



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 8

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

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 19th November

Monarchs Day – details to follow

Wednesday 26th November

Yr5 Cinema trip

Parents Consultation 2-7pm

School closes at 1.30pm more details nearer the time

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

Well, we have made it to the end of Autumn term 1, and it has been such a busy term so far with so many opportunities for our children to grow and flourish and I am so proud of our whole community for an excellent start to the new school year.

This week we and over the last few weeks we have welcomed Saracens Rugby club to work with Yr2/3/4 and 5 which has been so lovely to see the skills develop in a new sport and we have also just begun working with Tottenham on developing ball skills linked to football and NFL with Year 6. Next term we have some cricket/football workshops and a tag rugby festival to look forward to.

This week we welcomed our visitors from 'Write to Speak'. It was an absolute privilege to host Ellis and Demera into school, who delivered an incredible spoken word workshops for Years 4, 5 & 6. The sessions were truly inspiring and had a remarkable impact across our school. What struck me most was how the approach empowered even our least confident pupils to discover and develop their voice. The performances shared at the end of the sessions were nothing short of amazing. To witness children standing before their peers, delivering their own spoken word pieces with such conviction and pride, was a testament to both their courage and the quality of the workshops. This initiative was made possible through funding from Arts Council England, and I sincerely hope that this vital support continues for many years to come. Programmes like Write to Speak enable more pupils to: See themselves as writers and poets, discover their talents as performers, gain confidence in their own abilities, experience genuine success, engage with their learning in such a positive and meaningful way. If you haven't already heard please talk to your child / children about this experience.



Finally in closing, I want to extend my thanks to all our parents, staff, and children for your hard work this half term. Your commitment, support, and dedication continue to make St James' a wonderful and special place to learn, grow and flourish. Wishing you all a blessed and restful half term, and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 4th November 2025.

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

ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
92%	98%	92%	100%	98%	95%

Well done to Yr2, Yr5 & 6 for being in the green Zone for attendance. **Huge well done to Year 4 for their 100% 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 Attenborough

3rd Edison

4th Ronaldo

Congratulations to Sharkey



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>Dominion: for his huge improvement in his writing and especially skills of editing</p> <p>Mia: for always demonstrating our values and taking responsibility for her learning</p>	<p>Boaz: for excellent focus and effort in his writing about the eruption of a volcano.</p> <p>Naana: for being dedicated to her learning and always giving 100% with her work and our values</p>	<p>Cairo: for showing great confidence and skill in performing as part of the poetry workshop</p> <p>Epiphany: for consistently being responsible for all areas of learning within Year 6</p>

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



Little Wandle phonics Superstar



Congratulations to Shaniya & Blessing who have worked really hard during the phonics & reading sessions and class sounds this week!

Reading buddies



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

History Competition Winner



Congratulations to Olivia Yr3 for winning the History Quiz and being the 1st member of the school team!



Congratulations to Tai for creating a mosaic as part of our History Homework



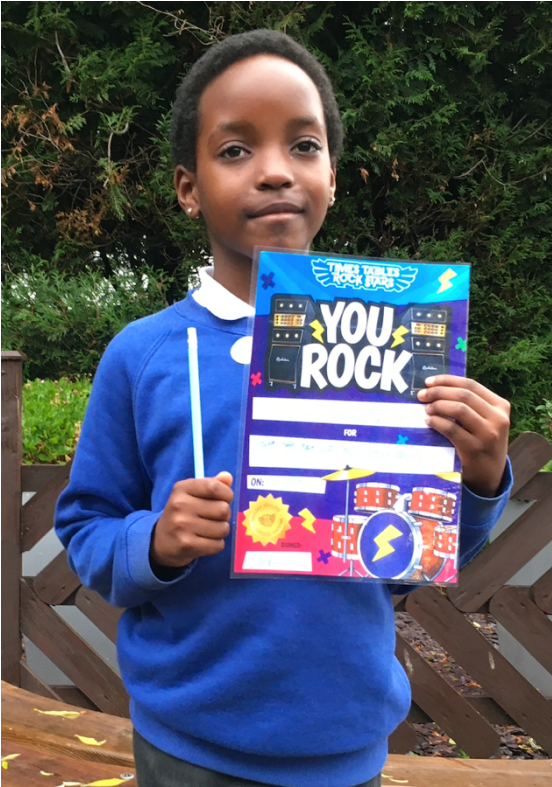
Congratulations to our 'Boys Football Team' for achieving a 3rd place finish in the league this year. We had some amazing games with great goals and we now head into the football tournament next term.

Our Team was: Santi, Adetona, Moise, Rothniel, Joshua M, Alfie, Ethan, Joshua A & Wojciech.

FOOTBALLING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING WITH ADAM FROM ENFIELD PE TEAM

On Thursday, we went with Brimsdown school to take part in training and mini matches at Heron Hall, it was a truly lovely event despite the windy weather and will certainly help the girls team in the future!





Congratulations to Olivia Yr4 for the huge improvement in her TTRs speed and skills over the last term.

Congratulations to Mia for achieving two awards on Numbots

To get the best out of NumBots, we suggest children play for 5 minutes 4-5 times a week - little and often is the key.

NUMBOTS is a lot of fun! It's also a great place for the children to practise their counting and number facts.

Maths is really hard when your counting and number facts aren't secure. **NumBots** is a great way to start building maths confidence. If you have any questions at all, please ask. Thank-you for your support!



SUPPORT LEARNING

Times tables serve as a building block for high-level maths concepts such as division, algebraic equations and more!

STRENGTHEN LIFE SKILLS

From calculating prices to managing budgets, multiplication is essential for financial literacy and general problem-solving.

BUILD CONFIDENCE

A solid grasp of times tables gives children the confidence to tackle more challenging mathematical tasks, increasing their success!

Children in Year 3-6 – all have logins for TTRS.
Please ensure they access this at home for at least 15 mins daily to support their learning in maths.
Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master the times tables.

<https://trockstars.com/parents/>

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 –
NOT SCHOOL SHOES**

