St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 28

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's:
Music (Y4,5,6) and art club (Y2,3,4)
Wednesday's
Cheer Yr5/6 & Spanish Club – Y1,2,3
All finishing at 4.15pm

Thursday: Athletics KS2 finish at 4.30pm
Cricket & Rounders Club KS2 finish at 4.30pm

Monday 5th May 2025 –
Bank holiday – school closed

Thursday 8th May 2025
VE day celebrations – all Parents/families will be invited to a special event from 2.15pm – *please see flyer*

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May
Yr6 SATS Week
Yr4 Swimming starts every Friday From 16th May
Collection at Waverley 3.20pm or collection at St James' 3.40pm

Wednesday 21st May
Yr2 class Worship at 9.10am
Parents & families welcome

Thursday 22nd May
Church Service at 9.10am – theme celebrating Saint James and our link to it as a school

26th May to 30th May Half Term

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

This week has been full of sporty moments and achievements, where I have been so proud of everyone for their hard determination and courage to push themselves to achieve but also to develop those important sportsmanship skills. It was also the start of our summer term clubs, and it was so lovely to see so many children attending and enjoying what was on offer! We do have some spaces – so please see the office if you would like to book something.



This week, we began our focus on VE Day's 80th Anniversary, what it was, why it is celebrated, what it means, and how this links to our lives today. Within worship we focused on: ***1 Timothy 4.7*** **'I have fought the good fight'** the children have been learning about the celebrations that took place when the war ended in 1945 and what the people did during this time. We also linked it to the soldiers that fought during ww2 and that they needed the value of courage and Trust in themselves and in God during this time and how this would have helped them in times of challenge, linking it back to ourselves and how God courage ion us can help us. We will be sharing with you some of our learning on this on Thursday 8th May at 2.15pm when we will welcome you to our 'Tea Party' on the school field.



Our prayer this week was:

Loving Lord, We thank you for giving us courage to face challenges. Even when we feel unhappy about it, or even afraid, we can always ask to you keep us in your protection and watch over us. Courage allows us to try and discover new things, and we pray that by giving us courage we can flourish as your beloved children. We make this prayer in the name of your son Jesus, who showed us so much courage. Amen

In other news, we have this week enjoyed wonderfully warm weather, so please ensure that sun cream is applied in the morning and that children have caps to wear outside to protect them in the sunshine. Please also remember that children MUST wear black shoes/trainers to school, as well as bring a water bottle that they can refill.

This links in nicely into the work we are doing to improve our 'Carbon Footprint', Over the past few weeks we have been working with an advisor from 'Let's Go Zero' to audit / gather information and data to write a Climate Action Plan for the school. Let's Go Zero, is a national campaign, uniting teachers, pupils, parents and their schools to work together to be zero carbon by 2030. The organisation supports schools to achieve this.

Wishing you a wonderful 'May Bank Holiday', and I hope the sun continues to shine for us and that you have a lovely family weekend.

God Bless, Mrs Everard

ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!



YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
93%	99%	94%	98%	99%	99%	94%

Well done to Y1,3,4 &5 for being in the GREEN ZONE!
We are thankfully in the better weather, so hopefully a term of wellness and good attendance! As the weather improves, please remember if your child does suffer from hayfever, please ensure that you have given medication or speak to Ella who can give medication if needed, as our wonderful outside space is full of plants and flowers! 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!



Climate Action Plan

What do we want to do?

. Create sensory gardens and vegetable patches.







A count on plastic bottles will take place daily to see if you can reduce the amount



Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle and not just a plastic water bottle as our target is to reduce plastic –
CAN YOU HELP US ACHIEVE THIS?

https://letsgozero.org/

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 Perseverance.

Reception	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
Ruben: for engaging in the learning in reception class and always being curious to explore. **Reception Class:** for the whole class, in learning the new routines and structures in class	**Rebecca:** for always showing the value of courage and having a go at every activity no matter how hard. **Ernesto:** for making huge improvements in his learning and achieving success	**Tawain:** for being determined to focus on his work and not get distracted by others. **Wisdom:** for making a great start in his new class and for showing his skills and knowledge in class	**Tatijana:** for showing her courage in Yr6, especially in the tests and being confident in her skills. **Eliya:** for working hard to achieve and for always trying her best in all subjects

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









Little WANDler of the week





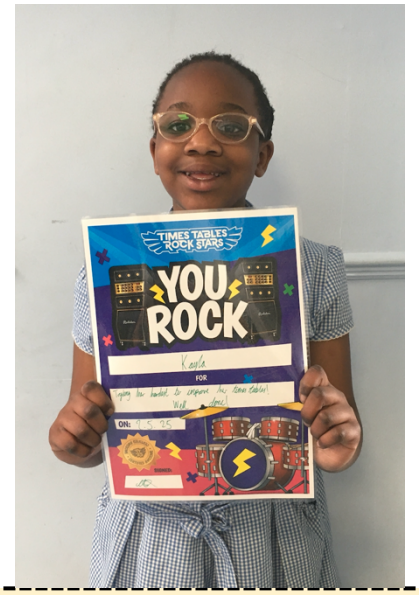
Congratulations to Xavier (Yr6) and Amy (Yr3) for their great partnership work through the 'Reading Buddy System'.

Super Effort Well Done!

Congratulations Ruben (Reception class) on developing his skills in Phonics
Jessica D (Yr1) for her growing confidence and especially in her blending and decoding in our phonics lesson this week!

ENFIELD READING FOR PLEASURE
Excellence Mark

I am so proud to announce that on Wednesday, we were visited by the Education Team from Enfield , who were assessing us on our 'Reading Curriculum' and it is with great news that we have be award the Excellence Mark for Reading at St James' – this is a huge achievement, that recognises our commitment in making children 'readers for life!



Congratulations to Kayla (Yr4) for a huge improvement and effort improving speed on TTRS



Weekly winners

Winners: Attenbourgh
2nd Edison
3rd : Ronaldo
4th : Sharkey
Congratulations to Attenbourgh

	Copper	Steel	Chrome	Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Year 1			Praise											
Year 2	Benjamin George King	Mahmoud												

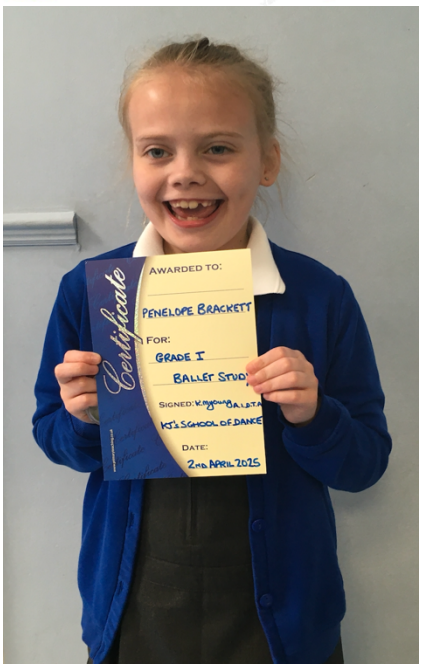


Congratulations to Praise, William, Mahmoud, George, Benjamin & King – on achieving your certificates this week!

We have now launched numbots in Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2

Please help your child log on, develop their skills in maths and gain awards!
Can YOUR child be here next week?

Well done!



Congratulations to Penelope (Yr4) for a huge achieving her Dance Grade in her 'Ballet Class'

Here are some dates for your diary:

Year 6 Sats Week – Mon 12th -Thurs 15th May
Year 4 timetable check - Wk beginning 2nd June 2025
Year 1 & 2 Phonics Check Wk beginning 9th June 2025
Well-being Week: 30th June -4th July 2025
Sports Day: Wednesday 2nd July -
Reception & KS1 9.15am
Ks2 10.45am
Parents/ Carers are welcome to attend sports day.





This week we joined 4 children from FWSG to take part in the KS1 Panathlon.

The children got to try different games and skills, work as a team and came home with a medal and certificate!



Well done to Filip, Aaliyah, Anaisa and Abrianna



Football Festival Yr1/2

Mr Kay was very excited to take a group of 12 children to the 'Tottenham Training ground' for a football festival where they got to learn new skills, drills and have professional coaches teach them football, they also got to play mini games against other schools. It was a wonderful morning of sport! Well done to all the children who went and especially to Mahmoud and Ashley who were recognised out of all the school teams there as start players!



This week Nehemias, Jason, Promise, Sofia, Isaiah E and David from Year 6 took part in a basketball competition against other schools.

It was a tough competition and Mr Kay and Vicky were so proud of their improvement during the matches and their skill at working as a team!