



Southbroom St James Academy

'We belong, we believe, we flourish'



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A Message from Mr Bailey

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed some quality family time. It is lovely to welcome the children back and we have enjoyed hearing all about their holidays. Thank you for all your help ensuring that all the children have come back looking very smart. It has been delightful to see the children so eager to work in their new classes and get on with their learning.

We have welcomed our new children into Year 3. We are so proud of the way that they have come into their new school each day. We have also welcomed Miss Bridges as our new Year 3 Class Teacher alongside Mrs Turnell. We also have some sad news to share that Mrs Revening and Mrs Burgess have decided to move on from our school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the best and thanking them for their years of service.

We will do our best to try and keep you up to date in newsletters, which we hope to send out every week. There will also be information on our website. Key dates for events throughout the year will be on the school calendar on the website. In addition, do follow us on Instagram, to find out what we have been up to. Only children who have permission from you will have their photograph on this feed.

Here's to a fantastic year!

#belong #believe #flourish

Our value that we are exploring this term is 'Friendship'



St. James' Stars!

A big well done to all our stars of the week - *belonging, believing and flourishing*.

Seacole - Finley B & Seb T

Armstrong - Elliot M & Lily P

Nightingale - Loki C & Jemma S

Dickens - Millie G & Ellie M



Up to date Allergy, Asthma and Medical Information

Please ensure that you have kept us up to date with any allergy, medical or asthma information. If your child requires an inhaler, please make sure that they have brought it back to school, it is in date and that you have completed the paperwork for the asthma in the school office.

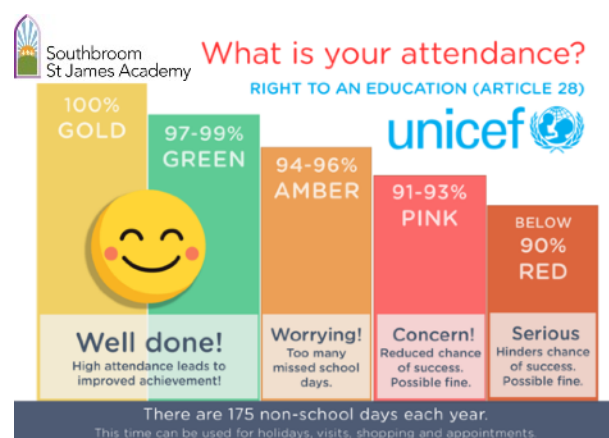


All allergies must also be kept up to date on Arbor even if your child does not regularly have a school dinner (as there might be an occasion that they do - forgotten lunch box, Christmas dinner etc).

If your child needs prescribed medicine whilst they are at school, please fill in a form at the school office and do not send medication in with your child. We can ensure its safekeeping and oversee administration.

Attendance and Punctuality

The start of a new school year is always a great time to remind everyone about the importance of good attendance and arriving in school on time. Remember, that the gates open from 8:35am-8:50am and the children start personalised learning from the moment they get into their classrooms as part of their Early Morning Task.



If your child is unwell, please telephone the school to inform us. If we do not hear from you, we operate a first day calling system to ensure that you are aware that they are not in school and to find out the reason for their absence. All absences will need to be reported for our records, which are also scrutinised by the Education Welfare Officer.

Government targets for attendance are 97% for every pupil. Those children with less than 90% attendance are considered persistent absentees, **even if the reason for absence is authorised**.

This also includes 'lates' so it is very important to get to school on time.

Clubs

Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive information about clubs that the staff will be offering this term.

As always, thank you to staff who offer to run these.



Clubs will run from 6th October - 28th November.

The only opportunity to sign up to a club will be as this information comes out via Arbor. Children will not be permitted to join clubs at a later date as this can cause confusion about attendance (and therefore safeguarding) in the office. If a child is signed up to a club it is the expectation that they attend that club if they have attended school that day.

Thank you for your support with this.

Collective Worship

On a Monday, we meet as a whole school for worship in the school hall. The worship is based around our value for each term and/or the Christian calendar. Members of St. James' Church clergy will sometime join us for these worships.



On a Tuesday, there is a class led worship. This is often delivered using a resource called iSingPop.

Every Wednesday, the 'Open the Book' team - a team of volunteers from the churches in Devizes - come and deliver productions of Bible stories to the school. These are popular, interactive sessions with lots of audience participation!

On a Thursday, we meet together in the school hall for Singing Worship.

At the end of the week, we meet as a whole school for Celebration Worship. This is exactly as it is named - a chance to celebrate success, achievement and effort across the school. There are Flourish Point certificates and other rewards given out. In addition, each class teacher will choose two stars of the week and share the reason they have been chosen. Their names (and reasons) are added to a board in the school hall.

We also like to celebrate successes and achievements outside of school. If your child has a certificate or trophy or similar that they would like to share, they are welcome to bring it to school on a Friday. If you would like it added to the newsletter as well, we would be delighted to - please email to the school admin email address: admin@southbroomstjames.dsat.org.uk .

School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Monday 6th October.

All children will have an individual photo taken and one with siblings who attend our school. They will also have a photo with their whole class.



PE Kit & Labelling

Please could you ensure any school uniform or belongings are labelled with you child's name.

Children are expected to come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please see below the clothing expectations around PE kit.



For indoor and summer outdoor activities the children should wear:

- Plain navy blue or black shorts
- Plain t-shirts (available with school logo) in child's school house colour (Brittox - Red; Wharf - Blue; Shambles - Green; Crammer - Yellow) or plain white
- Suitable flat soled, lace up (or Velcro) trainers

For outdoor games during the autumn or spring, all pupils require the items listed above plus:

- Plain navy or black training bottoms
- Plain, warm, blue sweatshirt or hoodie
- Suitable flat soled, lace up (or Velcro) trainers

PE Days

Here is a reminder of the PE days for each class:

Seacole: Tuesday & Thursday

Armstrong: Wednesday & Friday

Nightingale: Wednesday & Friday

Dickens: Tuesday & Thursday

'Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.' 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14



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WE'RE ON YOUR TEAM

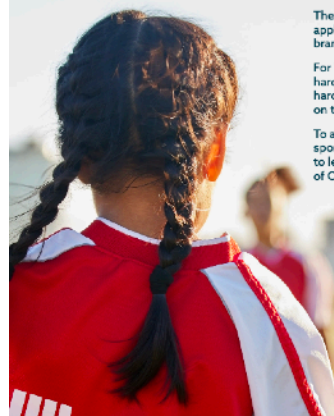
At Stonegate, we believe all young people should have access to sport, which is why we're awarding sponsorship to 10 local teams for a team kit up to the value of £800.

The opportunity to apply for sponsorship is open to under-18s teams of any ability, gender and sport, playing at a club within 10 miles of our HQ's in Wiltshire or Lincolnshire, which is affiliated to a local league.

The sponsorship will last for two seasons and all applicants must be willing to display a Stonegate brand logo on their shirt.

For individual players suffering from financial hardship, a club or teacher can also apply for a hardship grant of up to £100 to cover basic equipment on their behalf.

To apply, please let us know why your team would like sponsorship before 30th September. We'll be in touch to let you know if you've been successful by the end of October. Best of luck!



For further details or to apply please
contact wellbeing@Stonegate.co.uk



September Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 10am
Supporting A Child With ADHD	15 Sep 7pm
Improving Family Communication	16 Sep 10am
Autism Improving Communication	16 Sep 7pm
Facing Defiance	22 Sep 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	22 Sep 7pm
Understanding Anger	23 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	23 Sep 7pm
FREE Facing Defiance	25 Sep 7-8pm
Introduction To OCD	29 Sep 10am
What Is ACT?	29 Sep 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	30 Sep 10am
Anxiety Explained	30 Sep 7pm
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm