Autumn Term 2025 Friday 17th October 2025

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 7

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

Friday 24th October
INSET DAY –
School closed to ALL pupils

27th October – 31st October
Half term holidays

Return to school
Monday 3rd November at 8.40am

Thursday 6th November
Remembrance Service at Church 9.10am

Friday 7th November
Yr2 trip – Wren Churches London linked to 'The Great fire London'

Wk beginning 10th November
Wellbeing & Anti-Bullying Theme

Tuesday 11th November
Drama Workshop for Year1 – Space
Drama Workshop for Year 2 – Great Fire of London
(Please ensure that you have made payment on. Arbor)

Wednesday 26th November
Parents Consultation 2-7pm
School closes at 1.30pm more details nearer the time

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

We have had another busy week at St James', I along with Mrs Goodison have spent time in all the classrooms looking at how we are learning and this gave us both great joy in seeing the enthusiasm for the children, the respect they gave to each other during the learning but also what shone out was the hard work my teachers and LSA's put into your child's education and I am so thankful for the role they play. In the newsletter this week I have included some top tips on how to ensure that reading happens at home and a reminder about the logins for TTRS and Numbots (maths). Please do get your child to read and do some maths at home as this will really help them achieve success.



On Wednesday, Year 6 led the school in worship and share the value of **Responsibility, which they are ambassadors for.** They presented their worship wonderfully, and shared how we show responsibility at home and at school and how through the bible we learn what being responsible means. Firstly, my warmest thanks to all Year 6 parents who joined us for our class worship. Your presence and participation made the occasion truly special, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together in this meaningful way.

On Thursday I had the pleasure of joining Year 4 on their Yr4 class visited St Albans Verulamium, where they learnt about what life was like in Roman times and they handled artefacts that have been found in St Albans and what they tell us about how they lived. Year 4 were brilliant and the children demonstrated our values of respect and responsibility in their learning and showed us how much they had flourished in skills and knowledge – I was so proud of them!

Next week is our last week before half-term, please remember that there is NO school on Friday 24th October. I hope that you have a joyful weekend.

God Bless , Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'



ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
93%	99%	95%	98%	90%	98%

Well done to Yr2,3,4 &6 for being in the green Zone for attendance. Being in school is so important, especially with the new guidance and rules set out by the government. Being at school, learning, flourishing and growing is so important –
Children MUST be at school.

REMINDER OF TIMINGS

Main Gate opens at 8.35am
School Gate at 8.40am
ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN CLASS BY 8.45AM

Collection Time:
Reception & KS1 (Y1/2) : 3.15PM
KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) : 3.20PM

Please be on time to collect your child!

CHRISTMAS!



I know its only September - but please put these dates in your diary

EYFS &KS1 Nativity
9th December at 2.15pm
10th December @ 9.30am

Carol Service @ St James Church (Yr3,4,5)
Thursday 11th December at 6pm
Christmas jumoers to be worn

Christingle Service @ School led by Yr6
Thursday 18th December @ 2.15pm



Weekly winners

Winners:
1st Sharkey
2nd Attenbourgh
3rd Edison
4th Ronaldo

Congratulations to Sharkey

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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.			
Reception + Nursery	Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
Florence: for trying really hard with tricky words in phonics Bela: For always being ready to learn and show our St James' Way of 'Super Sitting'	Rodin: for trying really hard to improve his listening skills in class Dafni: for showing great respect when working with a partner in maths.	Kayla: for being an enthusiastic learner and always trying hard William: for always being ready to learn and a great role model to others	Lexi: for making a great start to Year 5 and settling in well. Penelope: for sharing her great ideas in class and for always trying to push herself in her learning.
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!			









This week, Mr Kay set the challenge of who was the most valuable player in each class during a battle amongst the classes and amongst each other. Here are the results:



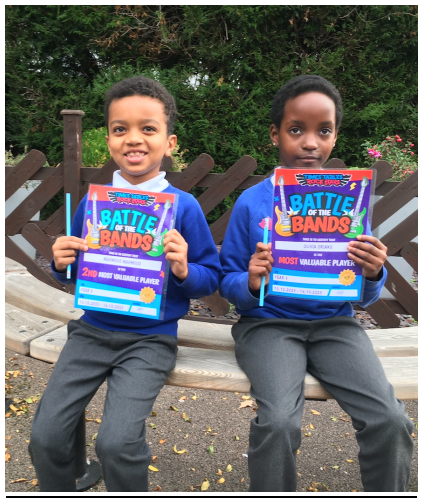
CAN YOU GET ONE OF THESE LABELS – CHALLENGE YOUR CHILD TO PLAY AND ACHIEVE SUCCESS!

Year 2



3rd: Jessica M
2nd Shania
Most Valuable:
Abrianna

Year 3



3rd: Ashley
2nd Mahmoud
Most Valuable:
Olivia

Year 4



3rd: George
2nd Eli
Most Valuable:
Ali

Year 5



3rd: Ayden
2nd Tawain
Most Valuable:
Berakah

Year 6



3rd: Cairo
2nd Thomas
Most Valuable
Epiphany

Little Wandle phonics Superstar



Congratulations to Zohal & Gayla, who have worked really had during the phonics & reading sessions and class sounds this week!

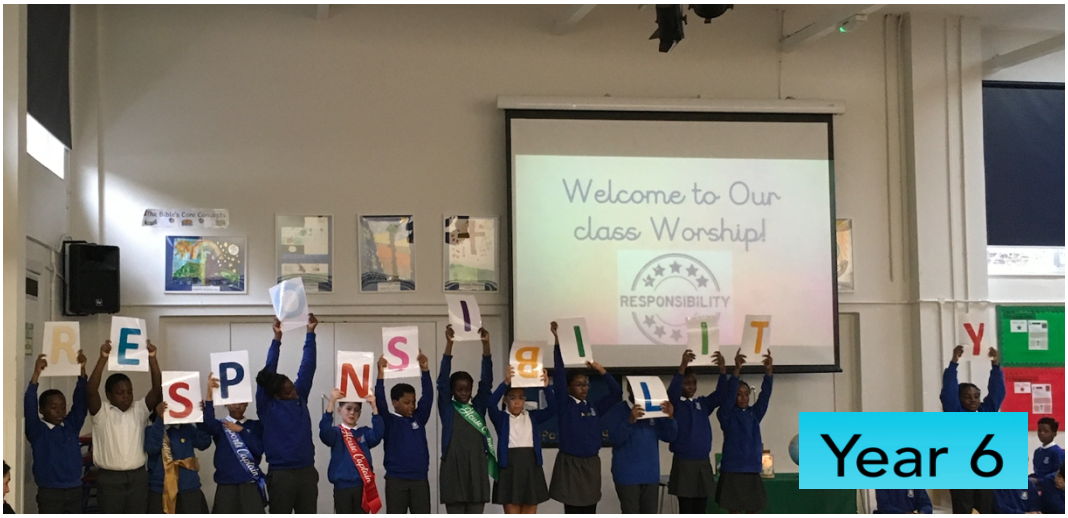
Reading buddies



Congratulations to
'Melani & Epiphany'
We are so proud of you!
(Yr6 are given a reading buddy and their target is to support the enjoyment of reading)







We were educated and entertained by Year 6 on Wednesday with their class worship on our value of **'Responsibility'**
They told us the story of the two brothers from the bible and how m making a promise to do something is what God teaches us to do!
They did brilliantly – and they are definitely demonstrating this value in their actions and words

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PE KIT REMINDER

PE Kit

Children need to bring their PE kit into school in a labelled bag. They should bring their bag to school on a Monday and if needed take home on a Friday for washing. PE kits MUST stay in school.

CHILDREN MUST GET CHANGED FOR PE - THEY CANNOT JUST WEAR THEIR UNIFORM OR THEIR SCHOOL SHOES.

School uniform should be worn to school every day – this is part of our responsibility and respect in our school values to show the pride we have in being a child at our school.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled so that lost items can be returned, especially coats, jumpers, lunchboxes.

Your child should have the following kit for their PE Lessons - IT MUST BE IN SCHOOL

PE TIMETABLE - AUTUMN TERM		
YEAR GROUP	INDOOR	OUTDOOR
RECEPTION	MONDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 1	MONDAY	THURSDAY
YEAR 2	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
YEAR 3	FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY
YEAR 4	FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY
YEAR 5	TUESDAY	FRIDAY
YEAR 6	TUESDAY	THURSDAY







Outdoor PE Kit

Plain Royal Blue T-shirt
Blue/ Black shorts
Jumper/Hoodie/zip up jacket
Blue/Black Joggers

All jewellery Must be removed





Indoor PE Kit

Plain Royal Blue T-shirt
Blue/black shorts
Plimsolls
All jewellery Must be removed

ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE PLIMSOLLS OR TRANIERS FOR PE LESSONS



