



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 26

### 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

**(NEW LETTER ON CLUBS – Please make sure you take a look at what is on offer:**

**Tuesday's: Music (Y4,5,6) and art club (Y2,3,4)**

**Wednesday – Cheer Yr5/6**

**Spanish Club – Y1,2,3**

**Thursday: Athletics KS2**

**Cricket & Rounders Club KS2**

#### Summer Term

#### School returns

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.40am

#### Yr4 Swimming starts every Friday

Collection at Waverley 3.20pm or collection at St James' 3.40pm

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 –

Bank holiday – school closed

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### VE day celebrations – all

Parents/families will be invited to a special event from 2.15pm – details to follow

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

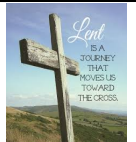
Yr6 SATS Week

#### 26th May to 30th May Half Term

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

INSET Day - School closed to ALL pupils

#### A message from Mrs Everard



Dear All,

Firstly, I wanted to say how proud I was of our children as we finished the week with our 'Journey to Holy Week' Service with Reverend Ian. This special event, featured some of our Year 6 students, who read the Bible reading on what Jesus did in the 'Garden of Gethsemane', and some of our Year 3 who read the questions to us understanding what and why Jesus did this, as well as some of our Year 5 children who explained what they learnt from their 'Easter Experience Trip'. The children sang amazingly and it felt very spiritual in church listening to us collectively singing together celebrating the significance of Easter within the Christian faith. Thank you to them and to the parents whom attended and of course to Reverend Ian for his ongoing support, we are very lucky to have such strong links with our church. With this in mind we wish the church community a very happy and peaceful Easter. Our prayer this week was linked to how we connect with God through prayer:

*Dear God, Thank you that we can speak to you anywhere and at any time. Please help us to remember this when we are afraid, worried or sad. Please help us to be thankful. Please help us to be honest. Thank you that you never sleep, but are always there to listen. Amen*

As we come to the end of the spring term, I am so overjoyed to see the growth of our children, we have had so many opportunities for them to succeed and to experience different opportunities in school as well as through visits and visitors and all the extra-curricular clubs that are on offer, please ensure that you have seen what is in offer net term and check out your school money account to book these.

I would like to take this time to thank you for the ongoing support of the school and of your children as each and every day they amaze me with their enthusiasm for learning and their joy at working hard and achieving success! On behalf of all the staff at St James', I wish you and your family a joyful and blessed Easter and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.40am.

God Bless Mrs Everard

# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
86%	92%	90%	96%	92%	96%	93%



Well done to Reception, Yr3 & 5 for being in the **GREEN ZONE!** It is still a very mixed picture this week, so hopefully with the nicer weather, comes healthy children – **PLEASE** ensure that your child attends school even within the last week of term – learning continues throughout the term and especially at the end of term, when assessments are completed, and children can truly show what they have learnt that term!

Being in school, is important – so hopefully the summer term will bring healthy children with better weather but also children being in school helps them secure friendships, understand the learning journey, have confidence and resilience to not give up as well as that sense of belonging.



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.
- 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>Angel:</b> for always following 'The St James' Way' and being a great class role model.</p> <p><b>Ashley:</b> for a huge improvement in his progress throughout the spring term and for being determined to succeed!</p>	<p><b>Joel:</b> for a great 1<sup>st</sup> lesson at swimming and for following the instructions and having confidence</p> <p><b>Bryan :</b> for his development in English and for showing his skills and completing work .</p>	<p><b>Patrick:</b> for a huge improvement in his English Writing and showing his skills , proving to himself that he can do it!</p> <p><b>Sofia:</b> for always being a great role model and following 'The St James' Way'</p>
<p><b>We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!</b></p>		





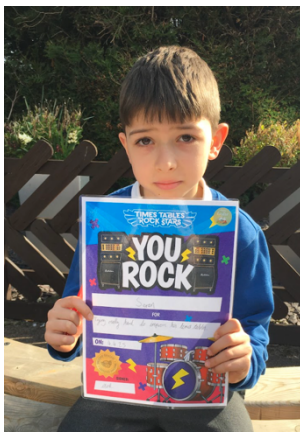
# Little WANDler of the week



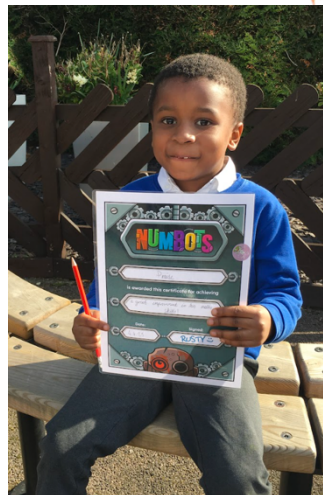
Congratulations to Jekaterina (Yr6) and Angel(Yr2) for their great partnership work through the 'Reading Buddy System'.



Congratulations Nehezarel & Jayden (Reception class) on their listening skills, focus and concentration when trying something new! And, Abrianna (Yr1) for her growing confidence and focus in phonics lessons



Congratulations to Seran (Yr2) for a huge improvement and effort improving speed on TTRS



Year 1 & 2 - now have an online programme for maths which Mr Kay launched this week.

Congratulations to Praise (Yr1) for his engagement and effort on numbots



Congratulations to Scarlett (Yr2) for her huge improvement and skill in gymnastics





Congratulations to 'Edison House' for their hard work, manners and skills at winning the House point cup for Spring Term!



*Goodbye & Good Luck Mrs Hutchinson*

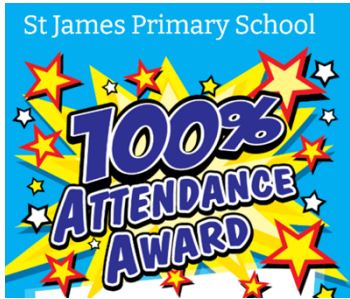
A message from Mrs Hutchinson:  
 It is with great sadness that I say goodbye to St James' primary school. I have enjoyed teaching here over the last 3 years and feel privileged to have worked so closely with all the wonderful staff families and children. It is a truly special school x



We have sadly had to say Goodbye to Mrs Hutchinson our reception teacher as she is moving away to somerset. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work over the last 3 years and for being a part of our St James' family. I also want to thank her for making the start of our children's journey so memorable and full of great experiences! We wish her luck and happiness in her new journey and home and know she will always be a part of us here!  
 Next term we will be welcoming Miss Day to our reception class alongside Mrs Darby and Miss Bates for the summer term.



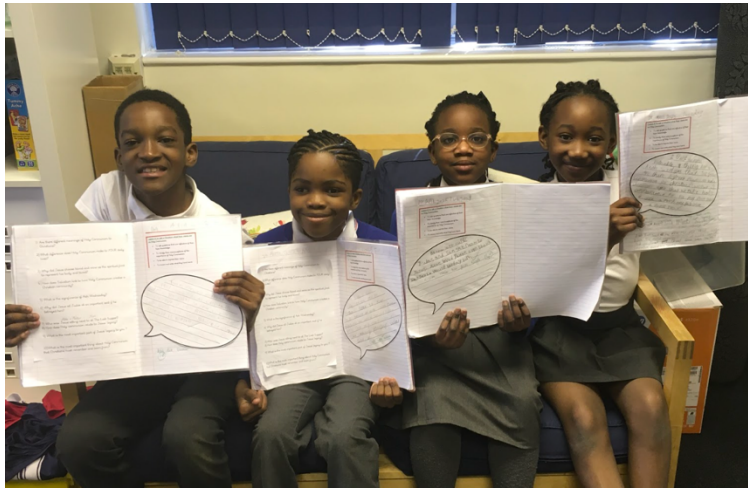
*Attendance Awards – Spring Term*



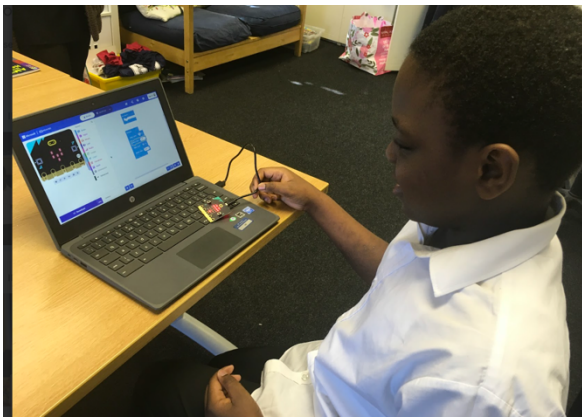
*Congratulations to our 46 children who achieved 100% attendance for Spring Term – a huge achievement – we are so proud of you!*

*We also awarded 64 certificates to those children who were above the recommended 95%*





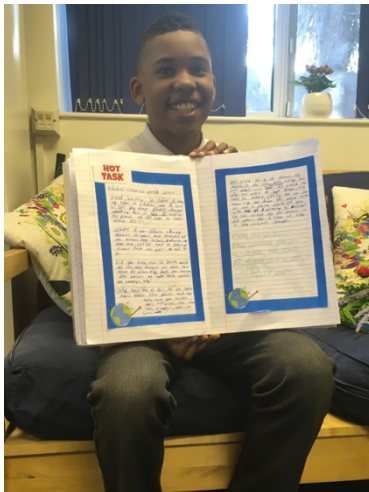
*Congratulations to Giovanni, Tawain, Kayla & Renner - for their RE work this term, especially that of writing up what they learnt from their visit for Reverend Ian and Keith this week on communion.*



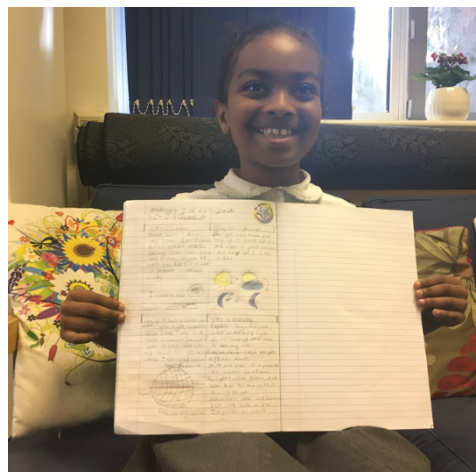
*Congratulations to Joseph & Thomas for their coding skills in computing using microbits where they code on the computer and it shows on the microbit – Fantastic!*



*Congratulations to Filip who has been working on his art skills and in following instructions – where he created these two amazing pieces of work!*



*Congratulations to Nehemias, who was so proud of his speech writing on Climate Change, where he used persuasive phrases and statements to create a speech to influence viewpoints!*



*Congratulations to Aseel, on her fantastic Final write in Geography about the world and how the world is constructed with seasons, equator, day and night – I could see a huge improvement in her stamina and presentational features!*

**Notices:**



<https://travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk/knowledge-base/calling-all-young-transport-superfans/>

**What's the prize?**

Winners get to record a personalised 25th anniversary message for TfL, which will be broadcasted at a station related to their mode of entry.

Winners get a behind-the-scenes tour related to their entry, such as bus, river services, cycle hire, Tram depot, IFS Cloud Cable Car, Tube, Overground, Elizabeth line or DLR station, or coach depot.

We look forward to seeing your entry!



**Calling all transport superfans!**

We are celebrating 25 years of Transport for London and we're on the hunt for 25 young transport 'superfans' aged 5-16 and love London transport.

**What do we need pupils to do**

Participating in the competition is straightforward. Young superfans are invited to write why they're a superfan of a particular London transport mode in 100 words or less.

Entries must be emailed to [TfL\\_SuperFansComp@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:TfL_SuperFansComp@tfl.gov.uk) along with their name and age, as well as contact information for their parent or guardian.

**Please flag to the school if you enter this competition as this will contribute to their TfL Travel for Life accreditation. Find out more about accreditation at [travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk](https://travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk)**

**Who can enter**

Children aged 5 – 16 years old, but they would need an adult to supervise their submission.

**Deadline**

Superfans must submit their entry before Wednesday 23 April for their chance to win this once in a lifetime experience.