



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

CHRISTMAS!

Tuesday 17th December

Reception & Yr2 –Pinocchio at
Dugdale centre

Choir performance 2.30pm

Parents of choir children welcome

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Christmas Dinner &
Christmas Jumper Day -
Please donate £1

Christingle Service @ School

Led by Yr6

Thursday 19th December @ 2.15pm
Yr6 families and friends are welcome

School finishes on

Friday 20th December at 1.30pm

NEW TERM

Monday 6th January 2025

School reopens at 8.40am

Global Neighbours Week

Focus on our project –

What a Waste – Litter & Rubbish

Wk. Beginning 13th January 2025

Well-being Week

Wk. beginning 27th January 2025

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

As Autumn term draws to the end, I have been overjoyed with our successes this term, the children have worked so 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 of their developments of responsibly in their learning and our current value of friendship!

On another note, what a truly wonderful Christmassy Week it has been! Our children have shown their amazing talents in a variety of ways over the last week, and I am super proud of them all. At the start of the week, Our Reception, year 1 and Year 2, blessed us with their nativity – 'The twinkly Nativity!' Year 2 did a fabulous job of acting the story out and all classes were fabulous at singing and dancing the story, including using Makaton (sign language) when singing the songs! I was so proud of all the children; they did an amazing job! Then on Wednesday evening we had our Carol Service lead by Yr5 alongside Yr4 and Yr3. It was a truly wonderful evening- the children sang beautifully and we were blessed with Joseph and Jennifer our soloist beginning our service with Once in Royal David's City. The songs were uplifting and full of Christmas spirit! I was so proud of all the children and I really hope that as parents you enjoyed all the events as much as I did. I must however say thank you to all the staff of St James, who worked with the children as their commitment to supporting, rehearsing and the choreograph was wonderful! We now look forward to Yr6 leading us in the Christingle worship next Thursday, alongside Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, hopefully full of the joy of Christmas, God Bless

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'

ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
94%	98%	92%	93%	89%	98%	98%



Well done to Reception, Yr1, Yr3, Yr5 & Yr6 for being in the **Green Zone**! 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.
- A child that is late disrupts staff and other children.

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



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

Year 2 Olsi & Nefes	Year 4 Abbas & Ayden	Year 6 Sofia & Lena
<u>Olsi</u>: for amazing improvement in his writing and especially in his historical account <u>Nefes</u>: Working so hard in her writing and having determination to want to improve her skills	<u>Abbas</u>: improving his focus and listening skills in class and around the school <u>Ayden</u>: showing great sportsmanship during PE and supporting others with their skills.	<u>Sofia</u>: for always having enthusiasm and excitement in all lessons. <u>Lena</u>: for always having empathy, kindness and friendship to her class and the rest of the school.
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		



WE ARE SO
Proud
OF YOU

Super Star
Student





Congratulations to Djennifer & Seanna for achieving Rock Legend status – that means they can answer all timestable questions in under 2 seconds a question!
CAN YOU BE HERE TOO?



Geography Homework Hero

Well done to Danielle for creating a 3d tree with all the seasons - showing her learning in understanding the changes in nature!



Sports Award

Congratulations to Ester for making huge improvements in her football skills and for demonstrating this at football club on Thursday's.



History Competition Quiz

Congratulations to Cairo in Year 5 for answering all the quiz questions correctly! He is now part of the children's History Team that take part in a teachers v children event in the summer!

The Twinkly Nativity
Year 2 as the actors telling the story



Reception-The twinkly Nativity
as Stars

Year 1 -The twinkly Nativity
as Angels



Reception , Year 1 and Year 2 were fantastic in their acting and singing of our nativity this year- We are so proud of them!



Carols by Candlelight at St James' Church – led by Year 5 in narration with carols and Christmas songs performed by Year 5,4 and 3. It was such a wonderful celebration of Christmas but also of our amazing children and their performance skills! My thanks go to the children and all the teachers and staff who helped create a wonderful celebration of Christmas



