manor Adventure.





"Our daughter started in reception a little nervous about the unknown but with the help of the lovely, **caring staff** at St James & St John, she soon settled and **loves** going to school. She has grown in confidence and looks forward to going. She loves the Forest School and knows all of the teacher's names and they all know her. We would *highly recommend* the school.

-Parent's kind words

EYFS and KS1 results

Key Stage 1 Attainment:

Teacher Assessment	% of pupils reaching the Expected Standard and at Greater Depth				% of pupils reaching Greater Depth			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
English Reading	45% 67%	92% 68%	83% 68%	79% 68%	9% 18%	17% 9%	9% 19%	26% 19%
English Writing	27% 58%	63% 60%	69% 60%	63% 60%	0% 8%	0% 8%	4% 8%	16% 8%
Mathematics	50% 68%	87% 70%	78% 70%	79% 70%	5% 15%	29% 6%	17% 6%	42% 16%
Science	68% 77%	96% 79%	100% 79%	94% 81%	N/A			

National is 2024, KS1 SATs was optional

Year One Phonics Screen:

Number in Y1 Cohort in 2025: 11

Year	2019	Nat	2022	Nat	2023	Nat	2024	Nat	2025	Nat
% Pass	56%	82%	82%	75%	92%	79%	88%	80%	100%	80%

National is 2024

Year Two Cumulative Phonics Screen:

Number in Y2 cohort in 2025: 19

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025
% Pass	82% 87%	100% 87%	91% 89%	95% 89%

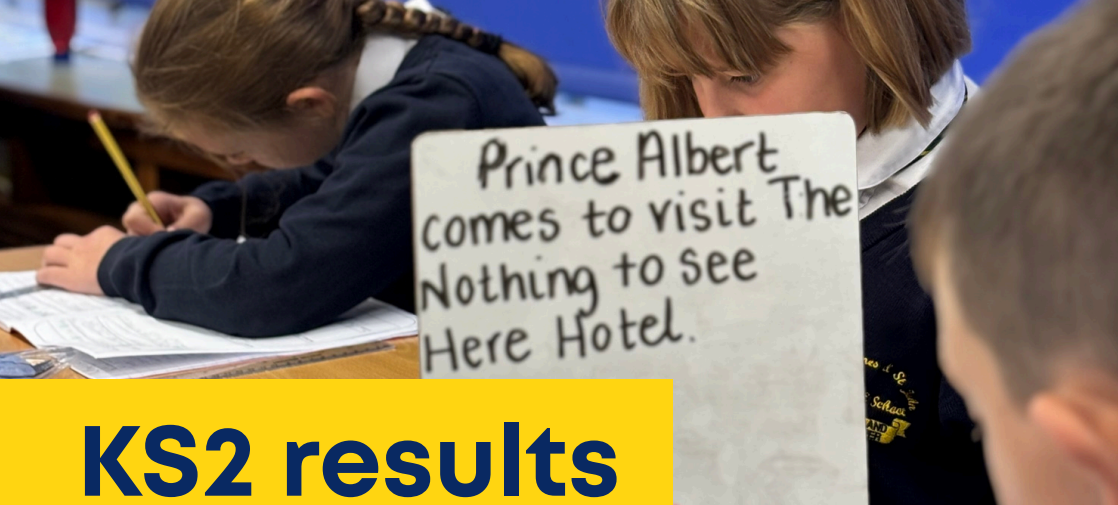
National is 2024

EYFS:

Number in FS Cohort 2024: 14

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025
% GLD	58% 65.2%	78% 67.2%	54% 67.2%	93% 68% 2024 National

National is 2024



KS2 results

Key Stage 2 Headlines

Number in 2025 Y6 Cohort: 16

Test Results / Teacher Assessment	% of pupils working at the Expected Standard + (inc at Greater Depth)				% of pupils working at Expected Standard (inc at Greater Depth) RWM Combined			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
English Reading	68% 75%	76% 73%	61% 74%	88% 75%	25% 59%	38% 59%	57% 61%	69% 62%
English Writing (TA)	25% 69%	39% 71%	68% 72%	81% 72%				
Mathematics	54% 71%	71% 73%	61% 73%	75% 74%				
SPAG	54%	77% 72%	68% 72%	81% 73%				
Science	68%	86% 80%	93% 81%	94% 82%				

2025 Reading average scaled score was 108, National was 106

Maths average scaled score was 106, National was 105

SPAG average scaled score was 106, National was 105

Test Results Teacher Assessment	% of pupils working at Greater Depth				% of pupils working at Greater Depth in RWM Combined			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2022	2023	2024	2025
English Reading	21% 28%	33% 29%	32% 28%	50% 33%	0% 7%	10% 8%	14% 8%	19%
English Writing (TA)	4% 13%	10% 13%	14% 13%	31% 13%				
Mathematics	7% 22%	19% 24%	18% 24%	38% 26%				
SPAG	11%	28% 30%	14% 32%	44% 30%				

Multiplication Check Year 4 Score out of 25

Number in Y4 Cohort 2024: 24

Year	2023	2024	2025
Average score	22.5	16.8	19.6
	20.2	20.2	20.6

National 2024



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