Spring Term 2026 Friday 9th January 2026

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 17

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

Spring Term Clubs

Monday 8am Girls Netball Yr4/5/6
Tuesday Recorders Yr3/4/5/6
Knitting &Crochet Yr3/4/5/6
Wednesday – Gymnastic Club Yr3/4/5/6
Friday 8am Girls Footie Club Yr3/4/5/6
Friday -Football Club Yr3/4/5/6
ALL CLUBS FINISH AT 4.20PM

Thursday 22nd January 2026
Yr5 Trip to British Museum

Wednesday 28th January 2026
Yr3 Trip- Natural History Museum

Wednesday 28th January 2026
Yr4 Class worship at 9.10am

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

Thursday 5th February 2026
Yr6 trip to eco House

Wednesday 11th February 2026
Yr2 trip to National portrait gallery

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

Friday 13th February 2026
Yr6 Visit to the Buddhist temple in Bethnal Green

Half-Term Monday 16th -20th February 2026

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

What a fantastic and busy week 2 it has been! The week started with welcoming in our NHS Dentist link Alisha (to nursery and reception to begin their brushing teeth programme. This programme is to encourage and support parents in ensuring that teeth are brushed and to help reduced the captivities that some children have. *(see in newsletter for more information)*

Our spring term clubs began this week, and thank you so much if you have signed your child up, it is so lovely sharing our skill and time with the children in a different way –we do still have spaces, so if you would like your child to attend please call or see the office staff. We also welcomed in our recorder teacher to Year 3 for their music lessons this term and the children will be learning how to play the recorder in class.

On Thursday the children were treated to a theatre production of Beauty and the Beast – it was certainly full of magical moments and the children really enjoyed the experience of seeing a theatre show in action and taking part, singing, and being an enthusiastic member of the audience. Thank you so much if you helped us pay for this opportunity your contributions are gratefully received! *(see in newsletter for more information)*



This week in worship we welcome Reverend David, we focus on the 1st miracle – 'The Wedding at Cana' and how Mary (Jesus' mother) had to have perseverance to encourage Jesus to help out but also why he was reluctant to do this. We looked at situations in our lives where it is easy to say 'NO' and we might need the perseverance to encourage, support or help someone else make a choice/decision.

Next week we begin with classes heading out on trips so please make sure you keep up to date with events and any letters or payments on arbor. Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

God bless to you all, Mrs Everard

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ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!



YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
96%	93%	98%	94%	93%	96%	98%



Well done to Reception, Yr1,Yr2, Yr 4,Yr5&Yr6 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.

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!

St James Enfield Highway + Brimsdown

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.]

Celebration Superstar

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 Class	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
Blessing: for his wonderful maths skills and for understanding zero and explaining what it means in his book! **Khadija:** for great engagement in worship and have the confederation to share his opinion.	**Solomon:** for an amazing job description for a monarch. **Mia:** for hard work and determination to succeed especially in her cursive handwting.	**Oliver:** for working really hard with his spellings and for being determined to improve! **Patrycja:** for growing in confidence and skill in gymnastic and for not enjoying the lesson.	**Desi:** for showing greater independence work in maths! **Torriana:** for persevering in all areas of her learning and having a positive outlook even when challenged

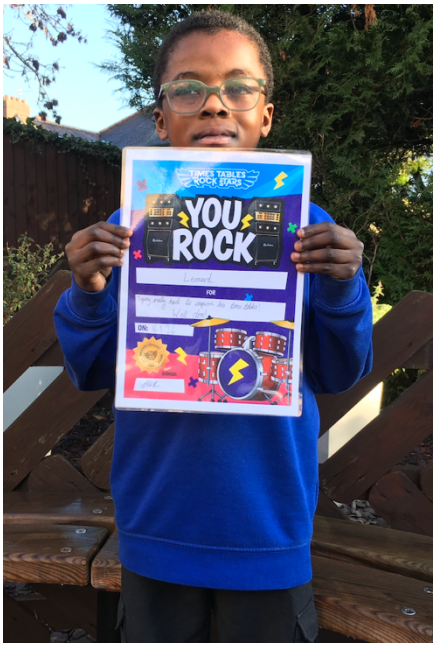
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!











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!

Online Learning advice

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 – so many amazing homework pieces this week – thank you for supporting your child – here is what was created this week:
Denis & Yusuf – we Potato Heads, Ruzgar with potato printing and game making as well as Donald with a magnetic fish game in . Yr2 Abrianna had a royal tea party and made biscuits. Yr4 shared Egyptian mummies, and a Pyramid from Melany, Nariyah and Naana and finally Yr5 shared a chariot from Kayla and a Greek pot from Bejna!
Can YOU be here next week?

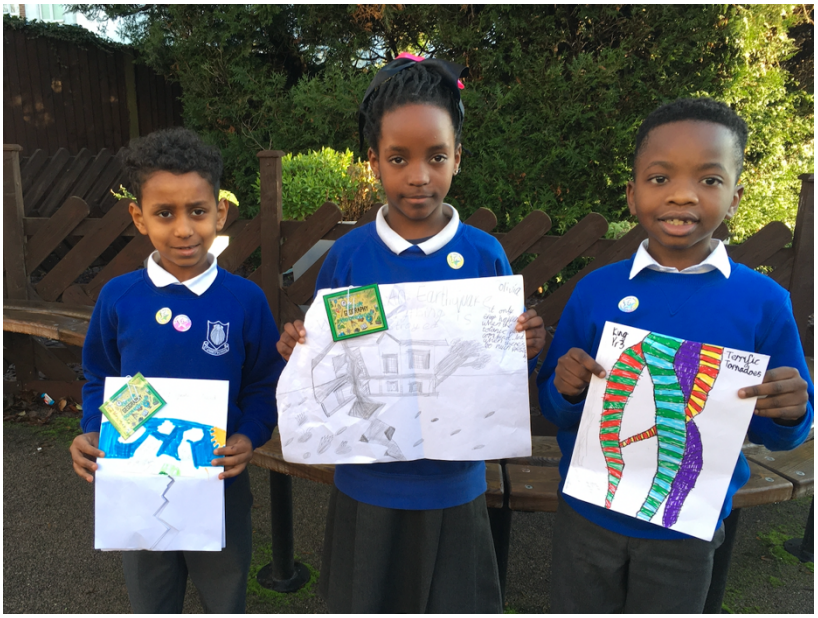


Check out the **NEW** sheets that the children have this term and have a go together at creating some amazing work on their new units.
Year 1- Toys from the Past, Year 2 – British Monarchs, Year 3- Angry Earth, Year 4- Ancient Egyptians, Year 5 – Ancient Greece & Year 6 – Benin & the Vikings



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Geography Homework Hero!



Wow – so many amazing homework pieces this week – thank you for supporting your child – here is what was created this week: Year 3 are looking at the 'angry Earth in Geography and we had drawings and pictures of types of natural disasters -= earthquakes and Tornados

Can YOU be here next week?

Little Wandle phonics Superstar



Congratulations to Eliseo and Donald, who are working really had during the phonics & reading sessions and class sounds this week!

Reading buddies



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

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House Points

Weekly winners

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

Congratulations to Sharkey

Congratulations to Merry & Ariam for achieving a certificate for their boxing skills and Noad for his amazing football trophies with his team! We are so proud of you!



Sports Award



Congratulations to JJ and Ester from Nursery for developing their gross motor skills and using the equipment in the hall with confidence.
Congratulations also to Azra for her growing confidence, skill and effort in all PE sessions – it has been lovely to see you bloom in sport!

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m&m® theatrical productions

Making Magical Moments







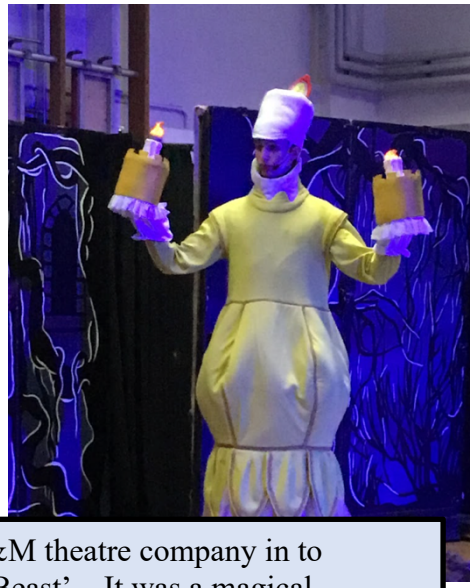














On Thursday we had M&M theatre company in to perform 'Beauty & The Beast' – It was a magical performance and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children! Thank you so much if you helped to cover the cost, we received £539 towards the cost of having the company in. Here are some comments from Year 5:

"It was extraordinary although the beast music was a little scary"- Renner

"I loved all the songs and costumes"- Justice

"All the amazing songs made it like a real concert"- Aseel

"It was an extraordinary experience for the whole school"- Penelope

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This week, Nursery and Reception have begun our in class teeth brushing, with a visit from the dental advisor for Enfield to help us! We have linked this with our 'People who help us' topic for the half term and created a Dental Surgery in our role play area. Children have been grouped in their school houses and have a tooth train to keep their brushes in, which have been coloured coded with a picture on. They have successfully dry-brushed their teeth for 2 minutes and we are so proud of them! We will be sending home a goody bag with toothpaste and lots of fun things to do!

We will be continuing to learn about the importance of brushing our teeth, with certificates to be won!









