Autumn Term 2025 Friday 19th December 2025

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 15

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

Happy New Year!

School Returns on
Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.40am
Or breakfast Club from 7.45am

Thursday 8th January 2026
Welcome back to church and the new Year service
9.10am at St James' Church – all families welcome

Thursday 15th January 2026
Beauty and the Beast Theatre production to whole school –
(Please make your payment at the office or on arbor)

Thursday 22nd January 2026
Yr5 Trip to British Museum

Wednesday 28th January 2026
Yr3 Trip to Natural History Museum

Friday 30th January 2026
Yr4 trip to British Museum

Wednesday 4th February 2026
Yr1 trip to Young V& A Museum
Yr5 trip to Enfield Mosque

Wednesday 11th February 2026
Yr2 trip to National portrait gallery

Thursday 12th February 2026
Yr6 Trip to Centre of the cell

Half-Term Monday 16th -20th February 2026

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,
This is our final newsletter for the Year 2025! With this in mind, I want to start by wishing you and our whole community a wonderful Christmas season and of course a very happy new year when it comes. The past few weeks have been jampacked with Christmas festivities, we had the nativity - 'The Angel who nearly missed it all' from reception & KS1, Carols by Candlelight at our Church from Yr3,4 and 5 and finally yesterday Yr6 educated us about the Christingle, its history, meaning and link to advent through a wonderful service in school. All of these events remind us of the true meaning of the Christmas story and how during this season we need to have hope for the year ahead, as well as gratefulness for our families and friends. I am also so proud of all the children and the role they have played in growing & flourishing in performance, they have all worked extremely hard on learning songs, narration and dances and all events were truly delightful and made me as their Head of School very proud of their achievements, and my heart glowed with pride watching them! I really hope that you enjoyed the events that have taken place!

On Wednesday, the children had a visit from Santa, and a gift was given from the school to every child, I would love to get a PTA up and running with parent volunteers to help organise and run events, raise vital money for the school and help to give joyful experiences to our children. If you are interested, can offer some time, knowledge or skills please let me know so that we can help you grow as a parent group alongside our children.



Finally, I want to thank you for supporting us over the past term, the children are developing those deep roots, strong growth and freedom to flourish academically, but also through our Christian values. My thanks also go to the entire staff at St James' for working so hard and giving our children so many wonderful learning opportunities in and out of class. Here's to all that 2026 will bring! I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th January at 8.40am - when our new term begins!
God bless to you all, for a safe, restful Christmas.

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION

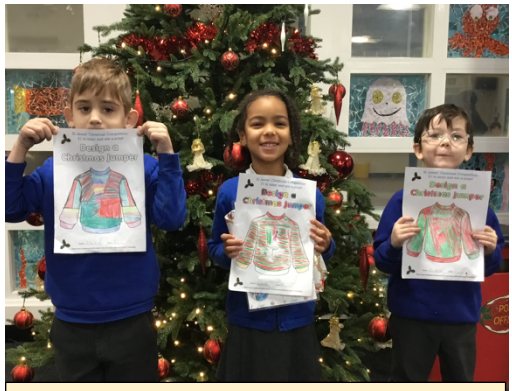
WINNERS



Congratulations to JJ, Noel & Alicja



Congratulations to Mia & Ariam – Yr2



Congratulations to David, Denis, Malawi – Yr1



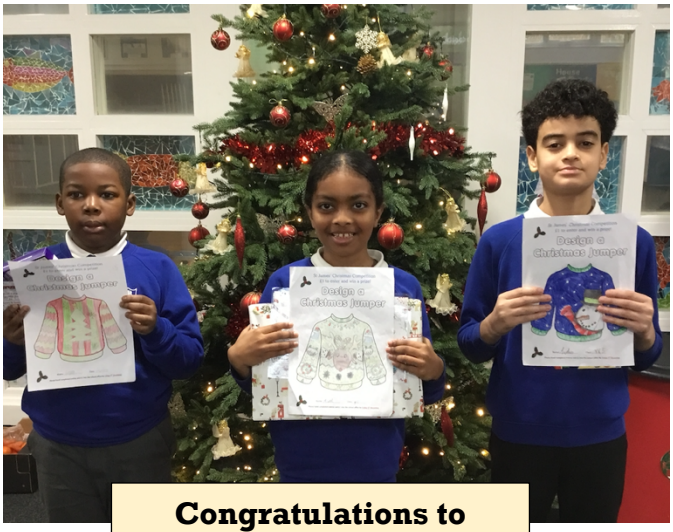




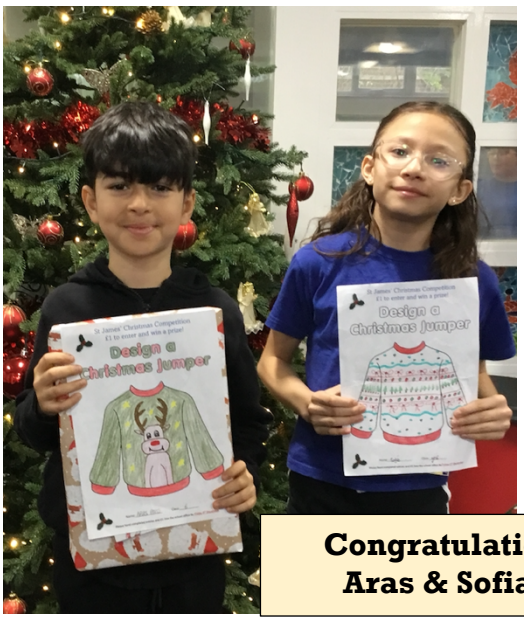
Congratulations to Rio, William, King – Yr3



Congratulations to Lloyd, Melany and Melani – Yr4



Congratulations to Bryan, Ayden, Aseel



Congratulations to Aras & Sofia Yr6



ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
86%	98%	98%	94%	96%	92%

Well done to Year 2, 3 & 5 for being in the Green Zone!

There is a lot of flu and sickness illnesses around – we are using hand sanister to try and avoid the spread, 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! If your child is sick, please follow guidelines and keep them home to avoid spreading it.



Confirmation at St James's Church

The Bishop of Edmonton will be coming to St James's to confirm candidates at St James's Church on ***Sunday 3 May 2026 at 4pm***.

Children who are 10 years old (or who will be turning 10 in the coming year) are eligible to be confirmed. Confirmation is an ancient rite of passage (considered by many as a sacrament) for those old enough to decide that they want to stand on their own as a Christian.

Traditionally confirmation has been for those who had been baptised as infants, but this isn't a requirement, because the Bishop is happy to baptise candidates as well!

There will be preparation sessions in the new year: Planned are a couple of initial sessions in January, and then again from March. Confirmation preparation will take place at St James's church on Sunday afternoons at 4pm. Candidates will need to commit to coming to all preparation sessions, as well as a rehearsal for the confirmation service. Furthermore, there is an expectation that candidates attend church worship regularly (as would anyone wishing to be confirmed as a Christian).

If this is something your child might want to do, please have a conversation with them, and then be in touch with St James's lay minister Keith Harvey (whom the children know from school) at keith.harvey@stjameschurch.cc.

[Note that Ian the vicar will be on sabbatical from New Year's Day through Easter Sunday.]



Well done to Scarlette on her achievement in



Weekly winners

Winners: Attenbourgh

2nd Edison

3rd Sharkey

4th Ronaldo

Congratulations to Attenbourgh



Well done to Attenborough on winning the House Trophy this term!



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Officer - Ella Tona, and myself were so proud of these children for achieving 100% attendance for Autumn Term - Congratulations to all the children!



Reception Champions

Yr1 Champions

Yr2 Champions





Yr3 Champions



Yr4 Champions



Yr5 Champions



100% Certificates awarded to 47 children

95%+ certificates awarded to 72 children

We gave out 119 certificates for attendance – which is a great achievement as this term is always tricky what with the flu/ sickness season!

Well done if you achieved one of these certificates