



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 24

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 17th March 2025

Yr1 and Yr4 visiting library

Wk beginning 17th March 2025

Science Week -Adapt and change

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Kurling Competition for small group of

Yr4/5

Thursday 20th March 2025

Year 5 – Easter Experience Trip

(Please see letter)

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

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

Dear All,

This week has been full of the joy of the spring sunshine as well as the spring rain, even that of hailstones alongside the joy of seeing the flowers beginning to grow and shine in the warmer and longer days! What has given me great pleasure is seeing the children beginning to enjoy the grass and extra space outside at lunchtimes, having fun, friendship and kindness which is so important to their own personal growth!



We are now well into the period of 'Lent' and this is a time for Christian to reflect and see the wonders of the world around us and this certainly reminds us of the joy and spiritual moments that nature can bring us. I could see this with a truly magnificent bright rainbow that covered the school on Friday made me and the children stop and stare! It also links in strongly into our vision of 'Learning, growing & flourishing!' We are now just over ½ way through the year and I have had the pleasure alongside Mrs Sheehan and Mrs Goodison of popping in to every class throughout the week in lesson observations and seeing the learning and growing that is going on. I was so impressed with the children's learning behaviour and the Marvellous manners and respect they showed. I was so impressed with Yr2, who were learning about food groups and had so much knowledge as well as Yr3 who could clearly explain how to be safe online up to Year 6 who were comparing Antarctica to the rainforest.

Our children are certainly growing and flourishing and I am so thankful to our amazing staff team in supporting them on this journey and please do take the time to talk to your child about what they are learning, let them share their opinions, questioned them so that they can share with you their skill, knowledge and they might surprise you too!



We have this week continued to focus on children reading daily at home and completing their reading record with your support, reading is so important to their learning so please keep up the focus on this and ensure that diaries are completed and handed in daily! "Reading is important because if you can read, you can learn anything about everything and everything about anything!"

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 lent.

Mrs Everard

ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
86%	94%	84%	97%	90%	96%	92%



Well done to Yr3&5 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 especially sickness bugs. Please remind children about washing hands, putting 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.

Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
<u>Abrianna</u>: for always trying her hardest , especially when she finds it tricky! <u>Jessica</u>: for being very brave and showing the value of courage when we are nervous!	<u>Prossy</u>: for a huge improvement in her writing and producing an amazing 'Hot Task' this week! <u>Naana</u>: for always being a trusted member of the classroom	<u>Thomas</u>: for excellent maths work on decimals <u>Torianna</u>: for always being a great role model and trusted member of Year 5!
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		



Weekly winners

1st Ronaldo

2nd Sharkey

3rd Attenborough

4th Edison

**Congratulations to
Ronaldo House**



This week we are celebrating Benjamin for his commitment and regular practise and improve his speed at recalling his timestables using TTRS - Well done!



Congratulations to Rosie (Yr6) and Sofia (Yr5) for their great partnership work through the 'Reading Buddy System'.



Congratulations Ailah (Yr2) on her skills in Gymnastics and Kai (Yr6) for his development and skill in Tag Rugby



Year 5 have been learning about decimals this week and in their maths lessons they used this skill to create their name using decimals and these children: Desi, Thomas, Joseph & Alphie came and shared their work with me! They were able to work independently and with skill – well done!



Year 3 class Worship on 'Trust'



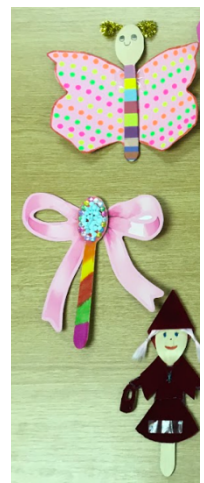
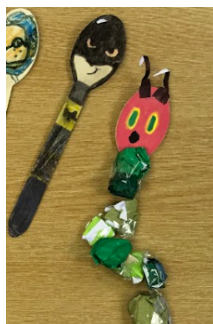
Year 3 shared their understanding of the value of 'Trust' using the story of Daniel and the lion, as well as how trust activities – show us that trust in each other and our beliefs is important to how we feel! They sang, acted and read brilliantly!



Book Week Winners: Can you make a spoon into a character



Here are some examples:



Book Week Winners: story writing based on the film – Bubbles . The children watch a clip of a girl who discover some bubbles and as she blew one, she got stuck inside and went on adventures ... These children created an amazing adventure for her using great descriptive language – well done!



Next week is: Science Week



The theme next week is all about 'Change and adapt and how science can cause things to change or adapt and the children will be investigating this.

Here is a science fun website that you may want to visit, to give you some fun activities:

<https://www.whizzpopbang.com/blog/british-science-week-2025-fun-ways-to-get-involved%E2%82%AC/?srltid=AfmBOoq8u14MTkKcL2qvDI5VL7IZGjCwJCR9cw7HkPTy5j-L-7IC8ZY>

