



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 12

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

Choir Tuesday's - until 4.15pm

Spanish Club – Wednesdays

Yr1/2/3 until 4.15pm

Thursday Girls football till 4.15pm

Friday's Boys Y4/5/6 -NO CLUB

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 4th December

Yr5 Class worship 9.10am

CHRISTMAS!

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 jumpers to be worn

Christingle Service @ School

Led by Yr6

Thursday 19th December @ 2.15pm

Yr6 families and friends are welcome

Tuesday 17th December

Reception & Yr2 –Pinocchio at
Dugdale centre – details to follow

School finishes on

Friday 20th December at 1.30pm

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

We are truly in the Christmas period, with so many things happening in school and the sound of Christmas songs and acting happening everywhere! This week we have had many events: Year 1 and Reception class went on their visit to 'Pathways Christmas Experience' in Enfield Town and unpicked the Christmas Story and understood the importance of these events. I have shared Year 1 photos this week – so please look on in the newsletter. Year 5 visited the 'National Gallery' as part of their RE unit on Christmas and Art and they were able to explore some of the paintings that links to the Christmas story and also gain greater understanding on what the artist wanted you to feel and think when you saw the paintings. They also got to see Trafalgar Square, the Christmas Tree and many decorations – which they loved!

This week we also welcome 'Mary Thorne', who is the RE advisor for the LDBS to St James' and she was so impressed with the children's learning in RE and how articulate they were in talking about their learning and their understanding in RE with confidence and skill. In addition to this, Tim Wright who is also from the LDBS visited us and he was looking at the work we have started on our 'Global Neighbours project – What a waste' The school council met him and shared with him what they have done so far on our project and we also shared our plans for the spring term which I look forward to sharing with you soon.

Finally in worship we looked at the 'Kintsugi Story' and how we too can be fixed and supported in times of need. We also developed the understanding that we have moments when we are sad and that God will always be there for us.

Wishing you a lovely 1st Advent weekend in the led up to Christmas, God Bless

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'

ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
94%	94%	88%	92%	97%	92%	99%



Well done to Yr4 & Yr6 for being in the **Green Zone!**

Big improvement in reception class – well done! However we are getting to that time of year when colds/sniffles/sore throats etc Please remind children about washing hands, tissues in bins, covering their mouth when they cough. Ella - our welfare officer is able to administer medication, if your child is well enough to be in school - please do try to keep children in school.

The front gate opens at **8.35am** and the main gate opens at 8.40am – **ALL children should be at school for 8.45am** – Too many families are arriving too late to school! – You **MUST** be on time for school – we start learning straight away- so please ensure **YOU** are organised so that **YOUR** child/ren is/are here on time for school!

Our value of Responsibility this term is a great way of teaching the children this important skill , that they will most definitely need for later life!



Why should I arrive for school on time?

It is important that children arrive in school on time everyday for a number of reasons.

- It is the legal responsibility of parent/carers to ensure that children attend their registered school on time each day.
- If a child is late they miss important information about the day's activities.
- A child that is late will miss school work.
- Children that arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day with them

5 minutes late each day

3 days lost!

10 minutes late each day

6.5 days lost!

15 minutes late each day

10 days lost!

20 minutes late each day

13 days lost!

30 minutes late each day

19 days lost!

- days are school days and calculated over a school year



Celebration Superstars



Each week we celebrate children for their work in class or around the school as well as someone who has shown our $\frac{1}{2}$ termly value. This term our value is courage.

Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
Araz: for being confident and share his thoughts this week with our visitor. Nefes: for working so hard to live out all our values.	Aseel: for working extremely hard in her writing using the success criteria Penelope: for reflecting and making changes that show empathy for others	Lena: for working excellent hard to understanding all the arithmetic skills needed to solve fractions Nehemias: for being able to stay positive and solve friendship issues and understand everyone's feelings

We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!



WE ARE SO
Proud
OF YOU



Sports Award

Anisa – Year 2
For improvement in her team working skills and the development of following instructions within PE & tiger team.

Zuriel – Year 6
For improving her indoor and outdoor PE skills and always pushing herself to achieve more in each session.



Weekly winners

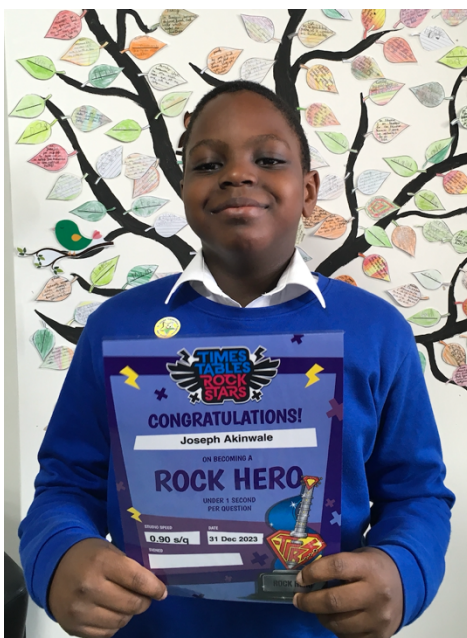
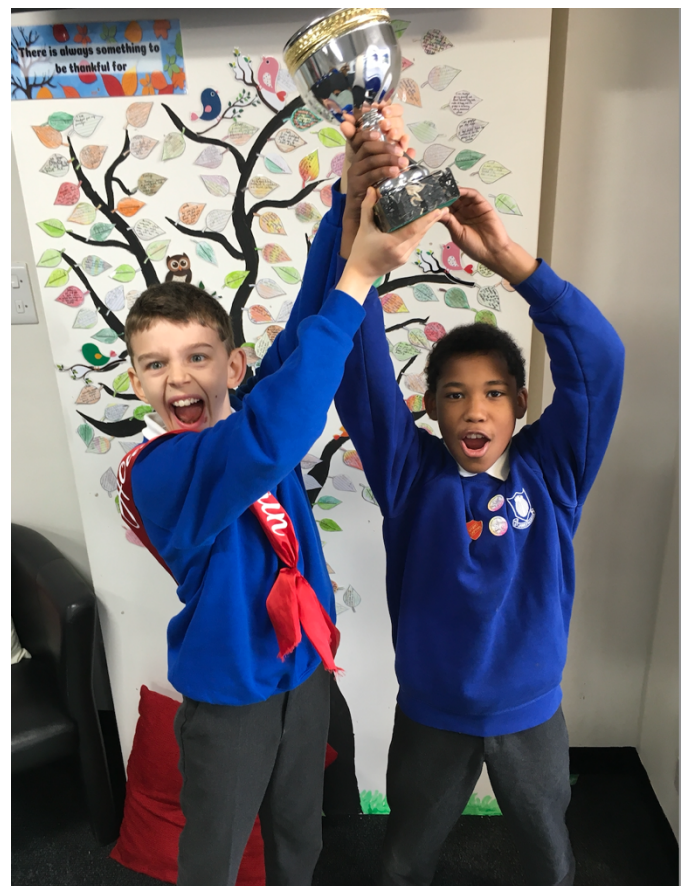
1st :Place: Ronaldo

2nd : Sharkey

3rd : Place: Edison

4th :Attenborough

Congratulations to Ronaldo



Congratulations Joseph Yr5 on becoming a Rock Hero- who can now answer all timestables in under 1 second per question! Amazing skills CAN YOU BE HERE TOO?

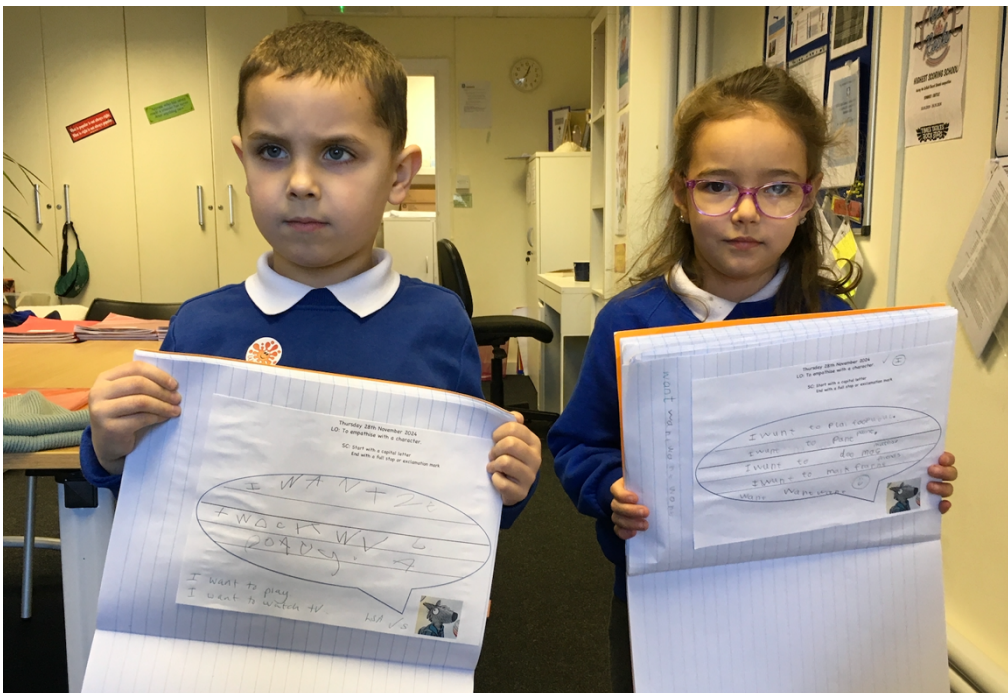
History Homework Hero!

Congratulations to tai (Yr3) for creating stone art work based on their topic of the celts.

Can YOU be here next week?

Geographical Geographers Homework Heroes!

What amazing homework on creating a snow globe based on their topic of seasons
Can YOU be here next week?



Filip and Brianna came to show me their amazing writing on a character this week – they used their phonics to write and have a huge improvement in letter formation! Well done!



The Christmas Experience – Enfield: 25-29 November

The Year 1 class went to The Christmas Experience at the Enfield Baptist Church for a wonderful trail through the Christmas story.

The children got to meet and engage with the characters and see what it was like when Jesus was born.



THE NATIONAL GALLERY

Yr5 went to the national gallery as part of their RE unit on art and the Christmas story. They were able to look at art from this Christian season, and reflect on its meanings and influences. Thank you, Mr Kay, for organising this trip.



The children really enjoyed learning about the different art and studying the image and they were also treated to a pianist and opera while visiting!





Adult socks and chocs

This Christmas we are supporting helping hands help out a charity that provides support for the homeless in London boroughs.

We are asking you to donate a pair of warm socks and a bar of chocolate - so that a homeless person can receive a Christmas gift of warmth and love this Christmas Day



Please can the socks and chocs arrive by **Monday 9th December 2024** - so that the charity can collect them.

You can drop unwrapped and some children will be wrapping or if you'd like to wrap at home and drop it that would also be great!

Thank you and I hope we can create a wonderful gift of giving to those less fortunate than us and show our value of kindness and friendship



**HANDS ON
HAND OUT**
HELPING LONDON'S HOMELESS



For Red Ted Art