



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 25

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Reception class visiting library

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Reception & Year 1 Songsack

performance in Hall at 2.30pm

Parents and families of these children

welcome

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Yr6 Trip to Maritime Museum

Greenwich – (please see letter sent out)

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Yr4 – Taster Swimming Lesson**

Please ensure your child has their

swimming kit

### 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

Dear All,

This week has been full of investigation and questions as part of science week, it has been so lovely to see the children question and investigate and want to know more about how things change or how things adapt. We had a great start to science



week with Professor Charalambous creating a science experiment in worship. The children were looking at how combining a solid and liquid can create a change and produce a new material, it was certainly one of those 'wow' moments. I am so looking forward to celebrating our mini scientists next week in a special worship in school. Thank you to Professor

Charalambous for planning an exciting and eventful week and to the teaching staff for their enthusiasm in completing the science tasks set!

This week also saw Year 5 and Year 2 shine in special events and represent the



school with such marvellous manners and respect. Year 2 took part in 'Enfield's Singing Festival' with other schools and they showed everyone their skills of performance and in singing and learning the actions, it was so lovely to hear the great comments from other adults not from our school – they certainly made me so proud of them!

Year 5 also went out this week, as part of their RE learning and took part in the 'Easter Experience' where they investigated the events during Holy Week, they also got the opportunity to visit Enfield Town Library and learn about how they can use the library to support them at school. Please take a look within this newsletter for more details on both visits.



**Holy Week**

Our value of Trust was also explored this week in understanding how we are responsible for looking after our world and that we can be the leaders in change. I linked this to our Global Neighbours project on rubbish and litter and each class have selected an eco-monitor to look at how we can reduce our carbon footprint and we have children who are encouraging staff to turn off devices if they are not needed! We also talked about how at lunchtime we can take more responsibility to keep the lunch hall tidy and that we should all tidy up after our eating our lunch! 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
95%	93%	89%	97%	94%	98%	94%



Well done to Reception, Yr3 & 5 for being in the **GREEN ZONE!** It is still a mixed picture this week, so hopefully with the nicer weather, comes healthy children – **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.



### 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**

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!

**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 courage.

Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
<p><b>Ernesto:</b> for working so hard and making great progress</p> <p><b>Whole class:</b> for their amazing commitment and especially courage in performing the songs with other schools and being the leaders of the show!</p>	<p><b>Bejna:</b> for taking great responsibility in class and on the playground, showing her learning in PSHE.</p> <p><b>Giovanni:</b> for making great progress in maths at understanding fractions and showing independence in his learning</p>	<p><b>Natanya:</b> for always being a trustworthy member of the class and friend.</p> <p><b>Ronald:</b> for working extremely hard in class and producing some lovely work – showing that he can do it when he focusses on his skills!</p>

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





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

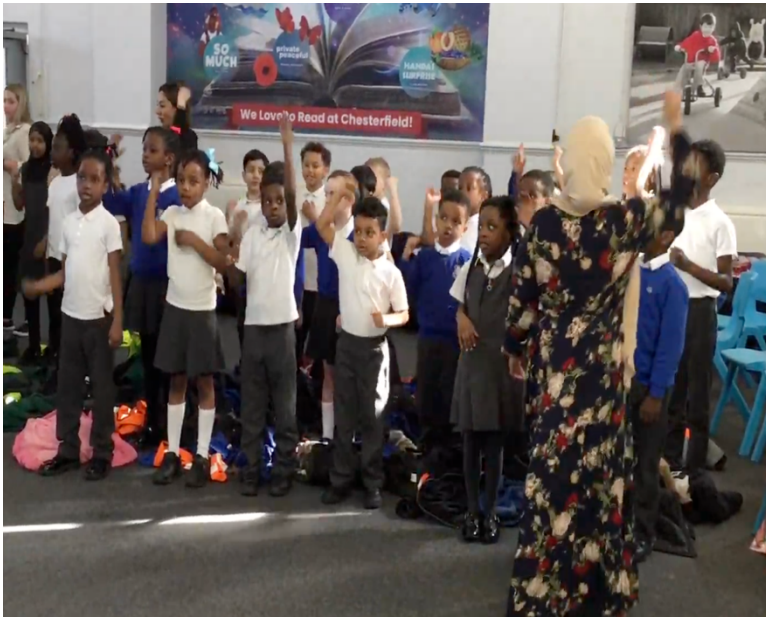
Congratulations Anaisa (Yr2) on her skills in Gymnastics and Trevor (Yr5) for his determination in completing a long run around the path and not giving up as well as demonstrating great hockey skills, Well done also to Ashley for his great skills in all aspects

### Year 5: Easter Experience

Year 5 had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Baptist Church in Enfield Town as part of the Easter Experience. During their visit, the pupils interacted with key characters representing this impactful narrative, including Pontius Pilate's wife, a Roman Centurion, Mary Magdalene, and Peter the disciple. This unique experience provided our students with valuable insights into the perspectives of these individuals, enhancing their understanding of the emotional and historical context surrounding Easter. The level of engagement and curiosity demonstrated by the children was commendable. They left the church with a deeper appreciation for the themes of sacrifice and redemption, reflecting on how these ideas resonate in their own lives.



## *Year 2: Singing Festival*



On Thursday, our Year 2 children took part in a wonderful music festival led by Elena Browne, Head of Singing at Enfield Music Service, and kindly hosted by Chesterfield Primary School. They joined three other schools in singing together and even had the opportunity to perform their own song in front of everyone. The children sang with such courage and joy, truly modelling the St James' way – something that was recognised and praised by many of the adults there. Elena was especially impressed with how far they've come since working with her in Year 1 and was so blown away by their performance, she asked them to lead the song a second time so the other schools could join in! It was a brilliant day, and the children were rightly proud of themselves. Well done, Year 2!



*On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – I took a group of 6 children to the London Youth Games, for a Kurling competition against other London Boroughs. It was an amazing experience and the children worked extremely well as a team. Learning how much power to put into the Kurl and how to block and knock out the opposition. The children showed their skill and team work throughout the session- I am so pleased with them.*

*Well done to Tai, Melany, Mia, Seran, Giovanni and Renner*