



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 13

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

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 9th December at 2.15pm

Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am

(2 tickets have been given for each performance)

Wednesday 10th December

Yr3/4/5 practice in Church for carol service

Carol Service @ St James Church

(Yr3,4,5)

Thursday 11th December at 6pm

Christmas jumpers to be worn

Friday 12th December

Panathlon Event at Lea valley for some pupils

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 18th December

Christmas party day in class
Details to follow

Christingle Service

@ School led by Yr6

Thursday 18th December @ 2.15pm

School finishes on

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

We have had another busy week at St James'; however this week has been full of PE activities. Vicky our Sports leader has been training small groups of children in Gymnastics. There are 5 children in each team and our teams were: KS1, yr3/4, Yr5/6 and a SEND team that entered the competitions against the other schools. We are so proud of their determination, skill and confidence at performing in front of the judges and working collective as a team. Please look on in the newsletter for photos and more details.

This week in worship we began our focus on Advent - what it is and the understanding of the



5 candles. We lit the first candle - Hope and spoke about how Christmas is a time for hope, hoping that the birth of Jesus will bring peace and happiness to the world. We also looked at the word of the season 'Joy' and how Mary had joy from her connection to God and how we can

connection spiritually, and with others to grow and develop. We also



welcomed our friends from pathways for worship, and they spoke

about the birth of Jesus and how 'light' is a key feature in the story of Jesus' birth, and how Christian's believe that the light helps us live in love and happiness turning away from the darkness.

Next week we begin our Christmas events with the nativity taking place on Tuesday at 2.15pm and Wednesday at 9.30am, as well as our carol service at St James' church on Thursday night at 6pm. I really hope you will be able to come and watch the children celebrate Christmas and share with you their performing skills!

I also want to share the wonderful news that Mrs Amin - our senco has had her beautiful baby boy and he was born on Tuesday 2nd December - we all send her our love and joy at this news!

Please remember socks and choccs donations for the homeless charity.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, hopefully full of the joy of Christmas, God Bless

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'



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 1	Year 3	Year 5
<p>Donald: for always trying his hardest and showing huge enjoyment in his learning.</p> <p>Ena: for showing respect to all adults in our classroom</p>	<p>Anisa: for always smiling and being a kind friend to everyone in her class.</p> <p>Ester: for showing an excellent attitude for her learning and always trying to produce work of a high standard.</p>	<p>Abbas: for a huge improvement in his focus, motivation and effort with his work</p> <p>Lois: for demonstrating responsibility for her learning and completing some excellent work in class</p>

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





ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
85%	93%	84%	99%	91%	92%

Well done to Year 4 for being in the Green Zone, there is a lot of flu and sickness illnesses around – we are using hand sanister more, but please try to encourage your child to do the following:

Putting tissues in bins, covering their mouth and nose with their hand, washing hands and the importance wearing a coat to school- so please help us keep your child healthy!

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

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Weekly winners

Winners: Attenborough

2nd Sharkey

3rd Ronaldo

4th Edison

Congratulations to

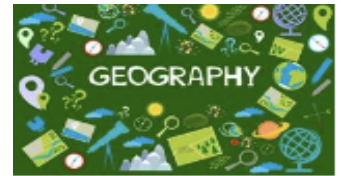
Attenborough



History Homework Hero!

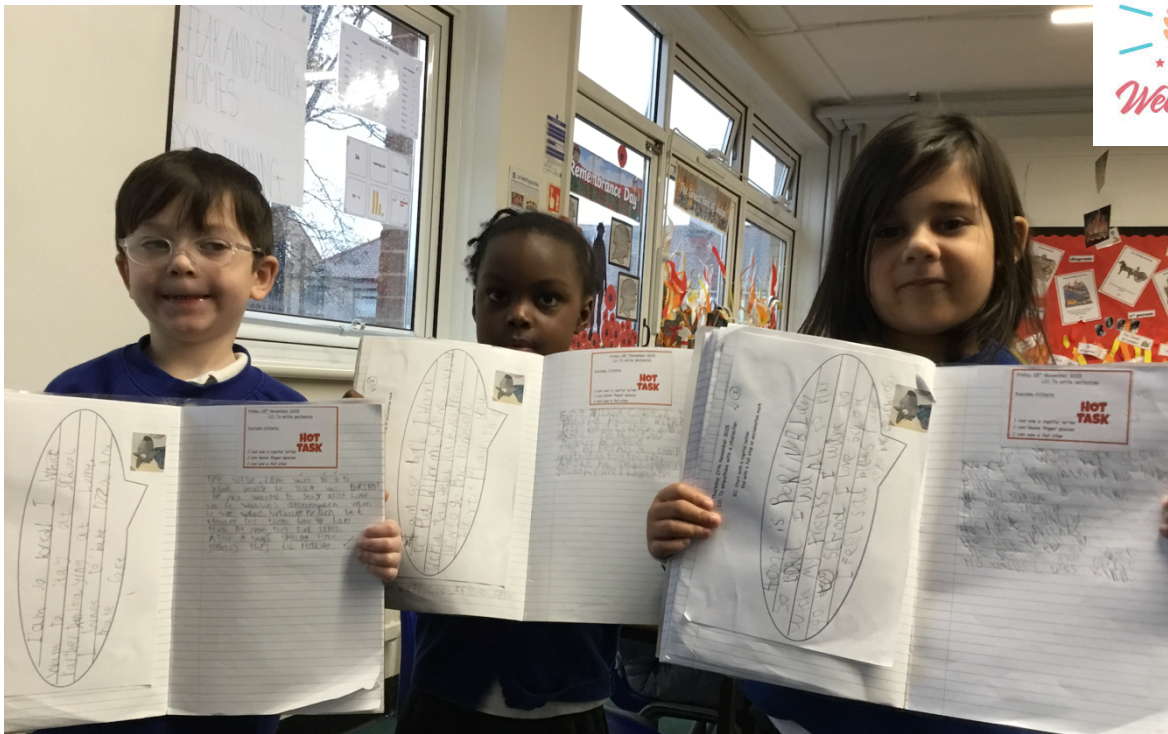


Congratulations to **Denis & Dafni (Yr1)** for creating pictures based around the seasons and understanding the changing landscapes. Congratulations also to **Melany(Yr4)** for her round house creation linked to the celts and understanding of the stone age houses.



Geographical Geographers Homework Heroes!

Head teachers Award!



Denis, Tamyrah & Ariel (Year1) brought their English books to me - to show their hot task writing, where they were writing in sentences using the correct punctuation! Fantastic work!

Our PE Lead - Vicky has been working with small groups of children learning routines, vaults and many other gymnastic moves to compete in a competition. We are so proud of each group as well as the role they played individually. They gave such great commitment and perseverance in improving their skill. They represented St James' with pride and we are so proud of seeing them flourish in their gymnastics ability. Here are the results:



Our KS1 team competed against 8 teams and they were the runners up!

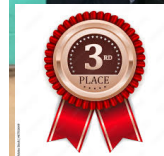
Our SEND team competed against 6 teams and they were the runners up!

**Our Yr3/4 team
competed against
12 teams and they
were placed 5th**



**Our Yr5/6 team
competed against 12
teams and they won the
competition!**

**Our boys open team
competed and they
were placed 3rd
overall!**



A huge thank you goes to Vicky – our PE lead for her energy, focus and skill at leading the teams and also for the extra time she put into helping the children succeed – we are so grateful for her commitment to the children and school! I also want to thank Mrs Hicks for working alongside Vicky and helping the children in training and in the competition!

Little Wandle phonics Superstar

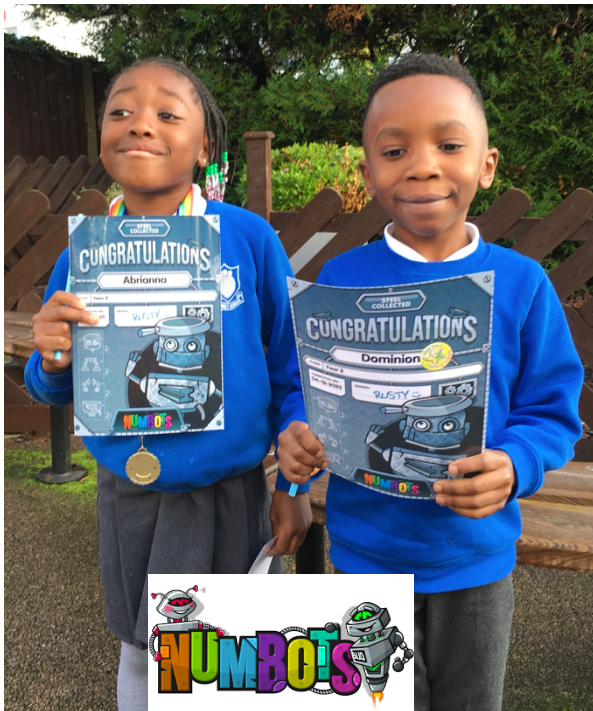


Well done to Blessing & Madalina for their hard work and focus in phonics this week

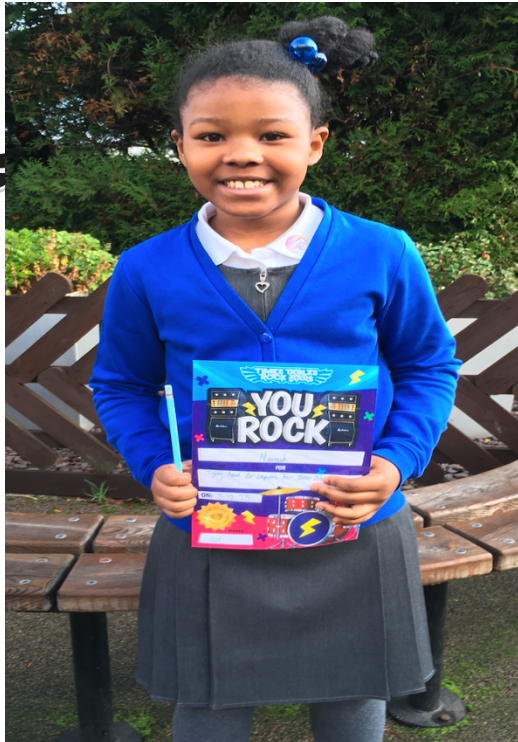
Reading buddies



Well done to Kayleigh & Izabel for their amazing partnership through 'Reading buddies' **We are so proud of you!** (Yr6 are given a reading buddy and their target is to support the enjoyment of reading)



Abrianna & Dominion (Year 2) for achieving the next level on numbots. This is a great achievement that will really help with their number skills in class – **Try to encourage your child in Year 1 and 2 to get numboting to achieve success**



Congratulations to **Nariyah Yr4** for a huge improvement and focus on TTRS and the huge improvement in his TTRs speed and skills over this





Adult socks and chocs
 This Christmas we are supporting helping hands help out a charity that provides support for the homeless in London boroughs. We are asking you to donate a pair of warm socks and a bar of chocolate - so that a homeless person can receive a Christmas gift of warmth and love this Christmas Day

Please can the socks and chocs arrive by **Friday 12th December 2025** so that the charity can collect them.

You can drop unwrapped and some children will be wrapping or if you'd like to wrap at home and drop it that would also be great!
Please label socks Male or Female
 Thank you and I hope we can create a wonderful gift of giving to those less fortunate than us and show our value of kindness and friendship to those in need this Christmas



HAF Enfield Winter 2025

22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th & 31st December

Ages Reception to Year 11

FREE* places available on Enfield's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this winter.
 For more information visit www.enfield.gov.uk/haf

*Free for those in receipt of benefits related free school meals

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Keep Your Child Safe Online

T E C H

<p>TALK</p> <p>Talk to your child about their internet use and safety.</p> <p>Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet.</p> <p>Praise your child for safe online behaviours.</p> <p>Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves.</p>	<p>EDUCATE</p> <p>Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activity.</p> <p>Teach your child about specific issues and concerns.</p> <p>Teach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online.</p>	<p>CO-VIEW</p> <p>Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/week.</p> <p>Interact with your child online.</p> <p>Model appropriate online behaviour.</p> <p>Co-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all.</p>	<p>HOUSE RULES</p> <p>Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules").</p> <p>Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices.</p> <p>Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas.</p> <p>Use filters and parental controls.</p> <p>Spend regular screen-free time with your child.</p>
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AGE 11+ for a basic phone or highly restricted smart phone without internet access or social media

AGE 14+ for a smart phone with parental controls

*Agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use

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