Spring Term 2026 Friday 9th January 2026

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 18

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	Summer2: 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

Wednesday 28th January 2026
Yr3 Trip- Natural History Museum

Wednesday 28th January 2026
Yr4 Class worship at 9.10am
Yr1 & Yr2 workshop from the Jewish Museum look at the Torah

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,

We have had another busy week full of learning across the whole school! This



week saw Year 5 attend their visit to the 'British Museum' as part of their work on Ancient Greece *(Please see newsletter for more details)* Year 3 are continuing with their learning on how to play the recorder and there were delightful sounds sweeping along the corridor. Year 5 have started their induction to NFL Flag with the Tottenham coaches and finally we ended the week with Year 3 having a workshop from the 'London Sinfonietta' which was all about composing music linked to modern composers. *(Please see newsletter for more details)*

This week in worship we have looked and studied the Baptism of Jesus and how John had the task to baptise Jesus. We discussed how John was feeling, we looked at studied the stained-glass windows that have been created on this image and we spoke about how this showed belonging and how Jesus felt and how others realised that he was special because of the light that descended. We also discussed the importance of water/dove and the light that descended from heaven. This linked into our worship from Keith, who spoke about Jesus in the desert and how we can all be tempted and that in order for us to succeed with need to persevere even if we are challenged or if temptation is put in front of us! Keith kindly used chocolate and told us not to be tempted to eat it!



Next week is our termly 'Wellbeing' Week and the for this week is '**This is MY place'.** We will be looking at what belonging means, how we feel if we belong in a place, with people or in a situation. We will also be looking at what makes me special and how who we are is part of our wellbeing. I look forward to sharing with you the work the children will create in next weeks newsletter.

On Thursday 29th January we will have a **non-uniform day** where the theme is 'Come as Yourself' Day. This could be wearing your favourite clothes/colours/ national dress or something that just makes you smile!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

God bless to you all, Mrs Everard

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ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!



YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
91%	98%	98%	93%	98%	98%	94%



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



London Sinfonietta









Our Year 3 class recently took part in *Composition Challenges* with the London Sinfonietta — a project that invites young people, teachers and schools to create new music inspired by the ideas and works of living composers. The children explored a wide range of percussion instruments and worked in five different groups, organised by instrument type, to compose their own pieces of music.

They were encouraged to capture their musical ideas in creative ways: using colours, shapes, lines and images, writing instructions, creating collages, and adding musical notation — or combining all of these — on the back of a postcard. The children thoroughly enjoyed letting their creativity flow and getting to grips with composing their own music. They began designing their own unique creative postcards, which they can complete and enter into the competition if they wish. 🎶✨

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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.		
Year 1	Year 3	Year 5
Ruzgar: for trying really hard in all areas of learning. Galya: for showing responsibility and perseverance in her learning	Rio: for thriving in his endeavours to achieve success in all aspects of his learning. Leonard: for always persevering and having a positive attitude to all his work.	Azra: for a huge improvement in her reading skills Kayla: for having such a positive light in class and always trying her hardest to achieve success.
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		







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Online Learning advice

This week we are celebrating **Naod (Yr3)** for his commitment and regular practise and improvement of his timestables using TTRS. He is now a rock legend and can answer all questions in under 2 seconds!



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!

	Copper	Steel	Chrome	Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Year 1	Ariel Abrianna				Donald									
Year 2	Dominion	Solomon Merry				Mia				Praise				



Congratulations to Merry on achieving a certificate on Numbots

History Homework Hero!



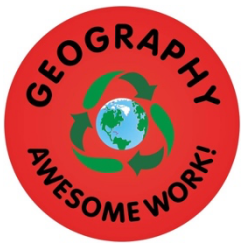
Check out the **NEW** sheets that the children have this term and have a go together at creating some amazing work on their new units.
Year 1- Toys from the Past, Year 2 – British Monarchs, Year 3- Angry Earth, Year 4- Ancient Egyptians, Year 5 – Ancient Greece & Year 6 – Benin & the Vikings

Wow – so many amazing homework pieces this week – thank you for supporting your child – here is what was created this week: Rodin & Galya – who made a Potato Head – linked to toys from the past, as well as Kiyanne Yr2, who made Queen Mary out of a tube. Finally, Desi and Cara, who made clay Benin masks and Aras who made a Benin bookmark using patterns and faces.
Can YOU be here next week?



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 - volcanoes and the earth's crust as well as labelled diagrams
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Little Wandle phonics Superstar

Congratulations to **Melisa, Stivan & Tami** who are working really had during the phonics & reading sessions and class sounds this week!



Reading buddies

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











Weekly winners

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

Congratulations to
Sharkey

Congratulations to for achieving a certificate for their boxing skills and Ariam for her achievement in the swimming pool.

Sports Award





Congratulations to Year 2 for being recognised by Vicky (PE Lead) on their fantastic attitude to lessons and great participation in all sports. We also congratulating George (Yr3) for his sportsmanship skills that demonstrates in all lessons and for his commitment to improve! Well done





Wellbeing Bingo







Next week or this weekend try doing one of the wellbeing bingo activities as a family. This helps children develop their feelings of belonging and also builds their resilience and skills when challenged which links nicely to our value of Perseverance.