



Spring Term 2023.

Friday 27th January 2023

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 18

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:

Responsibility : Autumn 1

Spring 1: Perseverance

Summer 1: Courage

Friendship : Autumn 2

Spring 2 : Trust

Summer 2: Positivity

We have had a busy week, with lots of learning this week, Year 1 have been getting to grips with money, Yr2 have been learning about speech in stories, Year 3 have been developing their writing by continuing to read ‘The Iron Man’. Yr4 took part in an experiment to look at water in different forms, Yr5 have deepened their understanding of Apartheid in South Africa and Yr6 have developed and improved their memory skills with grammar!

Core concepts and the ‘big story’ of the Bible



Over the last few weeks, we have worked on and gained greater understanding of the first four concepts. This week we looked at concept 5 - incarnation - which is when Jesus came to earth and through his actions, he taught people how to live as a Christian. Core Concept 6 is the Gospel and this is the good news- Jesus and the stories in the bible that showed us our values and how these stories support Christians in their lives. We watched the following video clip to support us:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nleiAfrp2kY>



Incarnation

The New Testament presents Jesus as the answer: the Messiah and Saviour, who will repair the effects of sin and the Fall and offer a way for humans to be at one with God again.



Gospel

Jesus' incarnation is ‘good news’ for all people. (‘Gospel’ means ‘good news’.) His life, teaching and ministry embody what it is like to be one of the people of God



Celebration Worship



This week our superstars are:

Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Aya-Rose & Caterina	Ester & Shanice	Aaliyah & Mmeli	Kaysan & Olivia
Aya-Rose & Caterina: for being more focused and engaged in the main teaching on the carpet and for demonstrating what they have learnt throughout their day and week! Keep it up.	Ester: for contributing to lessons, and showing good learning behaviour Shanice: For showing a huge improvement in her learning behaviour and for trying harder in class with the work.	Aaliyah: for fantastic contributions in class worship and for her work in class. Mmeli: for making such a great start in Yr2 and showing perseverance in all his work this week.	Kaysan: for settling well into his new class and demonstrating our key values. . Olivia: for showing perseverance in all her work and having a positive attitude.

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Zuriel & Isaiah	Aisha & Tobi	Ayla-Rae & Kuba
Zuriel & Isaiah: for perseverance and determination in improving their handwriting in class.	Aisha: for working hard in PE and for listening carefully to the instructions so that her group could be successful. Tobi: for always demonstrating a calm, respectful and kind manner in all he does in class and around the school.	Ayla-Rae & Kuba: for working hard and focusing in maths to achieve success and not giving up when challenged.
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		





Diary Dates

Dates for your Diary

Wk. beginning 6th February 2023

Mental Health and Well-being Week -
details to follow on events/activities

Wednesday 8th February 2023

Learning Review Day

*You will have received your letter and link to
book appointment/s - any difficulties please
contact the office.*

Half- Term

Mon 13th - Fri 17th February 2023

Back to school

Monday 20th February 2023

8.40am

Extra Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023

Change of date:

Therefore, Yr6 SATS Tues 9th -Fri 12th May

Diary Dates

Mon 30th Jan

Yr2 and Yr3 - Song sack project in school
- singing workshop

Yr5 learning how to play Ukuleles in
school as part of their music curriculum

Yr3/4 boys football friendlies at Raglan
School (if your child is attending they will have got
a letter)

NO Football Club for Yr3/4

Tues 31st Jan

No notices

Wed 1st Feb

**SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO STRIKE
ACTION**

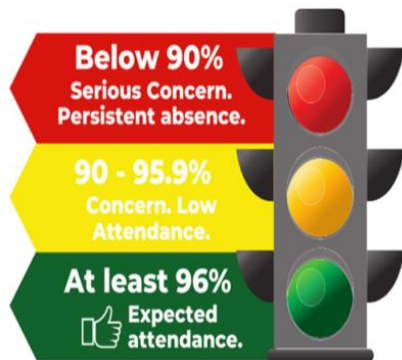
Thurs 2nd Feb

KS2 Girl's football Club till 4.15pm

Fri 3rd Feb

Yr5/6 Boys Football Club till 4.15pm
Yr4/5/6 Girls Netball club till 4.15pm

Friends Treat Friday after school



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
95%	92%	95%	87%	96%	97%	98%

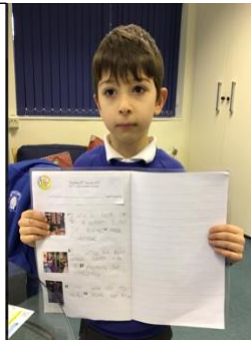
Our winning class this week is: Year 6 - WELL DONE!



Head of School Awards

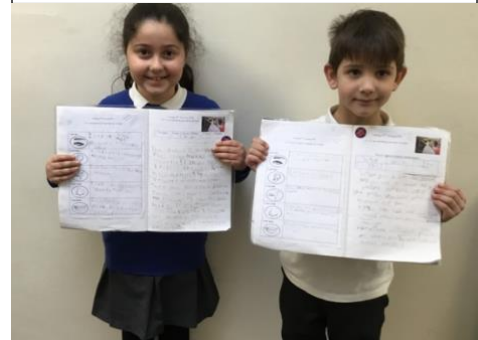
Seran from Year 2, came to show me his English work - where he used inverted commas for speech, and worked independently, whilst using his phonics to help him spell!

Well done



Benja and Dominic Yr2 - came to celebrate their writing skills, they used their phonics skills and worked independently to achieve success!

Well done



Alphie Yr3 - loves drawing and he created a drawing of Messi with the World Cup - he did this at home and wanted to show everyone.

Well done



This week's winners are
Yr5

Timetable Doodlers! Yr4



Weekly winners

1st Place: Thomas Edison Team

2nd Place: Ronaldo Team

3rd Place: Attenborough Team

4th Place: Fergus Sharkey Team



Tiger Team Champions

Congratulations to Joshua, Wojciech, Jasmine, Kaden, Rex and Trevor for completing their tiger teams intervention with Vicky .

They have developed fine and core motor skills, strengthen their muscles and balance.

Well done !



Top tips Page

Each week I will post some tips on how to protect your child online.



20 Best Websites to Help Kids Learn From Home in 2023

The internet is a great resource to support home learning, but not all websites meet educational requirements or are child-friendly — some even have inappropriate ads! Teaching your children at home is stressful enough without having to frantically close pop-ups at the same time. Unfortunately, websites that are safe and entertaining often require you to pay expensive subscription fees. **The good news is that there are useful free resources available to help your kids learn from home.**

That's why I rounded up a list of the **20 best free websites that provide engaging and fun learning experiences for you and your children.** I made sure each website caters to a wide range of ages with games and interactive lessons that won't bore even the most fidgety kids. The best part is that you can use them all at no cost!

<https://www.wizcase.com/blog/best-online-resources-to-help-kids-learn-from-home/>

5 Necessary Steps to Protect Your Children Online

1. **Set parental controls on every device** your child has access to.
2. **Whitelist specific educational websites you want your kids to use.** This will automatically block any other platforms.
3. **Place time limits on how long your children can be online.** You should also check if you can decide specific time periods and days their devices can be used, for example, Monday-Friday between 2-5pm.
4. **Never leave your children unattended when they're online**, no matter how old they are. If possible, put all digital devices in common areas (like the living room) so you can monitor your tweens' activities without interfering in their personal space.
5. **Encourage regular conversations about internet safety** and teach your children how they can protect themselves