



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 2

### 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,

We have had a lovely 2<sup>nd</sup> week in school with the children, I am so impressed with their enthusiasm to learn! I can certainly see our value of responsibility to ourselves and our learning and it has been wonderful to see this across the whole school this week, when I visited all the classes! We have also welcomed our reception children and families to St James' this week as they begin their learning journey with us, they are so full of energy and curiosity that Mrs Hutchinson and Caroline want to congratulate them on a great start! Year 6 have been excellent buddies and have supported the children greatly in getting used to the lunchtime routines!

Our focus this week is: **Matthew 18:15-20**

'For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'

This week in worship, we discussed and explored loneliness and that even when we are amongst others, this is still something we can feel. The bible quote this week, helps to remind us that Christians believe that Jesus and God is always with them, that they are never alone. We also linked this to our value of responsibility and how we have a responsibility to help others who may be lonely. The children suggested the following: go and talk someone, ask them if they want to play, smile, tell a joke, sit with them, be a friend. This is

something that our children do well at, they are a caring community and we do help each other to flourish in our kindness and friendship.

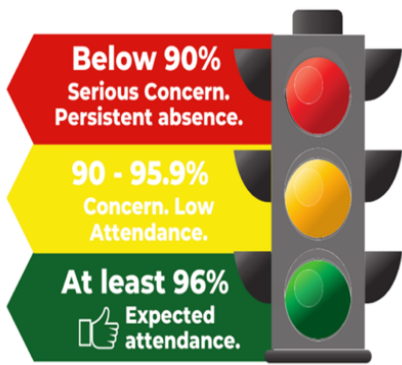
As a community we also want to send our love and wishes to Mrs Dayan who is now on maternity leave awaiting the arrival of her first child and I look forward to updating you soon.



**We will not be giving out sweets/ cake etc for birthdays** - as a healthy school, we want to encourage the child to flourish in health physically and mentally.

We would love you to buy something for the class - so here is our

Amazon Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/d2KKPfk>



# ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

**Congratulations to the classes in the Green Zone!**

Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
95%	96%	96%	92%	97%	95%

Attendance at school is essential to your child's progress and their enjoyment of learning, the opportunity to build those



friendships, work as a team and be confident in their learning. This all helps them flourish and grow as our vision. states -



Kayla and her family will be hosting a cake sale on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - after school**

This is to raise money to help build the new Children's Cancer Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH).

Please bring some pennies to buy some cake - or if you can donate any cakes to the sale - please bring to school on Monday

**JustGiving** If you would like to donate you can via this link:  
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**We Need Your Nomination!!!**

**HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR LIBRARY!**

Help us rebuild our library and encourage reading for pleasure – nominate us today to win £1,000 of National Book Tokens plus a £500 grant to improve our library space.

If yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll win a £100 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop!

SCAN ME →

**NATIONAL BOOK tokens** In association with **Read for Good**

#rebuildthelibrary

[nationalbooktokens.com/schools](https://nationalbooktokens.com/schools)

**CHRISTMAS!**

I know its only September - but please put these dates in your diary

**EYFS & KS1 Nativity**  
 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am  
 5<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm

**Carol Service @ St James Church**  
 (Yr3,4,5)  
 (sorry awaiting confirmatoon from Church)

**Christingle Service @ School**  
**Led by Yr6**  
 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.10am





## Celebration Worship



This week our superstars are:		
<b>Year 1 - Siyar</b>	<b>Year 2 - Klara</b>	<b>Year 3 - Renner</b>
for a fantastic effort in all his learning. Mrs Charalambous & Mrs Piscitelli	for such hard work in all areas and following the instructions as well as demonstrating all of our values in her actions and words. Well done, Ms Goodison	for her excellent writing of a recount about Brutus from the book they are studying Mrs Oliveri & Mrs Khan
<b>Year 4 - Trevor</b>	<b>Year 5 - Rosie</b>	<b>Year 6 - Theo</b>
for his great listening skills and for always showing our values in class and being a great role model to others! Mrs Gardner & Mrs Dogus	for taking responsibility for her learning in all subjects Well done Mr Kay	for being a great role model in class, he is always focused , on task and determined to do his BEST work! Mrs Loizou & Mrs Everard
<b>We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!</b>		



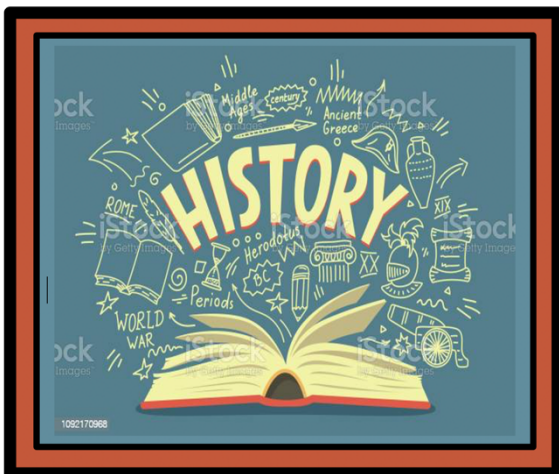
# Sports Award



Vicky - our sports Leader will be taking each class for PE this year. This will give our children an opportunity to really flourish in PE and grow in skill, teamwork and agility. Each week Vicky will choose a EYFS/KS1 pupil and a KS2 Pupil who has impressed her. Here are this week's winners:



<u>EYFS/KS1 Award</u>	<u>KS2 Award</u>
Rebecca (Yr1) - for excellent improvement in gymnastics and for demonstrating her skills.	Kayden (Yr6)- for leading the class and being enthusiastic in learning a tribal dance from New Zealand



## History Homework Hero!

Well done to Shiloh & Victoria who have all been awarded a certificate for completing an amazing creative piece of history homework which will be displayed for everyone to see in the entrance Hall! It is great to see that the girls History topic has inspired them to create something at home!





## KS2 MATHS

We are introducing a fantastic online resource called ‘Times Tables Rock Stars’ to help develop your child’s knowledge of multiplication and division facts. This will be used in class and at with your support, at home for all pupils from Year 3 to Year 6.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables. Mr Kay - our maths leader has introduced them to how Times Tables Rock Stars and how it works, how to log on etc. This programme can be accessed online via the web address on the attached letter, or you may also download an App for the iPhone/iPad or Android App.

To make the programme a success, we will need your help! It is recommended that your child does a little bit of times table practise every night. We find that short bursts of practise on a daily basis are much more effective than spending hours on the programme once a week. If you are practising with your child, remember you’re practising for the benefit of their wider maths education, not just for them to get a high score on the tests. We are confident that with a collaborative approach between children, parents and teachers, your child will greatly benefit from the programme and become a ‘Times Table Rock Star’!

Any Question please speak to your child’s class teacher or see Mr Kay, who will be able to help you.



**This week - we are celebrating :  
Joshua Manu  
for a huge improvement in his  
skills! Congratulations**

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



**Congratulations to Jireh,  
Zuriel & Annaliese , on  
completing the Summer  
Reading Challenge!**

**We are so proud of you!**



## Meet our House/Sports Captains

This week Yr6 read a speech to their houses and they voted for who they wanted to represent them: here are the results

### Red- Ronaldo House



Our House captain is: Theo  
Our Sports Captain is: Adelina

### Green -Attenborough House



Our House captain is: Grace  
Our Sports Captain is: Mayson

### Yellow- Thomas Edison House



Our House captain is: Tobi  
Our Sports Captain is: Emeliya

### Blue -Fergus Sharkey House



Our House captain is: Royale  
Our Sports Captain is: Adam



**Weekly winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Edison**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Attenbrough**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ronaldo**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sharkey**

**Dates for your Diary**

**Meet the teacher Sessions -  
Parent information. Session  
(Approx. 15 mins) from 3.30pm**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Year 3 **3.00pm**

**Yr6 Meeting and secondary School  
Information**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5pm  
**VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND**

**Love of Reading Sessions or Parents**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

2.40pm - Reception/Year 1/Year 2

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

2.40pm - Year 3/Year4/Year5/Year6

**Harvest Festival Church Service**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

9.10am

(We will be collecting for Enfield North Food Bank)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

INSET DAY - no School

**Half Term**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

children return at 8.40am

**Diary Dates**

<b><u>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept</u></b>	Yr5 visiting Enfield Highway Library  Cake Sale By Kayla's Family for GOSH - after school  Yr5 Meet the Teacher at 3.30pm  <b>Yr6 Parent Meeting - 5pm in school Hall - <u>Very important You attend!</u></b>
<b><u>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</u></b>	<b>No notices</b>
<b><u>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</u></b>	<b>Love of Reading Sessions or Parents</b> 2.40pm - Reception/Year 1/Year 2  Year 3 - meet the Teacher at 3.00pm
<b><u>Thurs 21<sup>th</sup> Sept</u></b>	KS2 Girls Football until 4.15pm
<b><u>Fri 22<sup>ND</sup> Sept</u></b>	Netball - Yr4/5/6 until 4.15pm  Boys Football until 4.15pm



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

## SETTING UP

- 1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.
- 2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.
- 3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.
- 4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.
- 5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!



## Advice for Parents & Carers

<h3>REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS</h3> <p>Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.</p>	<h3>BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT</h3> <p>YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.</p>	<h3>DISABLE SEARCH OPTION</h3> <p>YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.</p>
<h3>RESTRICT VIEWING TIME</h3> <p>The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.</p>	<h3>MONITOR WATCH HISTORY</h3> <p>YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.</p>	<h3>WATCH TOGETHER</h3> <p>It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.</p>

### Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

