

St James the Great Academy  
Chapman Way, East Malling,  
Kent, ME19 6SD

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who has attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. I hope that you found them useful and informative. If you were unable to attend then we will be posting the links to the slides on our website next week. Please see the calendar at the end of the letter for details of the Years 5 and 6 meetings.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Nite Owls today, the children loved finding out about the different owls and all of them had a chance to pose with Willow the 10 year old barn owl on their shoulder!



### Weekly Celebrations

	<u>Handwriting Hero</u>	<u>Marvellous Mathematician</u>	<u>Star of the Week</u>
<u>Malling</u>	Lee-James	Angelo	Archie
<u>Tonbridge</u>	Girish	Reggie	Kiarnah
<u>Canterbury</u>	Layla	Jason	Deniz
<u>Rochester</u>	Willow	Madison	Alfie
<u>Hythe</u>	Oliver	Archie	Lillie-Rose
<u>Dover</u>	Tommy R	Lucas P	Isabelle H

## Attendance

This is amazing!!

Attendance League This week		
1st	Canterbury Class	98.13%
2nd =	Malling Class	97.5%
	Rochester Class	97.5%

## Trophy Winners this week

Smart Uniform Award	Snoopy Award
Tonbridge Class	Malling Class

## Photos from the Week

**Year 2** Following on from the children's fantastic three dimensional artwork, we moved onto learning about abstract art. We chose small sections of our maps and enlarged them before cutting cellophane shapes with care and arranging them in unique compositions. The effect was similar to that of stained glass windows.



**Year 4** We are working hard to establish routines in class and enjoy learning in school. It has been a busy yet productive week. We have had particular highlights in Math and PE.





**Year 5** This week we tried adding dynamics (how we perform our actions) to our 'Dance by Chance' dance routines.



### **Dates for your Diary**

**Please note that all of the 'meet the teacher' meetings are at 2.45 in the Family Learning Centre.**

Monday 23rd September	Year 6 Meet the teacher (Including SATs)
Tuesday 24th September	Year 5 Meet the teacher meeting (Including Kent Test information)
Friday 27th September	Phonics Workshop for Reception Class and Year 1 Parents 2.30
Tuesday 1st October	Black History Month- various activities throughout the month
Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th October	Year 6 Residential Trip - PGL Windmill Hill
Monday 7th October	Reception Class- Group 1 Stay and Play
Tuesday 8th October	Nursery Class Group 1 Stay and Play
Wednesday 9th October	Reception Class Group 2 Stay and Play
Thursday 10th October	Nursery Class Group 2 Stay and Play
Friday 11th October	Year 1 Trip - Local Visit
Tuesday 15th October	Year 2 Trip - Dover Castle (date subject to change)
Wednesday 16th October	Nursery Class Parents Meetings
Thursday 24th October	Year 4 & 5 Trip - Canterbury Museums & Cathedral (date subject to change)
Friday 25th October	Last day of half-term

### **Useful Information**

#### **Car park policy**

At our recent Health and Safety committee meeting it was noted that there are a few issues in the parking area.

Please ensure that children use the pavements and do not run across the car park, in addition all children should dismount bikes and scooters on site and push them.

If you do drive on to the site, please do not park in the disabled bays or named spaces and please do not block in other drivers.

#### **Pantomime Trip**

We are really excited to be able to take Years R to 6 to the pantomime in Maidstone this year. Please complete the form which has been emailed to you as soon as you can so that we can confirm the arrangements





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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

JUMPERS  
CARDIGANS

SHOP

SKIRTS  
TROUSERS

**OPEN MON 23 SEPT**

**2:30-3:20PM**

**FAMILY LEARNING CENTRE**

THEN EVERY OTHER WEEK

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