Spring Term 2026 Friday 6th February 2026

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 20

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 **(4.30pm)**
ALL CLUBS FINISH AT 4.20PM

Monday 9th February 2026
Kurling competition at Lea valley academy *(if your child is attending this will have received a letter)*

Wednesday 11th February 2026
Yr2 trip to National portrait gallery
Multi Skills Event at Lea valley Athletics centre *(if your child is attending this will have received a letter)*

Thursday 12th February 2026
Yr6 Trip to Centre of the cell
Girls Football Matches at Heron Hall

Friday 13th February 2026
Yr6 Visit to the Buddhist temple in Bethnal Green
Year 3/4 Boys football tournament at Powerleague Edmonton *(if your child is attending this will have received a letter)*

Half-Term Monday 16th -20th February 2026
INSET DAY – Monday 23rd February – NO School –
Back to school on Tuesday 24th February at 8.40am

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

I cannot belive how quickly the term is flying by and we only have 1 more week till half-term and this week has been action packed with Year 1 and Year 6 going out on trips *(See further on in the newsletetr for more details)*. We also had our Maths Day on Friday (today) and I look forward to sharing with you the success, results and activities from this next week. The corridors have been filled with lots of learning and it is so lovely to see the children so enthuastic about what they are doing in class. Year 3 and Year 6 have been working so hard on their 'Dance Festival' entry with Vicky in PE. The schools clubs are well attended and it is lovely to offer activities to our children either before or after school and my thanks go to these adults who are offering this in their own time.

This week in worship, we welcomed Revd. Dorienke de Vries, from the Netherlands who is covering Vicar Ian, whilst he is on sabbatical.



This week we spoke about Candlemas when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple and the joy it brought to the people and those who were waiting for this special day celebrated and that they didn't give up believing in this miracle of the Messiah, just as our value of perseverance teaches us to never give up! Reverend Dorienke also spoke about Simeon and Anna and how both of these people had waited for this news and were pleased that what God promised happened. Candlemas is a special celebration that celebrates Jesus 40 days after Epiphany.

Our prayer this week was:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the promise you made to Simeon that he would get to see your son Jesus, and that Anna was able to tell everyone that your salvation was coming into the world. Help us to show more perseverance in looking out for the ways you are working in the world.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend in hopefully drier moments, although I am not sure the rain is ready to go away yet! Please remember that School finishes on Friday and we return on Tuesday 23rd February 2026. God bless to you all, Mrs Everard

ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!



YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
90%	92%	98%	95%	96%	95%	96%



Well done to Yr2,Yr3,Yr 4,Yr5 &Yr6 for being in the Green Zone! There is some colds 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.



I had a lovely visit from some Year 1 children who had been doing their 'Hot Task' writing a chronological report on Penguins. They had used conjunctions and great descriptive writing as well as fantastic handwriting! I am so proud of them all: Tami, Denis, Dejah, Ariel and Malawi – KEEP UP THE HARD WORK!



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
Year 1: for their amazing behaviour and work during their class visit this week! Ena: for his perseverance and hardworking in phonics and reading	Scarlette: for always being hardworking, kind and respectful and a true role model! Olivia: for being a kind, gentle and thoughtful member of the class	Kavali: for working hard on being focussed on his work and making great improvements! Bryan: for always being kind, respectful and a great friend to everyone!
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		









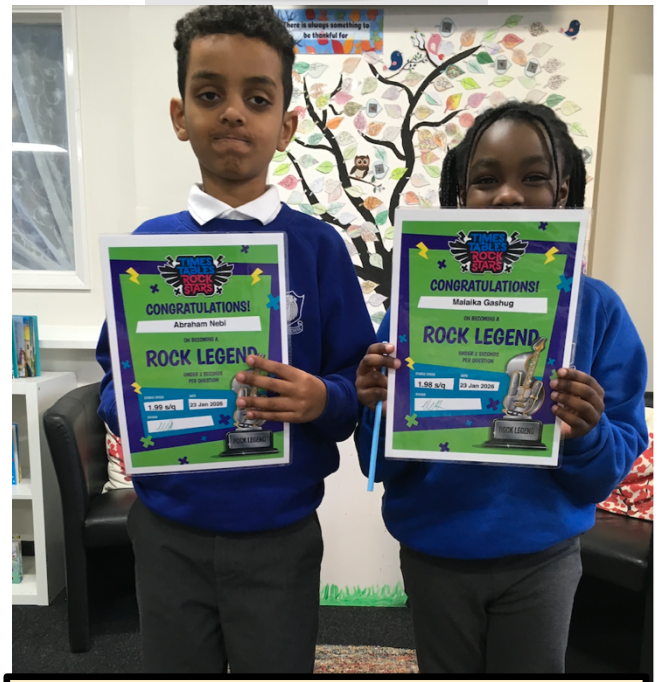
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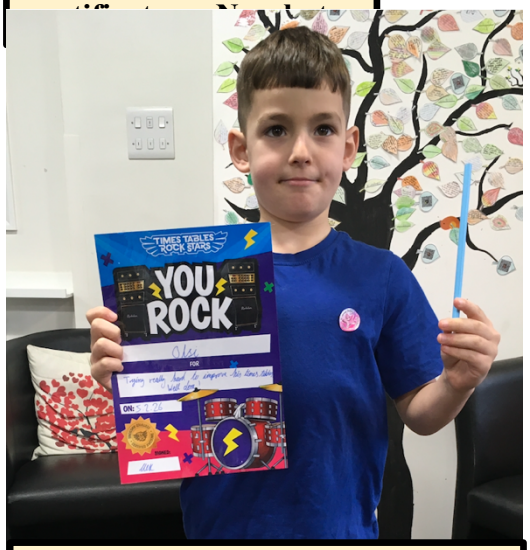


Year 1 and Year 2 – have access to Numbots – this is an online programme to support place values and number – please USE this subscription with your child to improve their maths skills!

Congratulations to Merry on achieving a



Congratulations to Abraham and Maliaka (Year 4) on achieving Rock Legend Status – answering questions in under 2 seconds!



Congratulations to Olsi on a huge improvement in your skills at recalling your timetables

History Homework Hero!



Well done to Ariel for her Character Spoon and Denis for his Aeroplane making!

Final week for awards- CAN YOU BE HERE?

Sports Award



Congratulations Naana (Yr4) on your hard work and dedication to gymnastics

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Little Wandle phonics Superstar

Congratulations to **Yusuf & Ali** who are working really had during the phonics & reading sessions and class sounds this week!







Congratulations to **Jasmine (Yr6) –** who brought in her 3 medals that she achieved at her Irish Dancing competition!



Reading buddies





Congratulations to **Ali** on being a great reading Buddie **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 Sharkey
3rd Ronaldo
4th Attenbourgh

Congratulations Edison



Congratulations to **Abraham(Yr4)** for his swimming certificate and that he has learnt to swim and to **Victoria (Yr4)** on her Gymnastics certificate

Year 6's Trip to Eco Park House In Edmonton

NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY

Year 6 had a highly successful educational visit to the Eco Park House in Edmonton, where pupils took part in interactive workshops focused on sorting materials into repair, reuse, and recycle categories and learning how waste can be processed to generate energy for up to 80,000 homes across North London. They also collaborated to create environmental awareness campaigns and enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the recycling centre, where they observed how waste is delivered by trucks and lorries from across the region









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V & A Museum Trip – Year 1
4th February 2026

Year 1 went to the V&A Museum as part of our 'Toys' History topic.

We travelled by bus and train.







We walked around the museum and discovered old dolls houses; a big and small room and a role play area. We had a Sounds Good workshop where we created food, designed a friend and made a den for Laurence the Lion!









