



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 16

### 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!

#### Thursday 15th January 2026

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

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026

Yr5 Trip to British Museum

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Yr3 Trip- Natural History Museum

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Yr3 Trip to Natural History Museum

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Yr4 trip to British Museum

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Yr1 trip to Young V& A Museum

Yr5 trip to Enfield Mosque

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Yr2 trip to National portrait gallery

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Yr6 Trip to Centre of the cell

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Yr6 Visit to the Buddhist temple in Bethnal Green

Half-Term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026

### A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

Welcome back to school and to the Spring Term. I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and new year break!

It was so lovely seeing you and all the children on our return this week, the children looked so smart in their uniforms and had massive grins to be back - it showed us all how important school is in a child's life and the very important role we play in helping them grow. The children have started the term so positively with lots of enthusiasm to learn new things and I have thoroughly enjoyed popping in to see all the children in class this week!

As we move through this Spring Term, we have many themes, activities and weeks to help enhance the learning that takes place. This term we have our Well-being week (26<sup>th</sup> Jan) – which is linked to 'This is my Place,' which is linked to our relationships with others, our family and our special places. We also have a Maths Day planned for (6<sup>th</sup> Feb)- that Mr Kay will be launching to the children nearer the time. We also have after ½ term – Book & Science Days to look forward to. Please ensure you keep up to date with the newsletter so you know what is happening and coming up. All classes have trips booked as part of their learning and we really need Also, this week, I must mention collective worship, in which we learnt about Epiphany and its meaning. This is an important event in the Christian calendar marking the visit of the Magi (also known as The Kings or Wise Men) to the infant Jesus. This is a time for reflection and joy and the understanding of perseverance as the Wise Men had a long arduous journey and they could have given up but they didn't, and this part of the bible links so well into our school value and how we to need to keep trying even when the road might be challenging. We also started the term looking at how we show that we are living out our vision and values through our actions and words and how together we can grow in our choices and understand our choices and know that sometimes our choices can lead to consequences but that this is a time for us to learn from our mistakes and make better choices just as Jesus taught us!



Wrap up warm, stay dry and God bless to you all,  
Mrs Everard

# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
86%	91%	92%	98%	96%	95%	96%

Well done to Reception, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6 for being in the **Green Zone!** There is a lot of flu and sickness illnesses around – we are using hand sanitizer 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.



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!

### 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 year) will be confirmed. Confirmation is an ancient rite of passage (considered for those old enough to decide that they want to stand on their own feet). 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](mailto:keith.harvey@stjameschurch.cc).

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



# 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><u>Malawi:</u> for being an amazing role model and always working her hardest in class.</p> <p><u>Tamyrh:</u> for being kind and always showing friendship to everyone.</p>	<p><u>Aidan:</u> for his amazing explanations in vipers and his discussion skills this week!</p> <p><u>Benjamin:</u> for a great start to the new term – with determination to succeed</p>	<p><u>Penelope:</u> for showing great skill this week with fractions and not giving up!</p> <p><u>Bryan:</u> for doing more in class and challenging himself to exceed on what he is asked to do! Keep it up!</p>

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

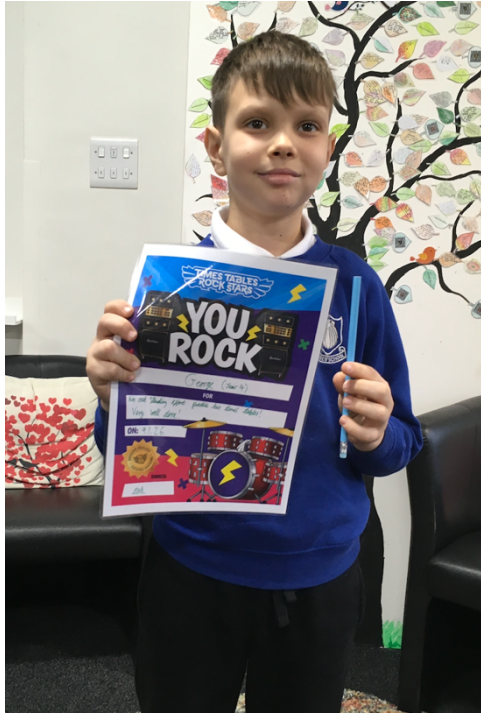


Spring Term 2026



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Online Learning advice



This week we are celebrating George (Yr4) for his commitment and regular practise and improvement of her timestables using TTRS. He played every day for 27 days without a break!  
Well done!

Children in Year 2-6 – 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.



Year 1 and Year 2 – have access to Numbots – this is an online programme to support place values and number – please USE this subscription with your child to improve their maths skills!

## History Homework Hero!

Wow – what a great 1<sup>st</sup> wk back to school, with lots of creative ideas! This week we had two children from Year 4 based on their new unit on Ancient Egypt who created mummies . In Year 2 , they are learning about British monarchs and they created embossed lettering that was used during the Tudor times!

Can YOU be here next week?



Check out the NEW sheets that the children have this term and have a go together at creating some amazing work on their new units.

Year 1- Toys from the Past, Year 2 – British Monarchs, Year 3- Angry Earth, Year 4- Ancient Egyptians, Year 5 – Ancient Greece & Year 6 – Benin & the Vikings





**Weekly winners**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Attenborough
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharkey
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ronaldo
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Edison
- Congratulations to Attenborough**



Congratulations to Siyar who has achieved his first swimming certificate and is now able to swim – what a great achievement!



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
M&M theatre company are performing this show to the children.  
This is a wonderful opportunity for YOUR child to see a theatre company and WE NEED YOUR HELP! To cover the cost of the booking  
Please contribute the £6 towards the event

We want to give amazing experiences to the children and we try really hard to do as much as possible with no cost – but sometimes there is a cost.  
The Theatre company are charging £900  
Therefore, we do need £6 per child to help the school – we currently have £306, if you have contributed – thank you so much – we have £564 more to raise!  
Please help us reduce the cost and pay for the event!



### Pleasant Little Reminders




Please ensure ALL of your child/rens uniform has their name on it. Children must have a coat in school at all times as the weather this time of the year can be unpredictable and very cold or wet and we do go outside in all weathers!

## Breaktime Snacks

Please only send healthy snacks to school!

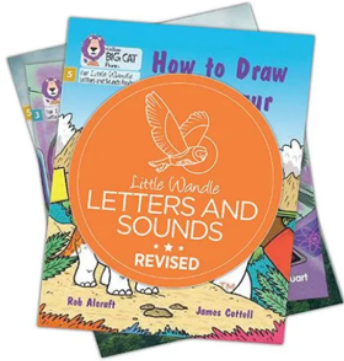


- fruit / dried fruit
  - vegetables (e.g., carrot sticks, tomatoes, cucumber etc)
  - cereal bars (no chocolate)
  - crackers
  - breadsticks
  - healthy biscuits (e.g., I Or plain biscuits (Rich Tea/digestives)
  - Yoghurt tubes
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- Please do NOT send your child to school with:
- chocolate
  - sweets
  - biscuits
  - crisps
  - cakes
  - pies/pastries
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## Online/Home Learning Advice



Children in Yr3,4,5 &6 Have logins for Spelling Shed, this online learning platform helps them learn the spelling pattern as well as understanding the grammar of the words – please ensure your child uses this valuable resource

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and some KS2 children have a 'Little wandle Phonics Book' please ensure your child reads this at home to you and that you write in their diary – reading daily at home at the start of school is so important! So please support us and your child by making this part of your daily routine.