



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 13

### Our Vision is:

Within our community we strive to develop **deep roots**, **strong growth** and **freedom to flourish** as a unique and whole child of God.



Deep Roots



Strong Growth



Freedom to Flourish

Our vision is linked to Matthew 13 - The Parable of the Sower - '... but the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. ....produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

### Our Values are Kindness and Respect:

Autumn 1 : Responsibility

Spring 1: Perseverance

Summer 1: Courage

Autumn 2 : Friendship

Spring 2 : Trust

Summer 2: Positivity

### A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

The Christmas joy has certainly been felt this week at St James'. We have had a wonderful week of seeing children perform, act and sing as well as enjoy the festivities through Christmas jumper day and Christmas Lunch. Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 for putting on an amazing performance for the nativity - 'A miracle in Town'. Yr2 did a fabulous job of retelling the story alongside singing with Reception and Yr1. Please see additional Christmas Newsletter for photos. They certainly showed the value of courage to stand on the stage and perform for the school and parents, but I must also thank the staff as without them, a performance like this would not happen and they have worked miracles on getting it ready for you to enjoy.



We have also enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day, the children looked amazing - thank you so much for supporting us and the charity with your donations. We also had Christmas dinner, where the children had crackers, music and fun with their friends- it was a lovely day! Yr3/4/5 are busy practicing for the carol service next week on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm - all are welcome to celebrate with us! As well as Year 6, who will be leading us in our Christingle service on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.10am. All services are at St James' church.



This week in worship we have looked at the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle of advent - which is the candle of peace - the Bethlehem candle' which reminds us of the journey that Mary and Joseph made. We have understood this week that we all go on journeys in life and how we succeed is with our hope and positivity and that we can ask God for guidance and support. We learnt about wisdom and how wisdom is better than money and how wisdom can guide us in our decision making. Reverend Ian in our worship spoke about Solomon and how God came to him in a dream and wisdom was what he asked for. Our prayer this week is:

*Dear God,*

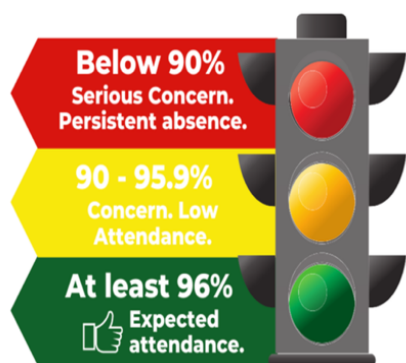
May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and led me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth-a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure.

Amen



Blessings for a lovely Christmassy weekend

Mrs Everard



# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
79%	81%	91%	93%	84%	93%	93%

*IT'S A BUSY Christmassy WEEK!*

Diary Dates	
<b><u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></u> <u>December</u></b>	Yr3/4/5 -have a rehearsal at Church during the day.  Sports Hall Athletics for some children in Yr5 and 6 after school - if your child is attending you will have received a letter
<b><u>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></u> <u>December</u></b>	No notices
<b><u>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></u> <u>December</u></b>	Yr6 rehearsal at church in the morning  Carol Service at Church 6pm Yr3/4/5 please arrive for 5.45pm All families are invited
<b><u>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></u> <u>December</u></b>	Christingle Service at St James church 9.10am  Christmas party event in all classes in the afternoon
<b><u>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></u> <u>December</u></b>	Last day of school - we finish at 1.45pm Happy Holidays
School returns on Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 8.40am	



### The Christmas Post-box

Please ensure that envelopes have names and classes

If you would like names - please see your child's class teacher who will be able to help you.



# Celebration Worship



This week our superstars are:

Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<b>Siyar &amp; Kayla</b>	<b>Naana &amp; Siman</b>	<b>Ayden</b>	<b>Thomas &amp; Jowell</b>
<b>Siyar &amp; Kayla:</b> for settling in so well into class and trying much harder to listen on the carpet and take part in lessons.	<b>Naana:</b> for always volunteering in class and always being kind to others <b>Siman:</b> for developing confidence and participating more in class	<b>Ayden:</b> for improving is attitude to learning and trying harder to complete work.	<b>Thomas &amp; Jowell:</b> for being superstars in Year 3 and setting a great example to others all the time!
All the staff would like to congratulate the classes for their performing skills in the nativity!			
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
<b>Eliya and Zuriel</b>	<b>Mayson, Olivia &amp; Amelia</b>	<b>Evangelina D &amp; Vasianna</b>	
<b>Eliya &amp; Zuriel:</b> for a fabulous attitude to their learning and always wanting to achieve well and listen to the advice given.	<b>Mayson:</b> for showing our value of kindness in class and taking responsibility for being focused <b>Olivia:</b> for always displaying kindness and friendship to everyone and always being a great helper in class. We are also celebrating <b>Amelia</b> - for achieving her Pen Licence! Well done	<b>Evangelina D:</b> fantastic effort in our maths assessments this week and for persevering and giving 100% <b>Vasianna:</b> for being diligent in her learning, which has shown through her maths assessments!	
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!			





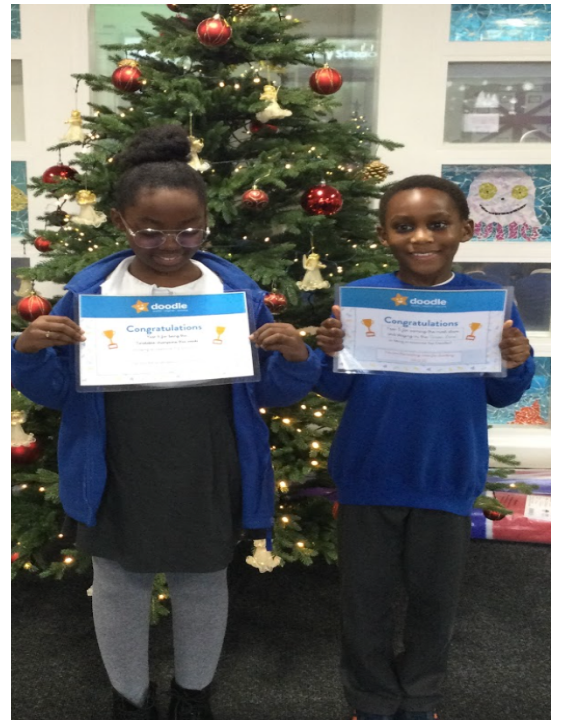


This week's winners are Yr5  
Timestable Doodlers! Yr6

## Fursman Cup



On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December the boys football team played St Andrews Southgate in the Fursman Cup. The 1<sup>st</sup> half was a great game with both teams trying to score and St Andrews played really well especially in midfield. Thankfully we persevered and at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> half it was 2-0 with Dola and Chigozie scoring. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was another action-packed attack where St Andrews scored to make it 2-1 but thankfully Kule scored and we won 3-1 - Therefore we are through to the next round!



## Weekly winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Yellow Team  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Green Team  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Red Team  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Blue Team