



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 16

### 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

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

children return to school at 8.40am

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Welcome back service at Church 9.10am

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 RE Week

The focus is on prayer and how this helps a believer make connections to their faith

#### Learning Review Day

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**School closed to children**

Appointment details will follow - your child is expected to attend the meeting with you.

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Yr4 Class assembly 9.10am

Yr4 parents invited to attend

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Maths Week - Further detail will be shared soon on the learning and special activities that will take place.

#### Half Term - 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### Inset Day - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**school closed to children**

#### Back to school -

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

children return to school at 8.40am

### A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

Welcome back to school and to the Spring Term. I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and new year break, it was so lovely seeing you and all the children on our return this Monday, the children looked so smart in their uniforms and had massive grins to be back - it totally made my day! The children have started the term so positively and the enthusiasm to learn new things and I have thoroughly enjoyed popping in to see all the children in class!



As we move through this Spring Term, we have many themes, activities and weeks to help enhance the learning that takes place. This term we have RE Week - with a focus on prayer, Maths week - that Mr Kay will be launching to the children in February and after ½ term - book week, Science Week & well-being week! Please ensure you keep up to date with the newsletter so you know what is up and coming.

I am also very much looking forward to seeing you on 'Learning Review Day' on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024, where you will get an in-depth assessment of your child's learning and how you can support them at home to grow and flourish just like our vision. - This will be a busy term and I believe a rather chilly term - so please ensure that jumpers and coats have names as well as a warm tracksuit for PE, when it is outdoors! St James' Church have their 'Soup and Welcome' event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm -should you wish to attend.

Wrap up warm and God bless to you all,  
Mrs Everard

*Our Welcome back to Church Service with Reverend Ian*

**Our Bible Reading**



In those days **J**esus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was **b**aptized by **J**ohn in the **J**ordan. And when he came up out of the **w**ater, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the **S**pirit descending on him like a **d**ove. And a **v**oice came from heaven, "You are my beloved **S**on; with you I am well pleased."  
*Mark 1:9-11*



Jesus was special when he was born so why was he baptised like everyone else in

Did he get Baptised to show others this is the right path?

*This week we have learnt about the celebration of 'Epiphany', which celebrates the baptism of Jesus (6<sup>th</sup> January).  
Reverend Ian, helped us explore why Jesus was baptised and how this showed Christians the way of life. We discussed the importance of water and how this cleanses the soul and prepares the person for a life as a Christian. The children had some amazing philosophical questions Reverend Ian and myself helps us explore these questions and gain insight and knowledge*

Why was Jesus Baptised if he is God's son?

Why didn't Jesus baptise people - why was it John?

*As part of 'Epiphany' Ian came to school and said a special prayer and blessing over the school and blessed the school and its journey throughout 2024. The school and vision councillors support him in this.*





This week - we are celebrating Isaiah E, Jason, Rothniel, Ayden and Alphie on becoming a Rock Legend!

These children can answer questions in under 2 seconds

Can **YOU** be here next time?



Rock Heroes are Rockstar's that can answer questions in under 1 second!

Wow - what an amazing achievement!

Congratulations to:  
Jowell - Year 4



**What are the different Game Modes?**

**Single Player**

<b>Jamming</b> 4 or 8 coins/correct answer	The only game mode without a timer, players chose the table and operation ( $\times$ or $\div$ or both) they want to practise. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.
<b>Gig</b> 10 coins per correct answer	Gig games last 5 minutes and contain up to 100 questions, which come in 'waves', starting with the 10s, then the 2s, 5s, 3s, 4s, 8s, 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Novices are not expected to get past the 5s. Gigs provide the child (and their teacher) with a simple measure of their current skills, which is why learners should concentrate fully for the whole Gig as they won't get another try until next month.
<b>Garage</b> 10 coins per correct answer	Players are given a personalised set of 6 multiplication questions (and their matching division questions) in each round. The questions they get keep adjusting to provide the best fit for every learner's needs. This is probably the best game made for improving their recall while they're still learning.
<b>Studio</b> 1 coin per correct answer	Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. The faster they are the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.
<b>Soundcheck</b> 5 coins per correct answer	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to $12 \times 12$ ), allowing 6 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players.





# Celebration Worship



This week our class focus was on: Reception , Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5

Reception Class: Jhoaa & Solomon	Year 1: Anaisa & Siyar	Year 3: Berakah & Katerina	Year 5: Isaiah E & Gallen
<p><u>Jhoaa</u> - for a huge improvement in his engagement and listening in class and on the carpet</p> <p><u>Solomon</u> - for showing our value of perseverance and trying something new even when its tricky!</p>	<p><u>Anaisa</u> - for a huge improvement in her joyfulness and in speaking and understanding the instructions whilst learning to speak English</p> <p><u>Siyar</u> - for being a wonderful member of Year 1 and also following the St James' Values</p>	<p><u>Berakah</u> - for settling in so well to Year 3, and working hard and wanting to improve his skills</p> <p><u>Katerina</u> - for growing in confidence and self-belief that she can do things!</p>	<p><u>Isaiah E</u>- for making a great start to 'Spring Term' and always wanting to producing good quality work!</p> <p><u>Gallen</u> - for showing perseverance in his work and being focused this week in class!</p>

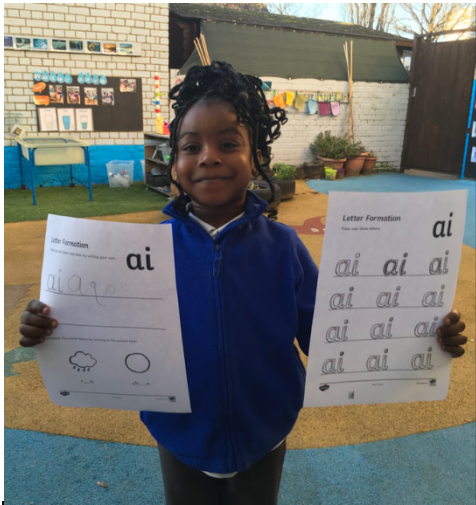
Congratulations



# Headteacher's Award



*Congratulations Mrs Hayward on your 25 Years of Service to St James' Primary School!*



**Junita - Reception Class**  
We are celebrating Junita for her recall and memory skills of her phonics and her focus in learning the new sound this week!



*We are so thankful for all you have done to help the children of St James flourish and grow! - We are so proud of your achievement!*

# History Homework Champions!



**This week we are celebrating Claye & Melani - Yr2, Oliver, Katie, Oliver, Zoe, Rosie and Emily -Yr5 for their History Homework , which included Mosaics, Medusas', Monarchs and a quiz game!**

## Geographical Geographers Homework Heroes!



This week we are celebrating some children who have completed homework linked to their Geography topic! Congratulations to Thomas, Djennifer, Epiphany and Milen for their flags as well as Safiya - Yr6 for her antarctica artwork!



### Weekly winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ronaldo**
- 2nd Place: Attenborough**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Edison**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Sharkey**

**Congratulations to  
Team Ronaldo**

St James  Enfield Highway + Brimsdown

# Winter SOUPERstars

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY  
6PM IN CHURCH



**WINTER BRING-AND-SHARE**

*Home-made soup  
Fresh Bread & cheese  
In our warm church  
With an even warmer welcome  
Plus fantastic company!*

— A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT —

Reminders and updates for Spring Term 2024

**PE Kit**

Children need to bring their PE kit into school in a labelled bag. They should bring their bag to school on a Monday and if needed take home on a Friday for washing. PE kits **MUST** stay in school. **Children MUST get changed for PE - they cannot just wear their uniform.**

School uniform should be worn to school every day – this is part of our responsibility and respect in our school values to show the pride we have in being a child at our school.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled so that lost items can be returned, especially coats, jumpers, lunchboxes.

**Your child should have the following kit for their PE Lessons - IT MUST BE IN SCHOOL**



**Outdoor PE Kit**

**Plain White T-shirt  
Jumper/Hoodie/zip up jacket  
Blue/Black Joggers**

**All jewellery Must be removed**

**Indoor PE Kit**

**Plain White T-shirt  
Blue shorts  
Plimsolls**

**All jewellery Must be removed**



**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)
- Coats **MUST** be labelled
- All children should have a water bottle in class.

**Please teach your child to take responsibility for their items**

<u>PE TIMETABLE - Spring Term</u>		
Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
Reception	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday	Friday
Year 3	Friday	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday	Friday
Year 6	Thursday	Monday



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that St James governing body are looking for new parent governors to join our team. It is so important that parents are represented on the governing body.

The Governing Body is responsible for both the conduct of the School and for promoting high standards. The Governing Body undertakes its role by following the vision for the School and then ensuring that the School works efficiently and effectively towards achieving it.

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Before you decide to put your name forward, you may wish to know a little more about what is involved. Governors' responsibilities include consideration and agreement of the aims and policies of the school, discussion and approval of the targets for improvement, appointment of senior members of staff, monitoring the budget and the performance of the school and reporting to the parents and community on how they have accomplished their tasks. Governors are expected to attend 3 full Governing Body meetings alongside committee meetings, visit the school for monitoring purposes and undertaken relevant identified training.

It is vital that we fulfil the role with the right candidate, and that the candidate fully understands what the role entails. For those parents that would like to know more, or have an informal chat about the role and the tasks associated with this role please contact me via email link [Chairofgovernors@St-james.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:Chairofgovernors@St-james.enfield.sch.uk)

The deadline for applications to myself will need to be supported by a 200-word statement as to why you would be a good candidate. In the event of more than one person applying for the role then a ballot shall be undertaken. The application will need to be sent to the email attached with supporting statement by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest regards

*Nick Turner*

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Chair of Governors