



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 22

### 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

All these clubs finish at 4.15pm

**Thursday** – Tag Rugby Club – KS2  
4.30pm Finish:

**Friday** – Yr3/4 Football 4.30 Finish  
Yr4/5/6 Netball –4.30 Finish

**Wk beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

### Book Week

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** Dress up day for world book day – pyjama book sessions (see letter for more details)

**Wooden Spoon Competition** – Create a character from the spoon – entries in By Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Ash Wednesday** – Reverend Ian and Keith will be leading Worship and visiting classes to offer the sign of the cross to those children who would like it.

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

Parents/families of Yr3 welcome 9.10am

**Wk beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Science Week** - details to follow

**Wk beginning 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

### Holy Week Service

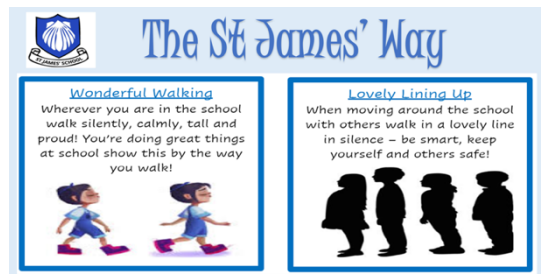
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9.10am at church  
All Families Welcome

**School finishes Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm**

### A message from Mrs Everard

Welcome back to Spring Term 2, time is certainly flying by! Thank you for ensuring that the correct uniform is worn – can I remind you that black shoes/trainers are to be worn – no boots.

This week we have focused on looking at our behaviours and expectations to be successful but also how following these help us grow, learn and flourish- just as our vision sets out. We have focused on the following thing – Wonderful Walking, Lovely Lining up and how if we work as a class – we can be successful. Alongside Marvellous Manners, & Super Sitting. This week I also recapped and revised the 'British Values' (Democracy, Rule of Law, individual liberty, Mutual respect & Tolerance) and how these link to our school values. This term we will be focusing on these and looking at how these link to our everyday life and our role within the community.



Next week we will see the beginning of Lent and the celebration of 'Ash Wednesday'. This is an important part of a Christians' life as they can reflect on their actions of the past year and what they might change/adapt or do to help them improve their Christian life. Reverend Ian and Keith will be leading a worship on Wednesday with the children on understanding the importance of Ash Wednesday and they will also visit all the classes offering 'the signing of the cross' on their foreheads should they wish to take it?

## WORLD BOOK DAY®

Next week we will be celebrating - all things books, poetry, stories and the joy we get from reading, listening to stories and texts. You will have received a letter explaining all the events and activities that Mrs Oliveri and Mrs Loizou have planned alongside the class teachers. I am sure it will be a fun -filled week, including our dress down day with our pyjamas, teddy and story on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Don't forget about the 'Wooden Spoon Competition' that the children can take part in. ( See more on this in the newsletter)  
Wishing you a lovely weekend- hopefully in the lovely sunshine that is beginning to appear!

God bless Mrs Everard, and the St James' Team

# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
96%	96%	94%	92%	92%	95%	99%



Well done to YR, YR1, 5 & 6 for being in the **GREEN ZONE!** There are a lot of illnesses and it is that season of year when colds/sniffles/sore throats as well as sickness bugs 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!  
 This is still a weakness in some families – please work hard to get your children here on time!



### 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.



# 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.

Reception	Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
<b>Ruben:</b> for making such a wonderful start at St James'	<b>Mia:</b> for showing our values & expectations in all she does. <b>Leonardo:</b> for learning our St James' values and making a great start to his new class.	<b>Mia:</b> for always giving 100% effort and dedication to her work. <b>Victoria:</b> for being such a superstar role model and always making the right choice.	<b>Cairo:</b> for always giving 100% to his learning and always wanting to improve! <b>Kayleigh:</b> for always being trustworthy in her actions and in her class responsibilities.

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



Super Star Student



Weekly winners

1<sup>st</sup> Sharkey

2<sup>nd</sup> Ronaldo

3<sup>rd</sup> Edison

4<sup>th</sup> Attenbrough

Congratulations to  
Sharkey House



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



This term we will be focussing on 'Reading Awards' and celebrating children who are developing as readers, who complete their reading diary daily, as well as celebrating children from Yr5 and 6 who are part of our reading buddy system.



Congratulations to Jason (Yr6) and Rebecca(Yr2) for their great partnership work through the 'Reading Buddy System'.



Congratulations to Majesty (Yr6) for achieving her 'Pen Licence' This shows that she has developed her own joined style and that her work is consistent across all her books

Book Week Reminders

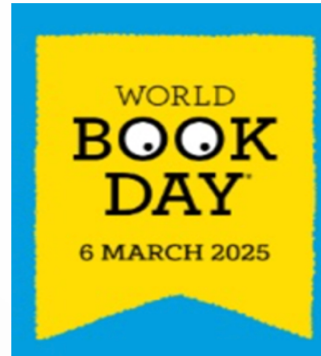
**After school**  
**Mon/Tues/Wed**



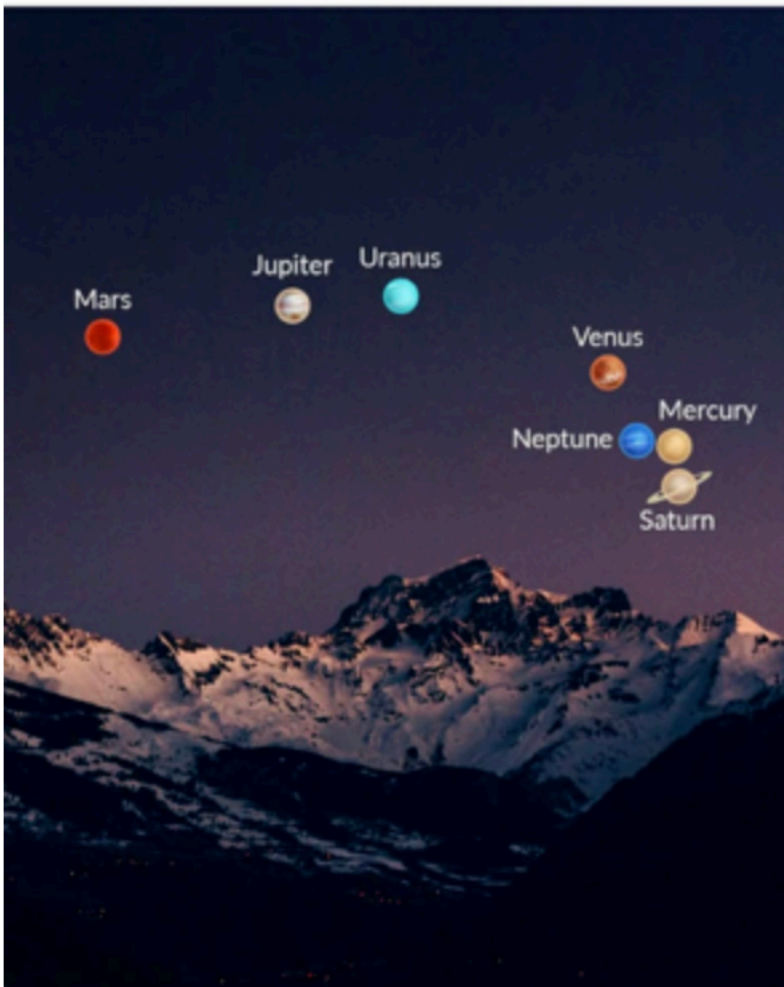
**Wooden spoon competition**  
**Entries in Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



**Dress Up Day –**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 2025 –**  
**PJ's Day!**



**The planet parade ( Make sure you take a look at the**  
**night sky over the next**  
**week! )**

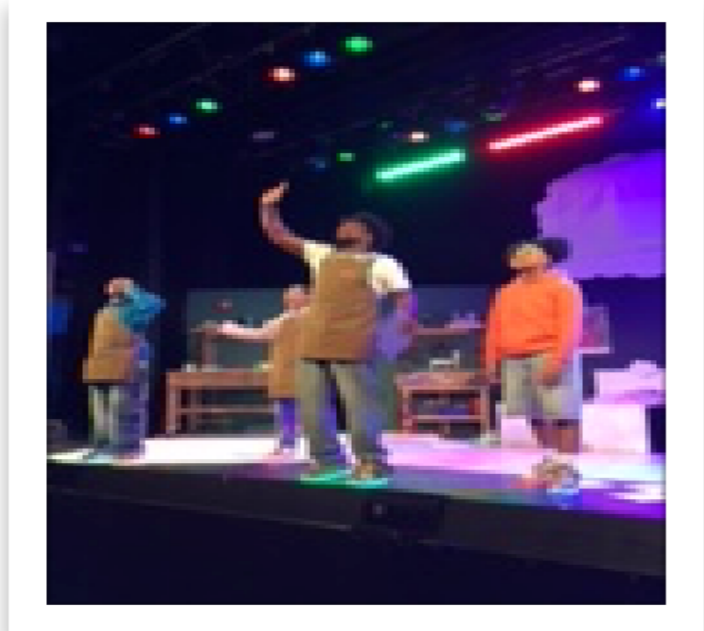
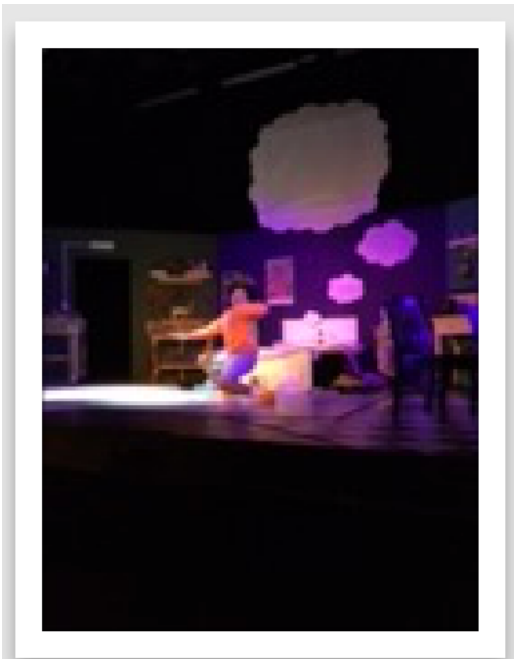
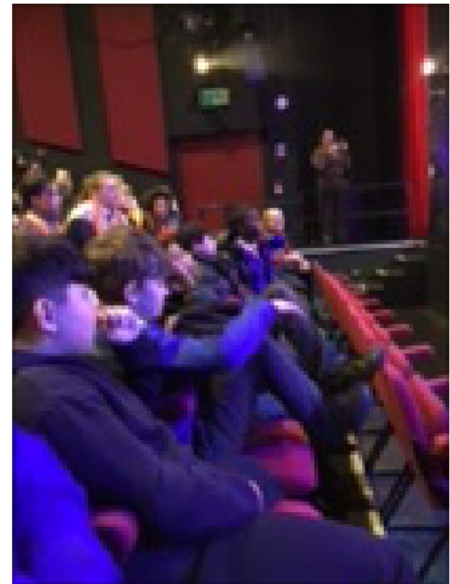


Look to the night sky tonight, and you'll spot a once-in-a-generation planetary alignment. Also called the 'planet parade', seven – yes, seven! – of our celestial neighbours are currently lining up in the Solar System.

To be specific, Mars, Jupiter, Mercury, Venus, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune will be forming a queue, falling into alignment right before your eyes. And it's not to be missed: this rare sighting of the [Solar System](#) in formation doesn't come around often – the next one will be in 2040.

# MILFIELD THEATRE SHOW

On Wednesday, a small group of children from Freezywater and St James were fortunate to be invited to watch a show at the Millfield Theatre, all about ADHD. The show, *The Shoemaker*, was an engaging and inspiring story about a girl who used ADHD as her superpower to design amazing shoes and save her family business. The children who attended really enjoyed the show, and it was lovely to see friendships beginning to form between children from the two schools through this shared experience. We are looking forward to building on this further through some follow-up work.



## Parent advice information

### Keep Your Child Safe Online

**T E C H**

<p><b>TALK</b></p> <p>Talk to your child about their internet use and safety</p> <p>Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet</p> <p>Praise your child for safe online behaviours</p> <p>Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves</p> <p><b>AGE 11+</b></p>	<p><b>EDUCATE</b></p> <p>Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activity</p> <p>Teach your child about specific issues and concerns</p> <p>Teach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online</p> <p><b>AGE 11+</b></p>	<p><b>CO-VIEW</b></p> <p>Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/week</p> <p>Interact with your child online</p> <p>Model appropriate online behaviour</p> <p>Co-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all</p> <p><b>AGE 14+</b></p>	<p><b>HOUSE RULES</b></p> <p>Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules")</p> <p>Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices</p> <p>Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas</p> <p>Use filters and parental controls</p> <p>Spend regular screen-free time with your child</p> <p><b>AGE 14+</b></p>
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\* Agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use

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Do you need help to...

- Buy Food
- Top up pre-payment energy meters
- Support your baby (with items including nappies and feeding)
- Maintain good hygiene and self care

Help available for living essentials

**Mondays**  
10.30am - 12noon  
Restore Community Church  
Albany

**3rd-31st March 2025**  
521 Hertford Road EN3 5UA  
info@restorecc.org.uk

Vouchers and funding up to £100 per household subject to need, available up to 31st March 2025. Please bring evidence of need such as a benefits statement, letter or bank statement

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FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING!



Learn how to understand your child's emotions and discover practical tips and strategies to help your child's wellbeing!



## REGISTER NOW!

Register using the QR code or the link below and join us in one of the following dates!

- Tuesday, 25th February at 7:45pm.
- Thursday, 27th February at 1:30pm.
- Friday, 28th February at 1:30pm.



<https://forms.office.com/e/cmjkArJH36>

