



James Marks Academy Trust

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Monday 1st December 2025

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Roman Fields Head's message



Hi all,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the festive season. We have been very busy at Roman Fields conducting our lesson observations and with our recent parents' evening - thank you to all of you who attended, and generously gave to charity by buying cakes on the night.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our end of term event; if you haven't yet replied, please can you let Tony know if you are coming as soon as possible.

We will also be having a 'silent disco' for the pupils at their request during the morning of the last day - more details to follow! I hope you enjoyed the extra Occasional Day on Friday and had a restful weekend,

Emma :-)





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James Marks Head's message



It looks as though winter is finally on its way. The occasional appearance of the sun is always welcome at this time of the year but to reassure you, I will still be wearing shorts come rain or shine.

We are heading into the last few weeks of the term, and are planning for the celebration event. Thank you to those of you who have responded to the invitation for this. The deadline for responses is Monday 1 December, I hope that you will be able to join us. I am looking forward to seeing lots of you there and celebrating our pupils.

We have the unenviable task of selecting one pupil per subject to receive the award. I am sure you can imagine how difficult this is as so many of our pupils will be nominated. I know Mark is already planning his section, I am curious as to how he is going to be as entertaining as last year.

At the end of term, you will also receive a report detailing the progress your child has made. For pupils in year 10 they will have a report for each GCSE subject so you can see the progress they have made. I see the effort and hard work pupils put into every day, which should make these a pleasure to read.





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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 21/11/2025



GOLD - Tom

SILVER - Thomas

BRONZE - Grace, Olivia

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Edith

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Jessica



Stars of the week - 27/11/2025

GOLD - Rafi

SILVER - Max

BRONZE - Lou

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Lewis

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Joe





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Pupil successes at James Marks Academy



Stars of the week - 21/11/2025

GOLD - Finley K

SILVER - Lily

BRONZE - Amiyah

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Dominic

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Jakob B



Stars of the week - 27/11/2025

GOLD - Blaize

SILVER - Lottie

BRONZE - Dylan

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Louie

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Vi





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Pupil successes at Forest House Education Centre



Stars of the week - 21/11/2025

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Amina - For a good start at FHEC and showing resilience.

FOREST HOUSE ATTENDANCE AWARD - Evie - For consistent attendance and engagement



Stars of the week - 27/11/2025

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Henry - For positive engagement in learning.

FOREST HOUSE ATTENDANCE AWARD - Elise - For consistent attendance and engagement for the whole term.





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Dates for the diary

Friday 12th December - Roman Fields
Christmas jumper day

Friday 19th December - last day of
school before we break for Christmas

Monday 22nd December till Friday 2nd
January 2026 - Christmas break

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY
(staff only)

**Tuesday 6th January - Pupils back to
school**

Monday 16th February till Friday 20th
February - Half term

Friday 27th March - Last day of school
before we break for Easter holidays

Monday 30th March till Friday 10th April
- Easter break



Become a Star Reader!



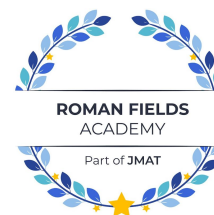
Here at Roman Fields, we understand and value the importance of reading. Reading - in whatever form you choose to engage in - fills you with knowledge. It improves your comprehension and analytical abilities. Furthermore, it stimulates the memory and broadens your imagination.

Therefore, each week, Roman Fields will be championing a *Star Reader*. You can be rewarded for your reading in any lesson, but you will also have the opportunity to demonstrate it in a specific session on your timetable. In these lessons, your teacher will be looking opportunities to award you points for your engagement in reading

Each week, the pupil with the most points awarded will receive a Star Reader certificate and a voucher.



Star reader of the week at Roman Fields Academy



21/11/2025

Willow





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James Marks Academy and Roman Fields - Tesco Christmas light switch on

The International Day of Disabled Persons falls annually on 3 December and recognises visible and invisible disabilities to promote the importance of inclusion in life and the workplace.

Tesco is an employer we work with, and provides us with an Enterprise Adviser - Tesco Paul as we call him - and he is a regular visitor within the trust. He has, for the last three years since we have been working together, invited some pupils from our trust to its head office in Welwyn Garden City for an annual lights switch on to mark this.

Last week, just after 5pm, the lights of the building were switched on flooding the building in a purple colour which in recent years, has been increasingly associated with symbolising the contribution of disabled people in the workforce and the wider community.

After the switch on our pupils enjoyed a tour of the building to see some of its impressive facilities, and spoke with Tesco employees and others. The pupils also enjoyed selecting a meal-deal of their choice in the in-building store and receiving some gifts.

Well done to all pupils who participated and thanks to parents for supporting this out of hours event by transporting your children.





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Roman Fields - MacMillan Cancer Support cake sale



What a fantastic evening getting to see all the Parents and pupils, hope you all got to enjoy some yummy bakes.

Thank you again to Paul, Cara and the pupils for all their time making the cakes and biscuits.

We are so grateful for all your purchases and contributions for MacMillan Cancer Support.

We raised a wonderful £135, thank you so much.





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Roman Fields - Children in Need dress up you pet competition

The pupils had so much fun voting for their favourite dressed up pet.



The winner was Stanley...



Other pets that took part was George, Sadie, Kola and Buzz.

Roman Fields - Children in Need guess the sweets in a jar

The total amount in the jar was 176, congratulations Liz who was the winner.



Some of us dressed up too, and in total we raised an amazing £45, thank you so much for all your support.



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James Marks Academy - apprenticeship and technical qualifications talks for pupils from Year 8 upwards

On Thursday 4 December, 'Tesco Paul', our trust's Enterprise Adviser, will be visiting JMA to deliver these annual statutory talks alongside our Service for Young People's Senior Adviser, Nicole Chater.

The talk for Years 8-9 will be period 3, and for Years 10-11 and Year 13 it will be period 4. The talks are mandatory for us to hold and for pupils to attend (apart from Year 13).

Nicole will impartially outline the facts behind apprenticeships and technical qualifications and then Paul will highlight the apprenticeships which Tesco offers and what they look like in practice.

This is part of our careers programme and to add to this In the morning (period 1) Paul will meet with the Year 8s and talk about food retailing and one aspect of it, the supply chain. This focuses on bananas and how they reach the shelves in our local supermarkets from the Caribbean, highlighting many of the jobs which are part of this.

During period 2 Paul will work with the Year 9s on producing ideas for a breakfast meal deal and he will look at sustainability as part of this and how to reduce food waste.

Paul very much enjoyed meeting some of the trust's pupils at the Tesco lights switch on last week.

We have a date in the diary for Year 10s to visit the large Tesco store in Hatfield to hear from various staff in the morning of Monday 12 January early next year.

Across the trust we visit and work with other employers, like Sky Studios, Carlberg Britvic and Premier Foods, but we have found that a gentle introduction to the world of work with Paul works best.

In the meantime please visit our website for more information on our careers programme and also visit the National Careers Service website for a wealth of information:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>



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Roman Fields - Christmas Raffle



Aline and the pupils have done a fantastic job putting the christmas hampers together. We have 3 fabulous hampers to be won.

Raffle tickets are selling amazingly , they are still on sale in the office for 50p each in the mornings and at lunch times.

All the money raised will be going to a local charity chosen by our enterprise pupils. As always, thank you for your support!

Kindest regards,
Aline and the enterprise team!



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Roman Fields - Christmas Jumper Day Friday 12th December

Christmas Jumper day



Friday 12th December

Please come to school dressed in your festive Christmas jumper.

Any Voluntary donations are welcome to the office, all money raised goes to charity.

Thank you so much.



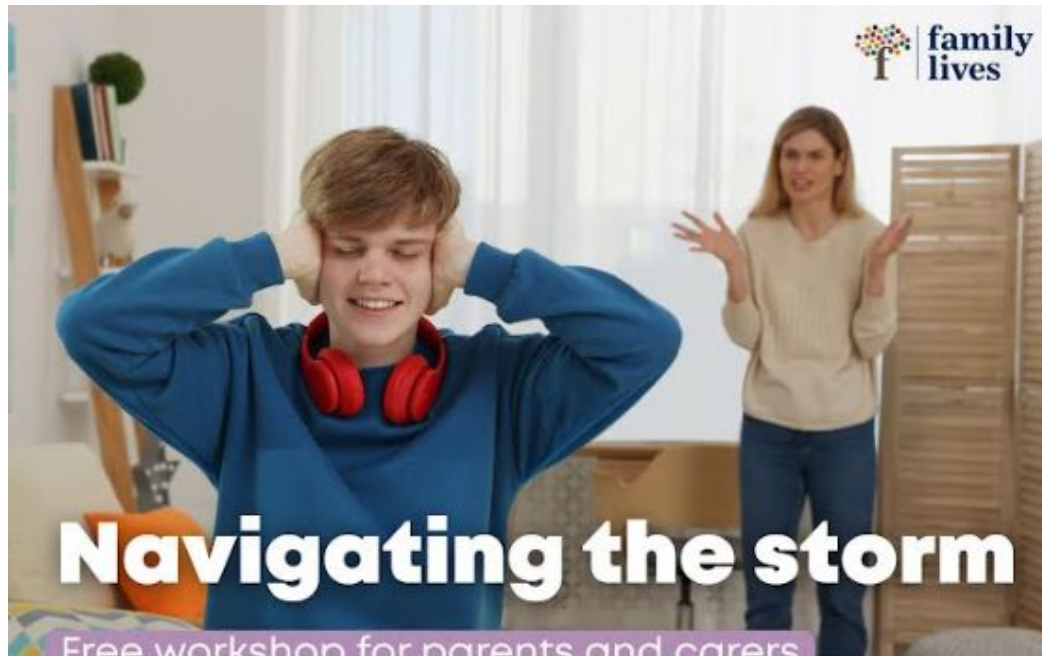


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Family Lives Free Online Workshops



Navigating the storm

Free workshop for parents and carers

For many parents, managing their teenager's behaviour can prove a particularly challenging time when raising children. This workshop aims to give parents effective strategies to identify and respond appropriately, so that they are better equipped to help their teen navigate and regulate their emotions during times of extreme distress or otherwise.

When

Tuesday 9th December 2025

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams



Scan Me!

To book your place:

- Please scan our QR code to use our online referral form
- Or call Lesley on 020 4522 8701

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Its a Dads Life

Free Online Workshop for Dads

For many dads, managing their children's behaviour can prove a particularly challenging time when raising children. This workshop aims to empower dads with the knowledge and skills to develop deeper connections with their children and enhance their parenting journey.

When

Tuesday 2nd December 2025

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams



Scan Me!

To book your place:

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Potential kids -

Christmas is fast approaching and Potential Kids are ready for a fun December.

We have all of our usual sporting activities and our Bushcraft and connect sessions will have a Christmas theme.

We also have a Christmas party for both primary and secondary aged children and our 16 plus youth group will be very Christmassy.

If you would like further details then please contact Emma Boulton -

Email: emma@potentialkids.org

Address: [Potential Kids, The Galleria Outlet Centre, Comet Way, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 0XR](#)

POTENTIAL
KIDS

For Neurodivergent Children, Young People
Their Siblings and Parents/Carers

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

| Date | | Sessions | Time | Venue |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| 1st,15th | Mon | Dungeons & Dragons (Full) | 12.30-15.30 | The Zone@The Galleria |
| 4th | Thur | Trampolining Age 5+ | 17.30-18.30 | Gosling Sports Centre |
| 2nd/4th/5th | Tue Thur Fri | Christmas Big Give Sustainable Christmas Crafts Bring clothing to decorate and make festive, plus crafting. Competitions and Quizes . | 11.00-2.00 All Welcome 4.30-6 SEN Session | The Zone@The Galleria |
| 6th | Sat | Gift Wrapping | 11-4 | The Zone@The Galleria |
| 6th | Sat | Christmas Canal boat Trip | 10.30-2.45 | Waterways Experiences Hemel Hempstead |
| 11th,18th | Thu | Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed Age 4+ | 10.30-12.00 | Potential to Grow Garden |
| 11th | Thur | Connect Secondary Age | 16.30-18.00 | The Zone@The Galleria |
| 12th | Fri | Early Years Stay & Play | 10.30-12.00 | The Zone@The Galleria |
| 12th | Fri | Parent /Carer Wellbeing | 12.30-14.00 | The Zone@The Galleria |
| 12th | Fri | Youth Group 16 Plus | 18.30-20.30 | The Hub@The Galleria |
| 16th | Tue | Connect Primary age | 16.30-18.00 | The Zone@The Galleria |
| 19th | Fri | Skateboarding Age 9+ | 17.30-18.30 | Pioneer Club St Albans |
| 20th | Sat | PK Christmas party 4-11 years | 1-2.30 | The Hub@The Galleria |
| 20th | Sat | Pk Christmas party 11-15 years | 3-4.30 | The Hub@The Galleria |

To book visit : potentialkids.org.uk/events

For futher information email: info@potentialkids.org

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