



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 1

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

Clubs Begin- Next week

Thursday's – Girls football till 4.30pm

Friday's Boys Y4/5/6 till 4.30pm

Choir Begins –

Tuesday 17th September - until 4.30pm

Wednesday 25th September

Yr6 Meeting Secondary Transfer 5.30pm

Tuesday 1st October

Spanish Day

Wednesday 16th October

Parents Consultations 2pm -7pm

Children Finish at 1.30pm – More details will follow soon

Thursday 17th October 2024

Harvest Festival Service

St James' Church 9.10am

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Yr6 Class assembly 9.10am

Parents and families welcome

Friday 25th October

INSET DAY –

School closed to ALL pupils

28th October - 1st November

Half term holidays

Return to school

Monday 4th November at 8.40am

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

Welcome back to our new school year, a fresh start with lots of new opportunities in their new classes to grow and flourish. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are rested and ready for the new year ahead. It has been such a wonderful first week back to school – where we have welcomed old and new families to our community. The children have looked so smart in their school uniforms and the enthusiasm and delight at being back at school has been an absolute joy to see! Our school and classrooms are looking fantastic, so thank you to Mr Bunyan for all his hard work over the summer and to the teachers for their hard work in making their classrooms ready, with lovely displays already on show! I would also like to welcome Miss Bates & Mrs Darby our new LSA's within reception and KS1 to St James, I am sure that you will welcome them to into our St James' family and that you will get to know them over the course of the year. I know that will make a wonderful addition to our St James' family & school.

Linking to new starts, with the new school year also brings the official start of our Federation status, **the Cedar Federation** (of Freezywater St. George's & St. James') This also comes with a new overarching governing body for the two schools, of which we will shortly be recruiting for parent governors. Please look out for an email / information in the near future and consider if this is an opportunity you would like to take on. See further on in the newsletter for information on the logo competition.

I am so pleased to be at the beginning of a new school year and I look forward to working with you and your children in helping them flourish and grow in many ways. Have a wonderful weekend and may God bless each one of you for the coming year ahead.

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
80%	89%	95%	89%	87%	80%

This is not a good start to attendance, thank you if you have returned to school on time, only 1 class managed to get into the green Zone! I hope that next week is a huge improvement! Being in school is so important, especially with the new guidance and rules set out by the government. Being at school, learning, flourishing and growing is so important – Children MUST be at school

REMINDER OF TIMIMNGS

Main Gate opens at 8.35am

School Gate at 8.40am

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN CLASS BY 8.45AM

Collection Time:

Reception & KS1 (Y1/2) : 3.15PM

KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) : 3.20PM

Please be on time to collect your child!

CHRISTMAS!



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

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

10th December at 2.15pm

11th December @ 9.30am

Carol Service @ St James Church (Yr3,4,5)

Wednesday 11th December at 6pm
Christmas jumoers to be worn

Christingle Service @ School Led by Yr6

Thursday 19th December @ 2.15pm



Weekly winners

Winners : Sharkey
2nd Attenborough
3rd Ronaldo
4th Edison
Congratulations to
Sharkey



Celebration Superstars

Each week we celebrate children for their work in class or around the school as well as someone who has shown our ½ termly value. This term our value is courage.

Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
<u>Filip</u> – for making an amazing start within Year 1 and settling so well into the new routines <u>Solomon</u> – for demonstrating our value of responsibility in class	<u>Victoria</u>: For excellent understanding and effort in her English Writing <u>Papa-Kofi</u> – for being a wonderful member of Year 3 and showing our values of responsibility and respect	<u>Milen</u> – For his hardworking attitude and for always trying his best in all areas of learning <u>Jireh</u> – for being a great student within the 1st week and showing skill and care in the work she has completed showing the importance of responsibility
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		



Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to 'Kayla, Jireh, Samuel, Olivia & William' on completing the Summer Reading Challenge!

We are so proud of you!



Welcome Back to School Service

On Thursday, we celebrated the start of the new school year with our welcome back service in church. It was wonderful to be all together again and with Reverend Ian and reflect on the upcoming school year, the new opportunities ahead and receive prayers and blessings. We looked at **Isaiah 40:31** *'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'*

We spent the service understanding how to not put barriers in the way of our opportunities and that we have a new start to grow and flourish with God by our side.

There are a number of church services coming up this term for parents and families to join us such as Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas and we look forward welcoming you there if you can attend.



Thank You!



We were also very lucky to receive bibles from the church community – they have brought bibles for the children to share and use in class – This is a wonderful gift and we are so grateful to them for their support and kindness in helping us flourish religiously.



Year 3 – Trip to Southend

This Friday, Year 3 got to go on their delayed trip to Southend beach – This was part of their summer term topic, thankfully the weather was kind and stayed dry all day! They played in the sand, build sand castles, played games and had an amazing time! Thank you to all the adults who supported the trip- Here are some photos from the day:



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



Indoor PE Kit

Plain White T-shirt
Blue shorts
Plimsolls

All jewellery Must be removed

Outdoor PE Kit

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

All jewellery Must be removed

PE TIMETABLE - Autumn Term

Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
Reception	Monday	Friday
Year 1	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Friday	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday	Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday	Friday

Cedar FEDERATION Schools Logo Competition

The Governors and Staff of St James and Freezywater St Georges School.

The Federation are on the hunt for a logo that we can use across both our schools.

So, get out your colouring pencils and paper as we would love to see your ideas to inspire a
NEW Federation Logo Design!

Our current, separate logos look like this:



You may want to think about some of these things that are important to both of our schools:

Learning	Growing together	Nurture & a kind environment	Community
Diversity/ Inclusivity	Respect	Mental health & wellbeing	Reaching our potential and flourishing

All entries must be handed into either St James or FWSG school office by **Monday 16th September 2024**

A panel of Governors will then gather to choose their favourite design which will become our new 'Cedar Federation Logo'.

The competition is open to everyone in our school community.
We look forward to seeing your imaginative entries!

This is a new and useful service to support you as parents in Enfield – please take a look at the website as it has lots of useful help and support.



<https://enfieldparentingdirectory.co.uk/>

Parents and Carers are children's first educators and teachers. This is something most people agree on.

As a parent, you are not just 'mum' or 'dad'. You are also a nurse, doctor, cook, teacher, coach, therapist, driver and cleaner – with no time off and no instruction manual!

We know that parenting can be hard work and that all parents and carers (including fathers) need help and support from time to time.

In Enfield, families remain front and centre of our vision, so this directory has a range of parenting resources for every stage of a child's development. All resources included are aimed at strengthening parents' and carers' knowledge, confidence, and skills to promote positive development right from the start.