



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 23

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

Monday 10th March 2025

Yr2 and Yr3 visiting library

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Parents/families of Yr3 welcome 9.10am

Wk beginning 17th March 2025

Science Week - details to follow

Thursday 20th March 2025

Year 5 – Easter Experience Trip

Details to follow

Monday 24th March 2025

Reception & Year 1 Songsack

performance in Hall at **2.30pm**

Parents and families of these children welcome

Wednesday 26th March 2025

Yr6 Trip to Maritime Museum

Greenwich – *Details to follow*

Wk beginning 31st March 2025

Holy Week Service

Thursday 3rd April 9.10am at church

All Families Welcome

School finishes Friday 4th April at

1.30pm

A message from Mrs Everard

WORLD BOOK DAY®

Dear All,

What a fabulous week it has been, and a huge delight to see that reading, writing, books, and a love of stories & books in all genres are central to our school! We know that reading is the key to the doors that allow us to flourish and grow! There have been so many wonderful events this week, to engage the children such as:

- All classes took part in watching 'Bubbles' a film clip -which is all about adventures and where you can travel in your imagine. If you would like to look at the clip with your child, here is the link:
<https://www.literacyshed.com/bubbles.html>
- Each morning after break the children were collected by a mystery teacher for story time- where a book was shared and they got to experience and find out what books different teachers like!
- World Book Day (Thurs) – A wonderful booky day in pyjamas with stories, hot choleate/squash and the joy we get from stories!
- Book Swap Stop - was hugely successful - thank you for either donating books or taking one to share at home! (*If you do have any unused books - please bring them in - we can gladly use it!*)
- Also - thank you for helping your child complete the Wooden spoon book character competition - I have truly loved looking at them - Winners will be announced next week, and they will be on display for you to see!

Please do ask your child about their week and what they learnt and enjoyed, and most importantly what books mean to them. At St James, we want our children to be readers, thinkers, explorers and this is what books do - **Please support us in this, by ensuring you read with your child at home, and that the reading records gets completed** and above all help them flourish! I want to share this quote with you:

"Reading is important. If you know how to read, then the whole world opens up to you." **Barack**

Obama. This quote is so powerful and inspires me to ensure that children are given this opportunity to read, as they will truly have the world at their feet, and who know what they will become!

A huge thank goes to Mrs Oliveri & Mrs Loizou - our English leads for creating such a wonderful week full of activities, along with all the staff who have supported the wonderful 'English Week'! Our staff are the reason our children flourish and I am so grateful for their hard work!

Wishing you a wonderful and blissful weekend, with hopefully more sunshine, showing us that Spring is finally beginning to shine!

God Bless you and your family during the beginning of lent.

Mrs Everard

ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
90%	92%	91%	99%	91%	93%	96%



Well done to Yr3&6 for being in the **GREEN ZONE!** Not a great week for attendance – **PLEASE** ensure that your child attends school as it is so important to their learning, friendships and sense of belonging. There can be a lot of illnesses at this time of the 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ termly value. This term our value is courage.

Reception	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
<u>Yusuf</u>: for trying really hard to listen & join in with our phonics lessons Ronald: for always being trustworthy in class and following the St James' way in his action & words	<u>Ashley</u>: for a huge improvement in his handwriting & presentation <u>Olivia</u>: for always following <u>all</u> of our values, and being a great role model!	<u>Benjamin</u>: for his enthusiasm in all things related to 'Book Week!' <u>Azra</u>: for always upholding the St James' way in class and around the school.	<u>Xavier</u>: for his amazing effort in his work and focussing really hard to do his best! <u>Zuriel</u>: for being a good friend that people can trust – it doesn't go unnoticed!

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



Weekly winners

1st Edison

2nd Attenborough

3rd Sharkey

4th Ronaldo

Congratulations to

Edison House



This week we are celebrating Dominic for his commitment and regular practise and improve hi speed at recalling 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 Jasmine (Yr5) and Ethan (Yr3) for their great partnership work through the 'Reading Buddy System'.



Congratulations to Jasmine and Sofia who brought in their medals and trophies that they achieved through their Irish dancing competitions last weekend!

EXCELENCIA EN ESPAÑOL

Our Spanish Teacher – Sentoria Gomez, has been working with the children in KS2, developing their Spanish speaking and reading skills and last term these children were chosen as growing and flourishing in their language skills!

Well done on achieving the certificate and medal!

Year 3:



Oliver, Wojciech, Claye, Janelle & Ester

Year 4:



Berakah, King, Bejna, Bryan & Kavali

Year 5:



Annaliese, Epiphany, Thomas, Samuel & Rex

Year 6:



Seanna, Oliver, Jason, Zuriel & Sofia



On Wednesday Reverend Ian and minister Keith came to school to start the period of Lent in the Christian calendar by explaining the meaning of Ash Wednesday. The children took part in a worship with them and they visited the classes in the afternoon to offer the ashing of the cross on their foreheads, where the following words are said: ***Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*** Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ

We also shared the following prayer

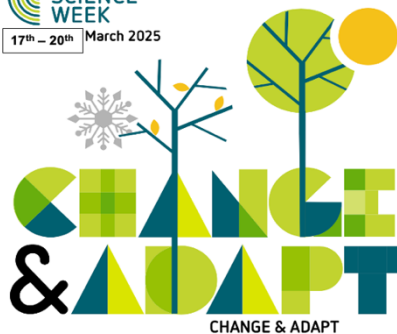


Heavenly Father, who gives us strength when we **trust** in you, hear the prayers we make during the time of Lent. Because we cannot do everything good without **trusting** in you, help us to follow your son Jesus and to do what Jesus taught, so we can give you our love and respect in everything we say and do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



This week we welcomed our visitors from 'pathways' – who led worship all about the following theme "Splashtastic Story" it is all about the importance of "Foot washing - Baptism is a bath" and tells the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet and why this was so significant to this period of Lent, and how Jesus wanted to show that we are all equal and the same.

Next week is Science Week - the theme is 'changing' the children will be completing some experiments linked to this theme and I look forward to sharing the work with you!



Parent advice information

Funded by UK Government

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 SUA
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.

restore COMMUNITY CHURCH

Netball Report - St James against Eastfield and Capel Manor - Tuesday 4th March 2025



Team: Zuriel, Sofia, Eliya, Majesty, Promise, Lena & Natanya

Our match was against 'Eastfield', this was our first match outside of training and it was challenging, they had an amazing shooter and despite our efforts and hard work we lost 6-1(Sofia shot the 1 goal) Because of our lost we tried harder, we had incredible passing and defending skills from everyone during the 2nd match from everyone on the team. Even though Capel Manor had multiple tall and talented players we won 4-1 and we learnt a new shooting skill from the GS from Eastfield and we will be taking this skill on to the next 3 matches on the 11th March

The netball positions for the first match were Natanya as centre, GK and GD as Promise and Majesty GS and GA as Sofia and Zuriel and Eliya and Lena got swapped in after the first half with Zuriel and Lena then Natanya and Sofia swapped for the second match against Capel Manor. In the end the Whole experience was very fun and we learnt a lot of new techniques. Thank you to our families who came and cheered us on!

Written by the Team