

STJJ NEWS



St John and St James C of E Primary School Newsletter

27th September 2021

From the Headteacher

It's hard to believe that we are already four weeks into the new school year. Our value this half term is 'respect' and the children have fully embraced respect in every aspect of school life.

The soft start really works well, allowing children a gentle start to the day. Just a reminder that, children should arrive at school between 8:45 and 8:55 and start a morning challenge as soon as they get into the class as lessons start promptly at 9am.

As you can see, we like to include lots of photographs in our newsletter and the plan is to have many more available on the 'My School' app.

We want to make sure that we have permission to use photographs in the newsletter and on our website. In order to help us have up to date information and permissions, please fill in the contact update and permissions form coming home this week and return it to school promptly.

It's wonderful to have all the children back and to see so many of you at the gates, we hope that we can keep it that way moving forward but we all need to play our part. Please keep your child home if they have any Covid 19 symptoms and take them for a test. Please also inform the school of any positive results. Let's keep each other safe!

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Our vision is to create an inclusive community of aspirational learners, children, families and colleagues, working collaboratively and respectfully within a happy, nurturing environment where all flourish and achieve.

Jesus said 'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness'.

1 John 10 vs 10

All About Reading

The reading hut from the **London Book Project** that we had out the front for a while was hugely popular with children from across the school so we took the idea and made it bigger.

Before leaving us, Mrs Williams arranged a similar hut to be installed on the school playground, we have ordered lots of new and exciting texts for the children to enjoy for a calmer playtime. We look forward to sharing lots of pictures in our next addition.



How can you help?

Reading is the most valuable skill our children will ever learn. Many children have lost the stamina that they had for reading over the last year and we really need to support them in getting back on track. We have given all children a reading record diary to take home, we need you to encourage and comment on your child's reading habits in there; they are given a reading book and can also choose a book from our lovely new library. All children also have access to Scholastic Pro online, where there are lots of high quality texts for them to enjoy, with reading comprehensions to support understanding. Texts are set weekly by the teacher.



The children
loved petting the
farm animals.



Grove Street Party

July 2021



The children designed their own stencils to decorate the street.



Building structures and sharing their views of how they want their area to be.

Our voices matter!



Edible Garden



Year 6 enjoying the 'Growing' workshop with Trees for Cities.



Growing fruit and vegetables ourselves is a great way to help children to learn about where their food comes from and encourage them to try new foods.



Year 1 exploring the outdoor edible classroom. Everybody loved getting involved, planting and watering their seeds. Some future landscapers and gardeners here.

What a great team!





Trees for Cities



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Learning Together



We're so proud of the children's commitment to school uniform this term. Having a full PE kit is part of being ready for learning too!

However, last week we all came out in our jeans in Support of Jeans for Genes day to raise our awareness to those born with genetic disorders.

Charity is a key part of our Christian ethos.



Mrs Brown also ran a 50 km race on the weekend. Another great achievement, resilience, discipline and endurance. We're very proud!



Crisis is a charity that helps those who find themselves homeless. They help people to get support quickly.

Miss Ojukwu ran the Hackney Half Marathon to support the move to end homelessness. You can support her by making a contribution, no matter how small to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/zara-2021>



Children across the school ran to support Miss Ojukwu and you raised over £70 to donate to the charity. Thank you!

We love jumping in the puddles.
We are learning to play together and make new friends.



The Nursery children
love playing outside
whatever the weather.





In reception, we have a keen focus on being active and learning through play. Social play gives children endless opportunities to develop speech and language in a safe relevant environment. Adults model and play partner with the children, supporting them in building relationships with their peers.

We are all so proud of the way the children have settled in. They are super busy in their learning and are already getting used to the school routines.

The children have already learned the 3Rs, Ready, Respectful and Responsible and are beginning to understand what they mean.



Counter Balance and Counter Tension

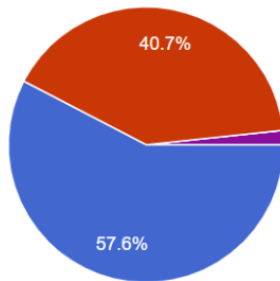
In Year 6 PE, children create sequences of at least eight to ten elements that include changes of level, direction and pathways to improve the look of the composition. Their actions are performed with fluency and control even when performing difficult combinations. They work in a small group, adapting their performance to perform to an audience





My child is happy at this school.

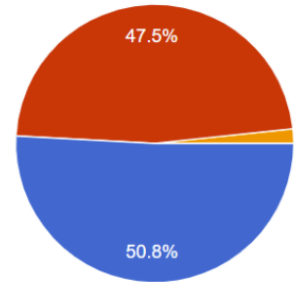
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● strongly agree
● agree
● disagree
● strongly disagree
● I don't know

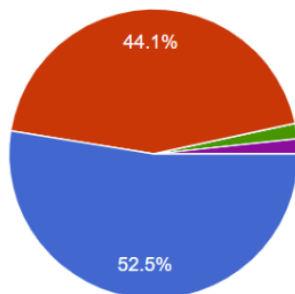
My child feels safe at this school.

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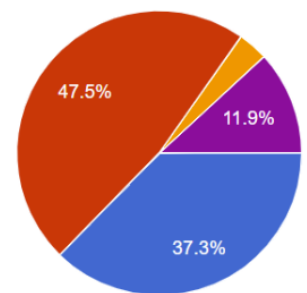
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

59 responses



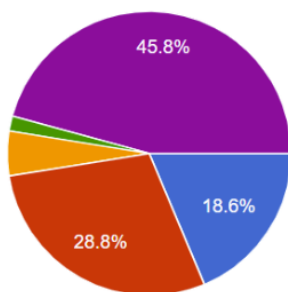
The school has high expectations for my child.

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My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.

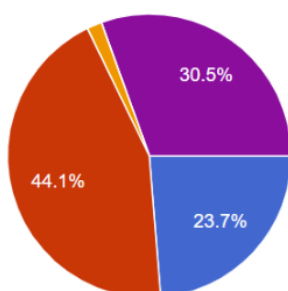
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● Strongly agree
● Agree
● Disagree
● Strongly Disagree
● My child has not been bullied

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

59 responses



● Strongly agree
● Agree
● Disagree
● Strongly disagree
● I have not raised any concerns

Thank you for the feedback. This is what you have told us.

If there is anything we can do to support you please get in touch.

We are working hard to give your children the education they deserve!



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Church of England Primary School

Code of Conduct - the three Rs

Ready

1. Be punctual.
2. Be in full school uniform.
3. Be silent when entering a classroom.
4. Listen carefully.
5. All necessary equipment out, and everything else away.

Respectful

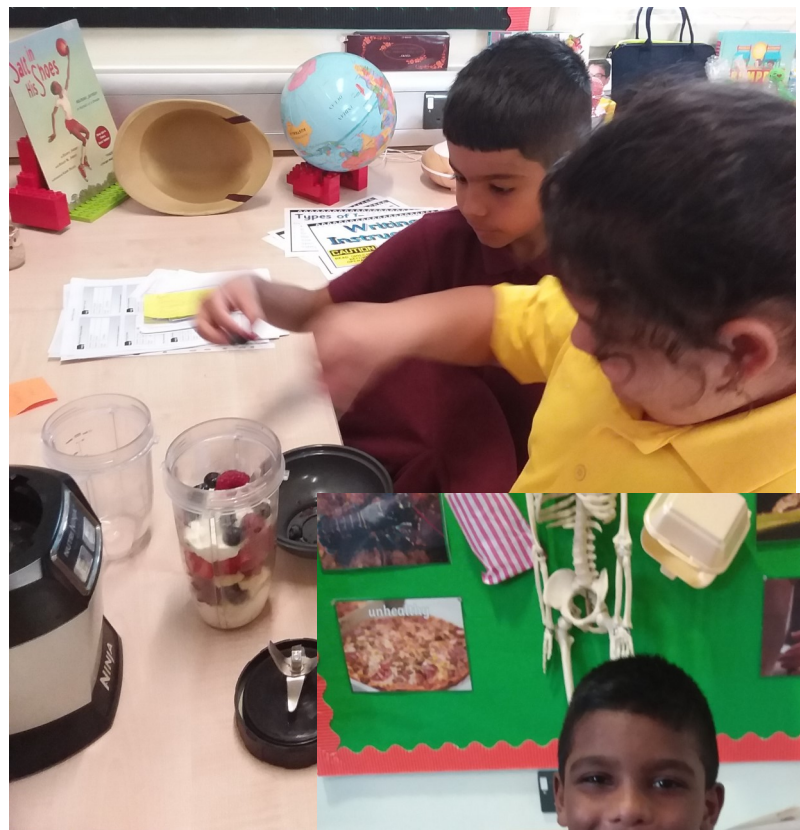
6. Do as you are asked by all members of staff, first time without question.
7. Listen to others, do not call out, and use appropriate language and tone.
8. Be kind to each other and take care of property.

Responsible

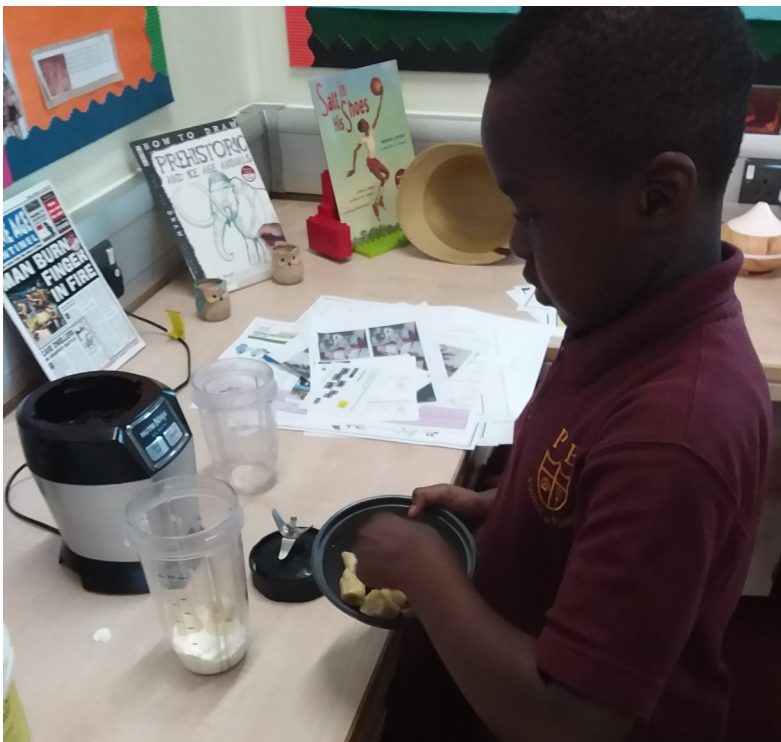
9. Follow rules for health and safety.
10. Keep hands, feet, objects and personal comments to yourself.
11. Be in the right place at the right time, and not in unsupervised areas.

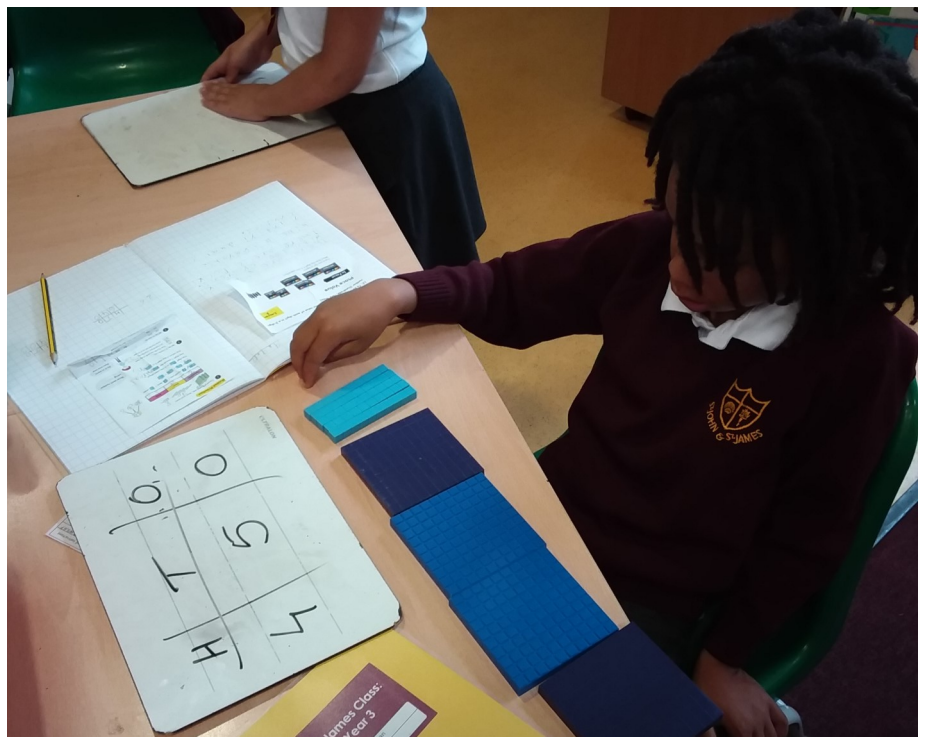
The children have really embraced the new code of conduct and behaviour and attitudes this term have been phenomenal.

Thank you for all of your support with implementing the behaviour expectations. Remember to use the 3Rs when discussing incidents with your children at home!

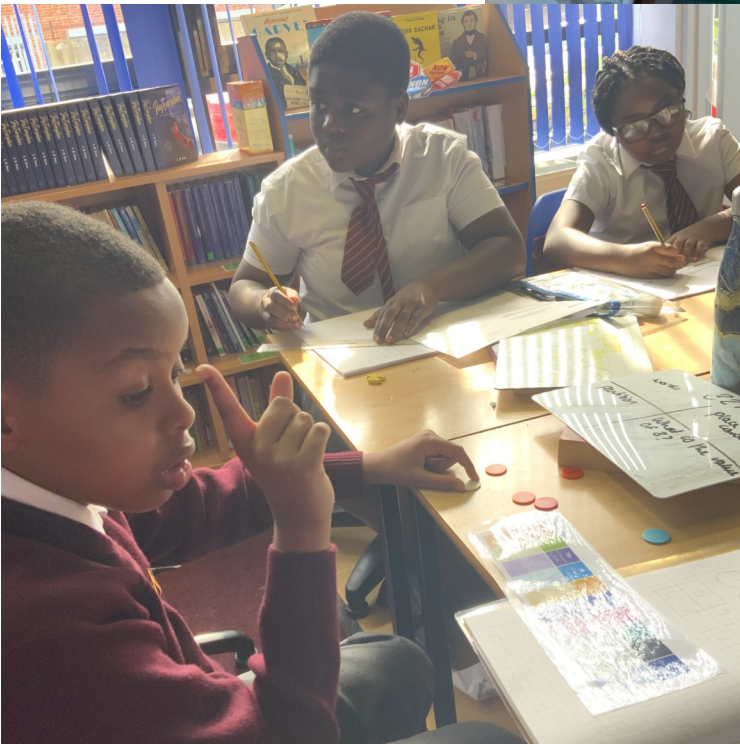
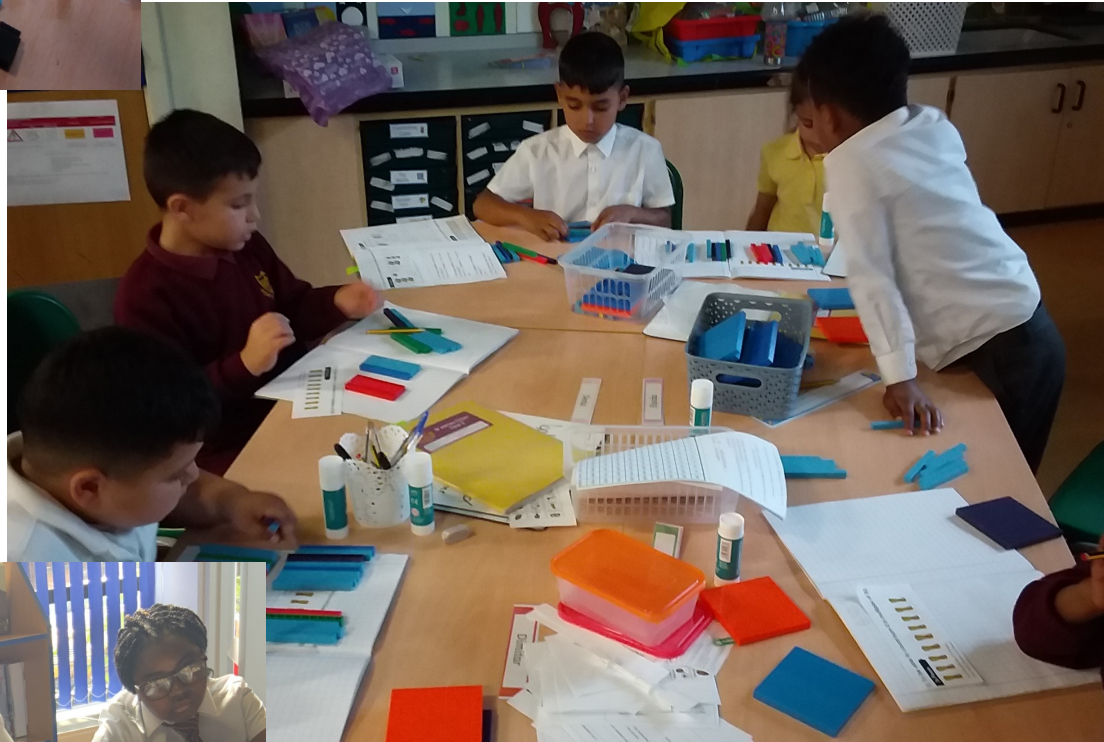


In science, we learn about Animals, including humans, focusing on healthy living by looking into the food groups and how what we eat affects our bodies. For example, dairy foods will give us the calcium necessary for strong bones and teeth. Or the carbohydrates foods, such as rice, grains, pasta, gives us energy.





The children are focussing on number and place value at the moment. Being able to read and write increasingly bigger numbers is essential to moving on to calculation. We use practical manipulatives to help children to develop their understanding of the different digits.

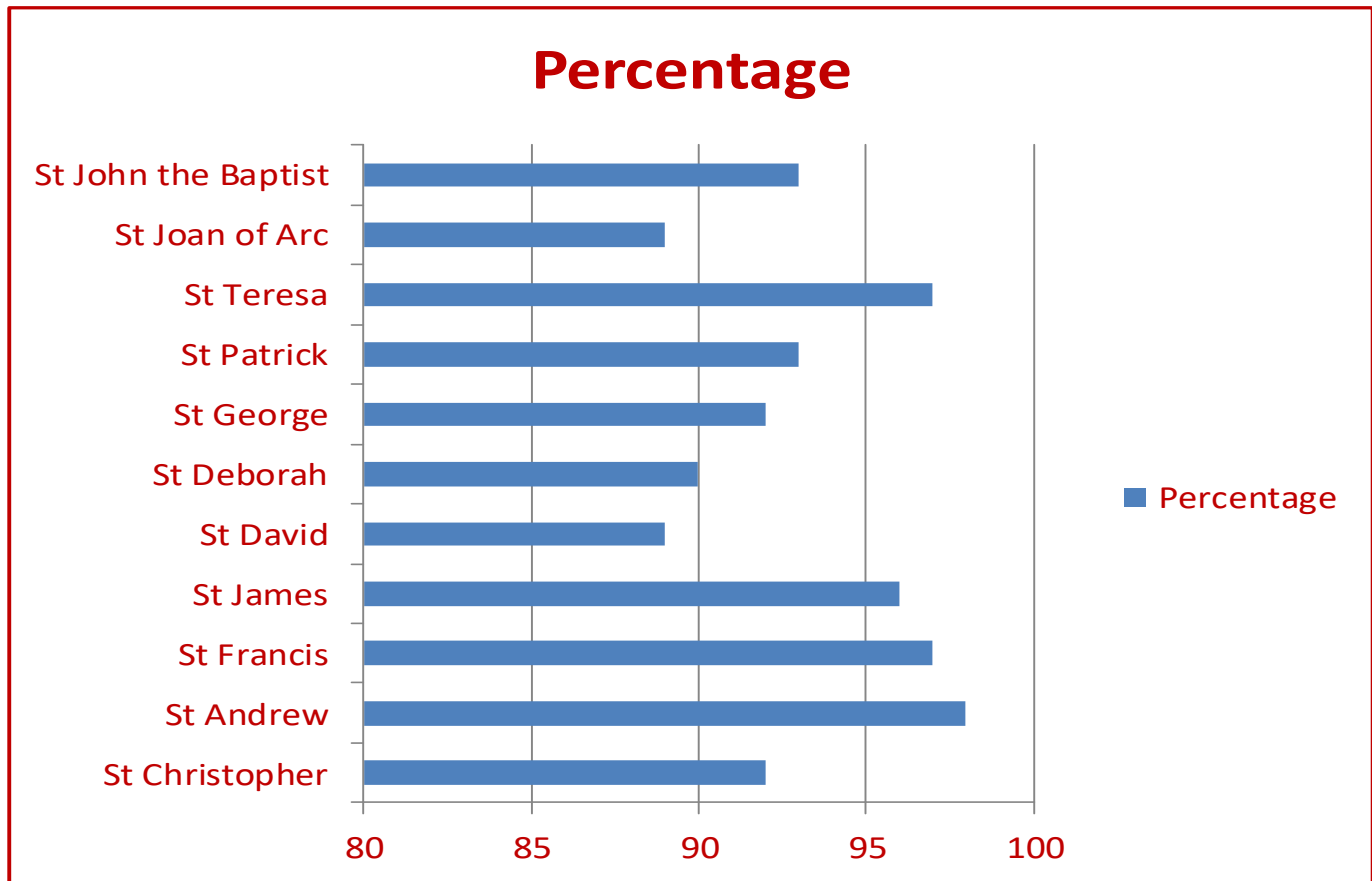


Times tables are an essential part of life, we use them everyday. By the end of year 4, all children should be able to recall and use times table facts up to 12×12 , these are built up over time.

Times tables activities will be added to Mathletics and Google Classroom weekly for homework.

If you are struggling to access online platforms please speak to us. Homework is an crucial part of your children's independence, development and education; good habits are formed now.

This week's Attendance



At St John and St James we expect all children on roll to attend school every day if they are fit and well enough to do so. Our attendance target for expected attendance is 96%.

Well done to St Andrew, St Francis, St James and St Teresa for meeting our school target this week.