

ST. JAMES' HALF-TERM NEWSLETTER



THEME OF THE TERM

Gratitude in Action

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents, Guardians & pupils

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, I am reminded of the true meaning of community—a bond that grows stronger through love, compassion, and shared moments of joy. St. James' has had this in abundance this year, and it was very much felt on the last day of term at the Grimsby Minster Festival of Lessons. I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone for their contributions in making our community a special place.

The children and staff have worked tirelessly this term. Together, we've accomplished so much, and I am incredibly proud of what we've achieved as a community. Let's have a well-deserved break and carry this momentum into the next term!

I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and joy.

Miss Harris



LATEST NEWS

Our Year 11s Art & Photography pupils will receive their exam paper on the first day back after Christmas and we hope the exam date will be before the Easter holidays. The following images are of KS4 mock exam preparation. Well done everyone, beautiful work!





School Council

Miss Luff would like to thank the school council for attending meetings and organising events and functions this term.

Special thanks to Ashley and Clara for their assistance at the Wassail and parents' evening.

Special thanks also to Mary and Dilakshi for helping Mr Hornsby with the festivities and preparations for the Saints' Fayre, and to Delan and Ashley for setting up the stalls outside.

Your help, support, and involvement in our community events is much appreciated

We all thoroughly enjoyed our delicious Christmas Lunch. A huge thank you to our wonderful catering team for all of their hard work throughout the festive season.



Tuck Shop message from Mr Oakes

The tuck shop is going well; we have sold all of the stock for this term, and we will be re-stocking for the New Year. (Christmas pun not intended!)

Special thanks to Mary, Dilakshi, Sam and Anne for their professional co-ordination of the tuck shop.

Business Week

As part of Business Week, pupils were invited to enter a competition to re-design an advertisement. Congratulations to winners Zaynah, for her K-pop advert, and to Yaseen for his recreation of a Pepsi advert.

Message from Mr Smedley

We continue to perform exciting experiments in the lab, being more mindful of the fire alarm system. Here is a picture of the offending jelly baby in a test tube. Fortunately, nobody other than the jelly baby were injured.



Charity & Farewell

Thank you all so much for supporting the Elf Run for Lindsey Lodge! Your kindness and generosity help us make a real difference for those who rely on their care and services.

We also wish to say a heartfelt goodbye to Anne Wasmuth from Berlin, who has boarded with us this term. Anne has been a pleasure to host and fully emersed herself in every opportunity. We will miss you Anne!



A huge well done to Mr Hornsby and all of our pupils who contributed to our recent Wassail.

Your hard work and dedication made it a truly special occasion.





Congratulations to all pupils who participated in the various sporting events this term. Your teamwork and resilience have truly shone, whether in training for the cross country, competitive matches or breaking personal records.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

LENT TERM CALENDAR JANUARY - FEBRUARY

6th January - Teacher Training Day

7th January - Term begins for all pupils

13th January - Option groups taster sessions

16th January - Year 6 Moving Up Day

22nd January - House Bake Off competition

29th January - Lunar New Year

3rd February - National storytelling week & Mental Health week

5th February - Safer Internet Day

14th February - Half Term