

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was absolutely wonderful to welcome all our children back to the SJS community this week after a well-deserved half-term break! We kicked off the week with a whole-school reset—a whole day for our classes to reconnect through games and thoughtful reflections on the previous term. To top it all off, we celebrated together with an extra break at the end of the day, having collectively reached our house point target last half term. A huge well done to everyone for contributing to this fantastic whole-school achievement! We are looking forward to another great half term filled with learning and more celebrations!

Best Wishes, **Mrs Davie** Headteacher



School Community News

Pupil-Run Clubs

The second opportunity for our pupils to take the lead and run their very own lunchtime games clubs on the playground or field was announced in assembly this week. Application forms are available in Mrs Tearle's office and must be handed in by Friday 14th November — don't miss out on this brilliant opportunity to inspire and lead!

School Community Messages

Join the Smartie Box Scavenger Hunt Challenge!



We're excited to support our friends at St James' by the Park church as they fundraise for the refurbishment of the Parish Hall—a much-loved venue in our community where many of our children have enjoyed birthday parties and local events. To help, we're launching the **2025 Smartie Box Scavenger Hunt Challenge!** For just £1, children can join the fun by collecting 15 tiny items over two weeks. Entry packs will be available from church volunteers in the playground after school on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th November, and completed entries will be collected on Wednesday 26th November. All entries go into a prize draw to win a £10 Amazon voucher, and the filled boxes will be hidden in the building to be uncovered at some time in the future! Thank you for your support.

Find out more at www.stjamesbythepark.org/restore

Upcoming Events



7th November - PTFA fireworks

11th November - Remembrance service for Grandparents/share my learning.

12th November - Gecko's swimming

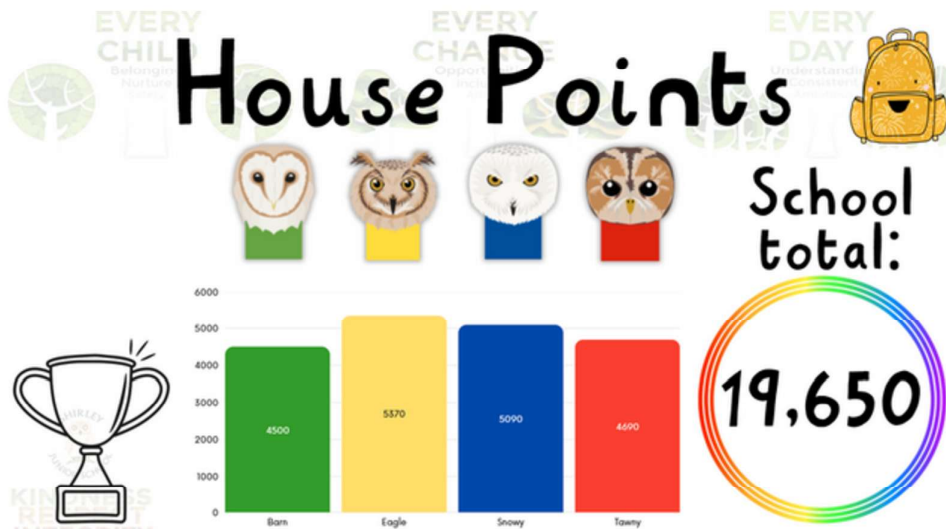
13th November - Year 3 Roman workshop/Year 2 parents SJS look around



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RESPECT.
INTEGRITY.

School Community Messages

Well done to all our children for earning house points last half term. Here are the Autumn 2 house point totals!



Chat Bites

This week ChatBites have continued to spark lively and thoughtful conversations in the dining hall!



To keep the conversation going, why not ask your child one of this week's ChatBite questions over dinner? It's a great way to hear their ideas, share your own, and enjoy some quality family time through thoughtful dialogue.

WHAT'S ONE KIND THING SOMEONE DID FOR YOU RECENTLY?

HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?

WHAT KIND THING COULD YOU DO FOR SOMEONE?

IF YOUR ART COULD MOVE, WHAT WOULD YOUR DRAWINGS DO?

WOULD THEY DANCE, TALK, OR GO ON ADVENTURES?

MY DOODLE OF A CAT WOULD LEAP OFF THE PAGE AND NAP ON MY SHOULDER!

DO YOU THINK TREES TALK TO EACH OTHER? WHAT MIGHT THEY SAY?

WOULD THEY GOSSIP ABOUT SQUIRRELS OR SHARE WEATHER TIPS?

THEY WHISPER, HERE COMES THE WIND—HOLD ONTO YOUR LEAVES!

WHAT'S THE WEIRDEST FOOD COMBINATION YOU'VE EVER TRIED—OR WANT TO TRY?

CHIPS DIPPED IN ICE CREAM? PEANUT BUTTER ON CARROTS?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU FOUND A TINY DRAGON IN YOUR LUNCH BOX?

WOULD YOU KEEP IT, TRAIN IT, OR LET IT FLY FREE?

"I'D TEACH IT TO TOAST MY SANDWICHES WITH ITS BREATH!"

