



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 29

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

Yr6 SATS Week

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Yr1 visiting 'Silver Service Café'  
as part of History Unit

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Yr6 – visiting Durrants Park in the afternoon  
Yr5 – Visiting Waltham Abbey church  
(see letter)

### Yr4 Swimming starts every Friday From 16<sup>th</sup> May

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

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Yr2 class Worship at 9.10am  
Parents & families welcome

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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

### A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

We've had a short but action-packed week, with the highlight this week being our VE Day celebration on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We started the week learning about VE day and why this is a significant part of world history and what this meant to people at the time. We were also very lucky to



receive a letter from Commander John Eskdale, who was a serving navy sailor during the war, and he told us his story:

- He was 14 years old when war broke out in 1939.
- He was too young to fight so he became a volunteer fire fighter
- When he was 17 years old he became a Royal Marine (1942)
- He ship was hit by a German torpedo in 1943 and he spent 5 hours in the freezing sea waiting to be rescued

- There were 533 crew on board and only 107 soldiers were rescued and he was one of the lucky ones that survived.

The children enjoyed listening to his story and we are looking forward to sending our replies back to him. Throughout our worships this week we reflected on this significant day and the children reflected on the sermon on the mount, the words of which state: 'blessed are the peacemakers'. Thinking about how from learning from the lessons of the past, maybe the children of today can be the ones to make peace for the future.

Our Tea party on Thursday was a wonderful event and I was so pleased to welcome you to our celebrations, the children had made jam sandwiches and decorated cakes to share during celebration, we performed a traditional dance of 'Lambeth Walk' which can be seen using the QR code on the right. We also opened our improved Garden which is now named 'Edens



Corner', Mr Bunyan our site manager has worked so hard to improve this outside space so it is a peaceful and relaxing space to enjoy nature, mindfulness, spirituality as well as prayer and we were so grateful to Reverend Ian and our Lay Minister Keith for officially opening our garden with prayers and blessing.

As you can see a week full on amazing moments and memories and I am so grateful to our staff for creating these opportunities for learning and enhancing our children's journey to flourish in a variety of ways. . As always, I hope that you are able to take some time to discuss these and the many other learning and fun activities that have taken place over the week, with your children. Have a wonderful weekend, God Bless. Mrs Everard



# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

| YR  | YR1  | Yr2 | Yr3 | Yr4 | Yr5 | Yr6 |
|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 92% | 100% | 95% | 94% | 94% | 90% | 98% |



Well done to **Y1** on achieving **100%** this week! As well as Y2 & Yr6 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?



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://letsgozer.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.

| Year 1                                                                                                                                                                               | Year 3                                                                                                                                                                                              | Year 5                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><u>Filip</u>: for his work in class and for following instructions</p> <p><u>Brianne</u>: for always showing the St James' way and especially showing courage in her learning</p> | <p><u>Nariyah</u>: for always giving 100% to all subjects and producing wonderful work</p> <p><u>Prossy</u>: for her determination and courage to always push herself to do better in athletics</p> | <p><u>Santiago</u>: for showing courage in all aspects of his work and growing in skills.</p> <p><u>Jireh</u>: for always showing 'The St James' way and being a great rolemodel to the rest of her class.</p> |
| We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |





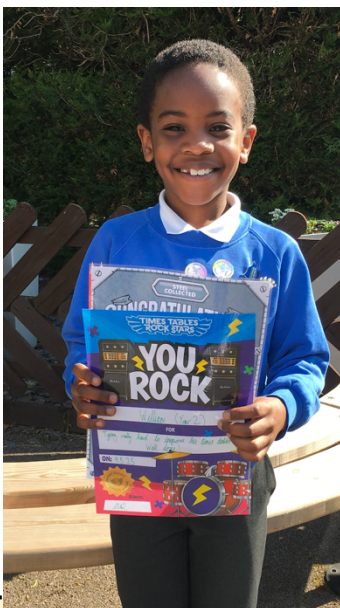
Congratulations to Rayna (Yr5) and Izabel (Yr4) for their great partnership work through the 'Reading Buddy System'.



## Little WANDler of the week



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



Congratulations to William (Yr2) for his continued focus and improvement on TTRS



### Weekly winners

**Winners: Sharkey**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Edison**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Attenborough**  
**4<sup>th</sup>: Ronaldo**  
**Congratulations to Sharkey**

*Well done!*



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



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?

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



Here are some dates for your diary:

Year 6 SATS Week – Mon 12<sup>th</sup> -Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May

Year 4 timetable check - Wk beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Year 1 & 2 Phonics Check Wk beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Well-being Week: 30<sup>th</sup> June -4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Sports Day: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July -

Reception & KS1 9.15am

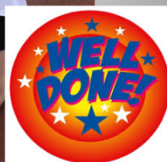
Ks2 10.45am

Parents/ Carers are welcome to attend sports day.

Congratulations to Scarlett (Yr2) for a huge achievement a silver medal in her Gymnastic competition



This week Vicky our sports leader took our elite athletes to the 'Quadkids Competition'. The children had to compete in 4 events a 600m run, 75m sprint, long jump and vortex throw. They competed individually and as a team and earned points for each event. There were 8 other schools there and we achieved the Bronze Medal!



Congratulations to:  
Oliver, Rothniel, Isiah  
E, Nehemias,  
Ronald, Keziah,  
Zuriel, Promise,  
Jakaterina and  
Tatijana

It was a wonderful  
afternoon of sport,  
full of our value of  
courage and  
perseverance to  
achieve success and  
we are so pleased and  
overjoyed with the  
result



1<sup>st</sup> place in all  
events out of  
80 children!  
A huge  
achievement!

