



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 17

### 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

**Tuesday** – Art/cooking Club Yr2 & 3

**Recorder Club Yr4/5/6**

**Wednesday** Spanish Club Yr1/2/3

**Thursday** – Tag Rugby Club – KS2

**Friday** – Yr3/4 Football

**Yr4/5/6 Netball**

**All clubs finish at 4.15pm**

### Well-being Week

Wk. beginning 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Know Yourself – Grow Yourself

### Yr4 Class Worship

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Yr4 Parents welcome 9.10am

### Maths Week

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb-7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 –**

Details to follow

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Yr6 Trip to 'Centre of the cell

### Learning Review Day

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

School closed to pupils – appointments throughout the day – Details to follow

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Yr3 Trip to Science Museum

### Yr3 Class Worship

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Yr4 Parents welcome 9.10am

### Half-Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 25

### School Returns

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

At 8.40am

### A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

We have had another busy week, full of learning and I have been able to pop into all classes this week and see the learning in action and I am so proud of the children and the hard work they are putting into their learning. This week we had our visitors from Pathways for our worship on Wednesday and they spoke to the children about Jesus' baptism and why this was so significant to Christians and how Baptism starts a new relationship with God. Reverend Ian followed this up with explanations on why Jesus wanted to be baptised and how this action models to us, just as the bible does, what Christians should be doing and how to following in his footsteps. We also looked at the value of perseverance through King George VI, and how he overcame his stammer to speak publicly. We also learnt that there were many times when he could have just given up but he didn't.

Our school clubs are up and running, and it is so lovely seeing the children choose activities they enjoy, so if you would like to send your child to an activity please speak to the school office to see if we have spaces remaining.



Finally, I wanted to flag next week, which is our termly well-being week in school. I am already very much looking forward to it. The theme for the week is: **Know yourself, grow yourself** with a chance for us all to reflect on ourselves and the different emotions we all feel. I am very much looking

forward to introducing this during Monday's collective worship as we explore questions such as: What makes me feel sad and nervous? What makes me feel joyful or happy? What do I enjoy learning about? What am I good at? What makes me laugh? Along with many other questions. There are also many other workshops and other learning opportunities throughout the week, so make sure you ask / discuss with your child / children and maybe even reflect on your own self to know yourself even better! I have added a wellbeing activities track that you might want to look at as a family, this week ( See back of newsletter)

In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless Mrs Everard

# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
96%	91%	92%	98%	93%	97%	97%



Well done to Reception, Yr3, Yr5 & Yr6 for being in the **Green Zone!** We are in the season of year when colds/sniffles/sore throats etc, are around. Please remind children about washing hands, tissues in bins, covering their mouth when they cough to help prevent the spread. 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 school gate opens at **8.40am** – all children **SHOULD** be in class by **8.45am**  
Please try hard to be on time for school as we start learning straight away!



### Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



#### Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

**Being on time:**

- **School gates open at 8:40 am.**
- Gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind.
- Sets positive patterns for the future.
- Leads to a good attendance record and means that your child doesn't miss morning work!
- Leads to better achievement because your child attends for the **WHOLE** day.
- Leads to understanding that school is important and education is valuable.
- Helps you develop a sense of responsibility for yourself and towards others



# 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 Perseverance.

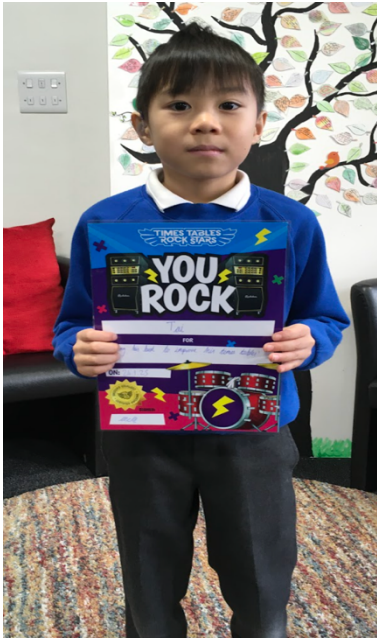
Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
<p><b>Dominion:</b> for his enthusiasm to do well in all his learning and always giving 100%</p> <p><b>Abrianna:</b> for demonstrating great 'Friendship' qualities to everyone in year 1</p>	<p><b>Tai:</b> for consistently working extremely hard in maths</p> <p><b>Oliver:</b> for showing great perseverance in his learning in all areas of the curriculum</p>	<p><b>Jasmine:</b> for excellent skills and application in DT, when designing a bridge</p> <p><b>Torianna:</b> for great work in fractions and for not giving up and showing perseverance.</p>

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



Super Star Student





Online Learning advice

This week we are celebrating Tia for his commitment and regular practise and improvement of his timestables using TTRS Well done!

Children in Year 2-6 – all have logins for TTRS. Please ensure they access this at home for at least 15 mins daily to support their learning in maths. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables.

### History Homework Hero!



Wow – what a great example of home learning with lots of creative ideas! This week we had a Greek Pot decorated by Desi Yr5. Benjamin from Year 4 created an Egyptian drawing. Yr1 have also been busy looking at their topic on toys from the past with Benjamin creating a puzzle and Maame with potato printing. Finally, Gallen from Yr6 created a mask from their learning on Benin. Can YOU be here next week?

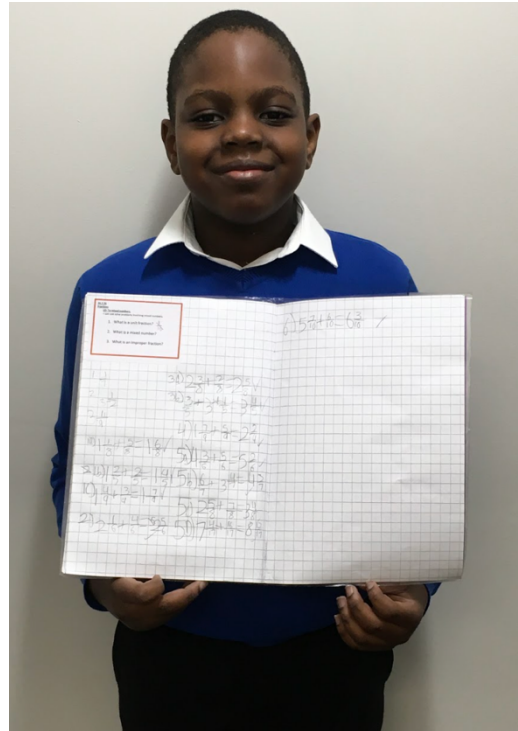
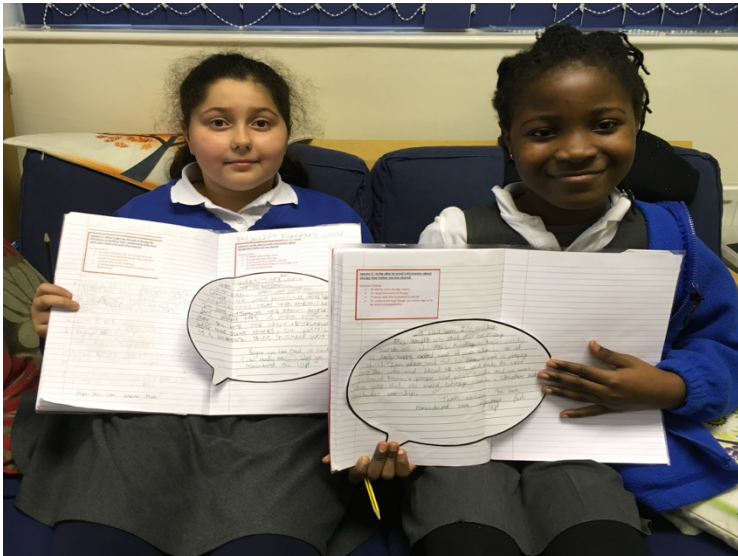


What amazing start to Geographical champions –This week Nanna creating a fact page all about natural disasters and Pap-Kofi made a 3D Volcano. Can YOU be here next week?

### Geographical Geographers Homework Heroes!



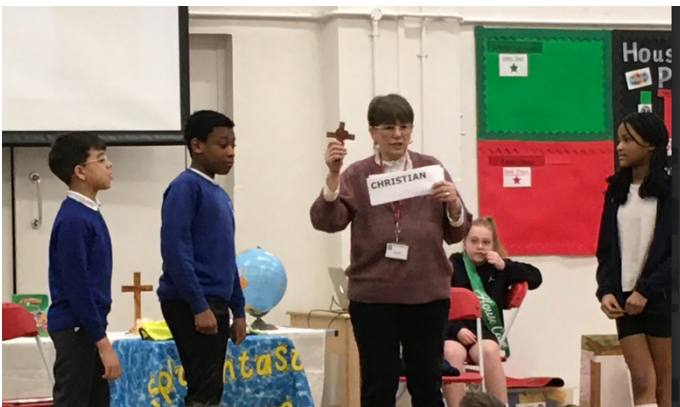
Celebration of Amazing Work!



This week, I have been blessed by seeing amazing work, Bejna and Lois brought me their RE Books as Reverend Ian had visited Year 4 about liturgy and they showed me their writing afterwards explaining what they learnt. I also had the joy of Joseph, showing me his fraction work on adding and subtracting with different denominators – he was definitely showing his skills of perseverance! Well done to year 4 and 5 children, I am so proud of you!



# PATHWAY



Pathways visited this week, and led our worship all about Jesus 'Baptism. They spoke about the following:

At the moment that Jesus was baptised there were significant events:

- heaven was opened
- God's spirit descended on Jesus
- God's voice was heard



Through this worship we discussed what it means to belong and how as a Christian you belong to a community of people and that this is the same as belonging to our school. That we together live by our vision and values and together we are supported and loved by each other.



Reception Class visit to **'Istanbul Patisserie'** as part of their learning journey on celebrations.

The shop kindly allowed the children to look at how cakes and biscuits are made, what goes into a biscuit and they also got to taste some delicious biscuits and have a glass of milk too!

*Thank you to Miche' Dad from Yr1, who owns the shop for inviting us to see a 'real bakery' and letting us try some treats!*



# KNOW YOURSELF, GROW YOURSELF

Wellbeing  
Week

How many of these things can you tick off as part of 'Wellbeing Week!'

## Wellbeing Bingo

<p>Sung in the shower</p> 	<p>Played with a furry friend</p> 	<p>Had a good sleep</p> 	<p>Spent some time with my family/friends</p> 
<p>Listened to my favourite tune</p> 	<p>Read a good book</p> 	<p>Watched a great movie/TV show</p> 	<p>Eaten something delicious</p> 
<p>Done some exercise</p> 	<p>Stayed hydrated</p> 	<p>Drawn a picture</p> 	<p>Laughed until my cheeks hurt</p> 
<p>Spent some time in a park</p> 	<p>Danced</p> 	<p>Treated myself</p> 	<p>Visited somewhere new</p> 