



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 14

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

Autumn 2 : Friendship

Spring 1: Perseverance

Spring 2 : Trust

Summer 1: Courage

Summer 2: Positivity

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th December 2023
School Closes for Christmas Holidays

1.30pm

Please ensure you pick up your
 child/ren on time.

Monday 8th January 2023
 children return to school at 8.40am

A message from Mrs Everard

Christmas is approaching very fast, as I write today's newsletter and the term seems to have flown by but what a busy and fantastic term we have had! Our children have worked hard in so many areas of the curriculum and have certainly flourished and grown and I am so proud of them, their achievements, but also their developments of responsibility in their learning and our current value of friendship!

Our Christmas Events continued this week, with Yr6 leading the school in their Christingle Service - where they began the service with a procession of their lit Christingles, reminding everyone of the 'light' that Jesus brings to the world. Yr6 did an amazing job of making the Christingles and explaining the history of them as well as singing and dancing fantastically and leading us in prayer at the end of the service. I hope that the parents and families that joined us enjoyed it as much as the school! Please see later on the newsletter for photos. I have also included some photos from our Christmas dinner day - which was a lovely event and thanks go to the Kitchen team!

Advent

This week in worship, we learnt about the Bethlehem Candle - the 2nd candle that brings peace and love. We discussed that Jesus being born is coming closer and how his arrival will help bring peace and love to the world. We linked this to our friendship value and how we can show love and peace to each other by playing with others, smiling, sharing, laughing and having fun together.



Wishing you a blissful weekend, Mrs Everard

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES'S

Sun 17 Dec 6pm · Carols by Candlelight
 followed by mince pies, mulled wine and spiced apple punch

Sun 24 Dec 11.30pm · Christmas Eve Midnight Service

Mon 25 Dec 10.30am · Christmas Day Family Service
 with Open House and Soup Kitchen in church from 12 to 3pm

Sun 31 Dec 11pm · New Year's Eve Watchnight Service



St James'  Enfield Highway
 + Brimsdown



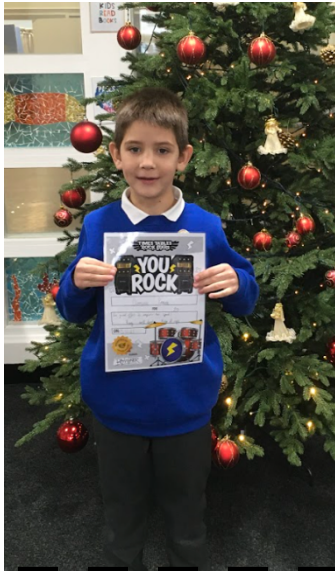
Celebration Worship



This week our class focus was on: Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Year 2 Claye & Prossy	Year 4 Eylul & Djennifer	Year 6 Adelina & Theo
<p><u>Claye</u> - for a huge improvement and improvement in his reading comprehension skills.</p> <p><u>Prossy</u> - for being a great role model to others with our values and being a great friend!</p>	<p><u>Eylul</u> - for being diligent in her learning and trying her hardest to improve her skills!</p> <p><u>Djennifer</u> - for being a great values ambassador, and a lovely friend to her class</p>	<p><u>Adelina</u> - for her commitment to her learning and always striving to do her best!</p> <p><u>Theo</u> - for always being a great role model to others in his actions and work!</p>
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		

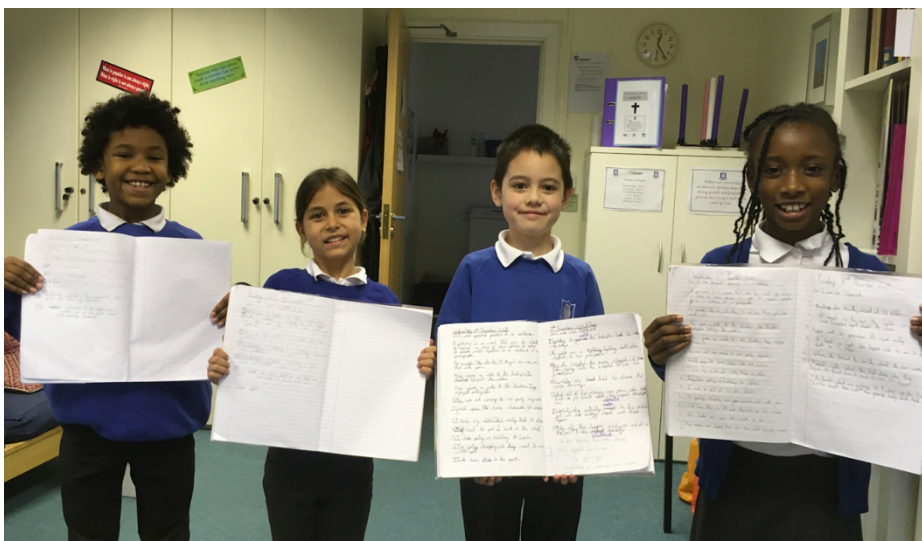




Congratulations to
Dominic - Year 3
for the huge
improvement in his
skills and for always
using Rockstars daily!



Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to
Rothniel, Djennifer,
Thomas & Annaliese.
They came to show me
their ISPACED
English work- where
they are learning to
use different words to
begin sentences!

Sporting Success

St James' have been performing fantastically and have developed great team work and sportsmanship skills. Vicky, Mr Bunyan and Mrs Everard are very proud of our teams. Here are our results:



Winners of the Heat competition - We won by 20 points

Overall position 2ND out of 11 schools!

Well done to everyone in the team

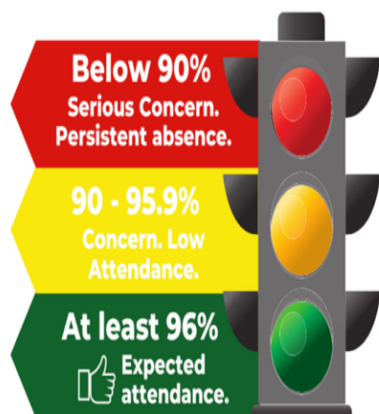
This event involved relays and individual jumping, throwing and speed events.

Football Celebration



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!



YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
86%	93%	96%	91%	95%	89%	94%

Well done Yr2 & Yr4 for being in the Green Zone !

We are now in the season where coughs, colds, sore throats etc are more prevalent. We are washing hands, using hand sanitizer within school - can you please remind your children to also wash hands, throw tissues in the bin etc to help protect us against illnesses. This will help ensure that they are not unwell and that they are in school. Remember medication can be administered at school if you see Ella if you complete the form.

BEING IN SCHOOL IS SO IMPORTANT - YOUR CHILD WILL FLOURISH & GROW WITH US!



Diary Dates

<u>Monday 18th</u> <u>December</u>	No notices
<u>Tuesday 19th</u> <u>December</u>	Class parties & father Christmas Visits Final day to purchase Raffle Tickets for the Christmas Hamper
<u>Wednesday 20th</u> <u>December</u>	School finishes at 1.30pm Happy Christmas Holidays!

Outdoor PE kit

It is getting cold now - so please ensure your child has a plain black/blue tracksuit

Trainers are needed for outdoor PE

Pleasant little reminders

- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform on for school - plain black shoes, grey trousers, white polo shirt and a navy jumper, cardigan. (Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled)
- All children should have a PE Kit in school - blue shorts, white t-shirt, blue/black tracksuit Children MUST get changed for PE.
- Coats MUST be labelled
- Please teach your child to take responsibility for their items

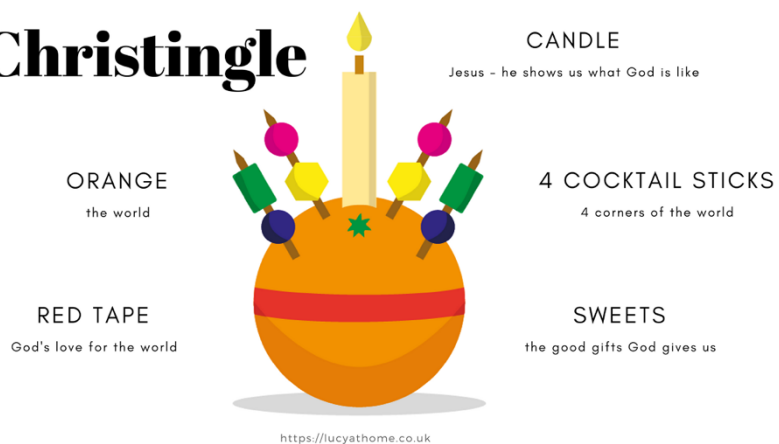


Yr6 - Christingle Service

The children taught the school what a Christingle is, its meaning and how this links to the Christmas message.

They also performed two songs to the whole school

Christingle



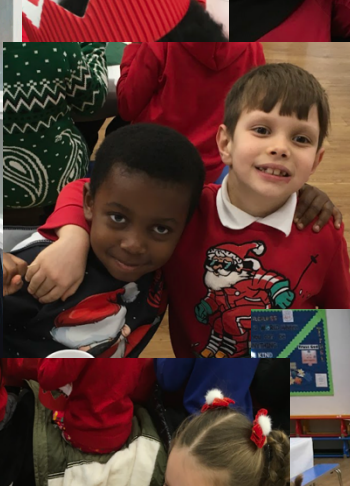
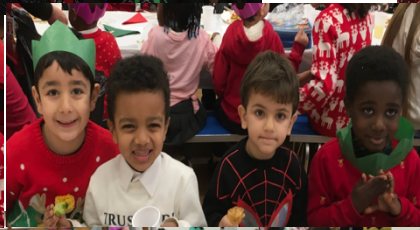
Autumn Term 2023

Friday 15th December 2023

Christmas Dinner



Thank you to our lunchtime Team for making Christmas dinner Fabulous and looking after us every lunchtime!





Thank you if you donated
recently the school made £110



The Christmas Post Box has arrived at St James'
If your child would like to send a Christmas Card -
Please ensure the child's name and class is written
on the envelope



Our Christmas Raffle Hampers
will start next week - if you wish
to purchase tickets they will be
on sale after school each evening
to try and help us raise vital
funds for the school! Please
support us by buying a raffle
ticket.