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St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 21

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

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

English Week Activities
Wk beginning 2nd-6th March
Dress up Day as a book character 5th March
(See letter that has gone out)
Learning Review Day
Wednesday 4th March 2026
NO school – children attend with you for their appointment (more details to follow)
Bike ability Training – Year 4 and 5
Wk beginning 9th March
If you would like your child to take part, please complete & return the letter – there is a limited number of places.
Monday 9th March -Yr3 visit to Southgate Synagogue as part of RE
Wednesday 11th March 2026
Yr5 Visit to 'Easter Experience as part of RE
Yr4 PE session at Kingsmead School on learning to play Hockey

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

We have made it to end the of this half-term in what has been a rather rainy and wet but the children have had so many exciting opportunities to learn, grow and flourish. All classes have been on trips outside of the classroom based on science, history, RE and drama. Opportunities to learn on trips is such an important part of the curriculum and I am so grateful that as parents you support us to help cover the cost of these trips as I know that financially life is really challenging, but please be assured that we do try really hard to find as many free visits and activities as possible.



This week we finalised our learning on perseverance and have looked and used the following: Finding Nemo, Disney's Piper and the folktale of King Bruce and the Spider. All of these stories show characters that are sometimes scared or nervous, some that feel defeated and some that show courage in themselves but others don't see it. We discussed this week – how we are the champions of our actions and words and how if we have self-belief and hope that we can achieve success. *Our bible focus was:* ***Isaiah 41:10***
So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand

As we come to the end of this ½ term I want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child/ren with their learning. It is so important that when you work with us, the success and joy that we see from the children is truly fantastic. I really hope that you have a wonderful ½ term break and that you get some lovely family time together and that the weather is much kinder to us all with the hope that Spring may be on its way! We return on **Tuesday 24th February at 8.40am.**

God bless to you all,
Mrs Everard, and all the team at St James'

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ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!



YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
96%	95%	99%	98%	95%	95%	98%



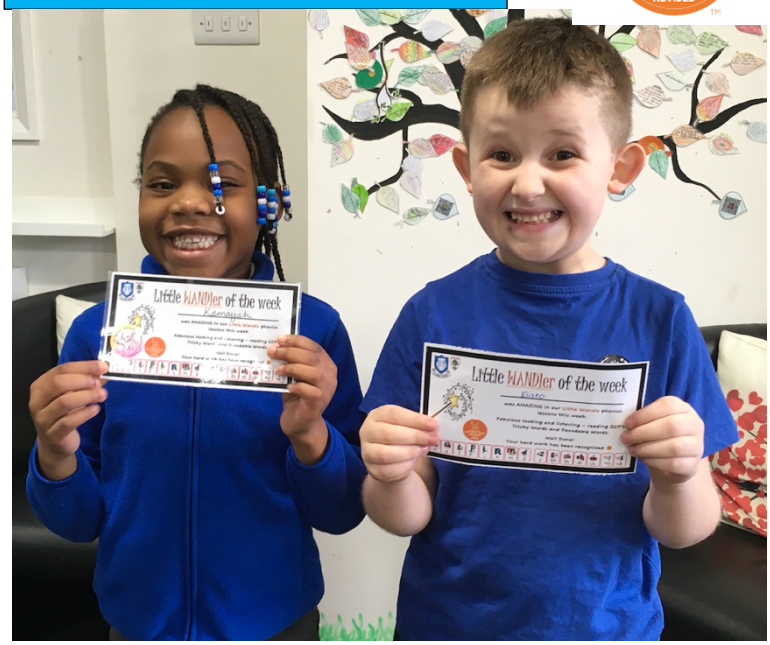
Wow we did it! All classes in the green Zone – Fantastic news – let's hope we keep this up into next term! There is some colds and sickness illnesses around – we are using hand sanister to try and avoid the spread, but please try to encourage your child to do the following: Putting tissues in bins, covering 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.

Sports Award



Congratulations Joel (Yr5) for learning a new sport – Kurling and taking part in a competition. Congratulations also to Becky -Rose for engaging in PE, managing her emotions and developing skill and strength in Tiger Teams

Little Wandle phonics Superstar



Congratulations to **Kamiyah & Eliseo** who are working really had during the phonics & reading sessions and with their class sounds this week!

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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.		
Reception	Year 2	Year 4
Nataley: for her maths learning this week and creating a school day in time order. **Ezekiel:** for making progress with his handwriting & phonics	**Dominion:** for showing his great history knowledge through his work **Mia:** for always showing the value of friendship in class and around the school.	**Claye:** for learning how to join his handwriting and improving this across all subjects. **Delight:** For showing responsibility and perseverance with his timestables.
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		





Super Star Student

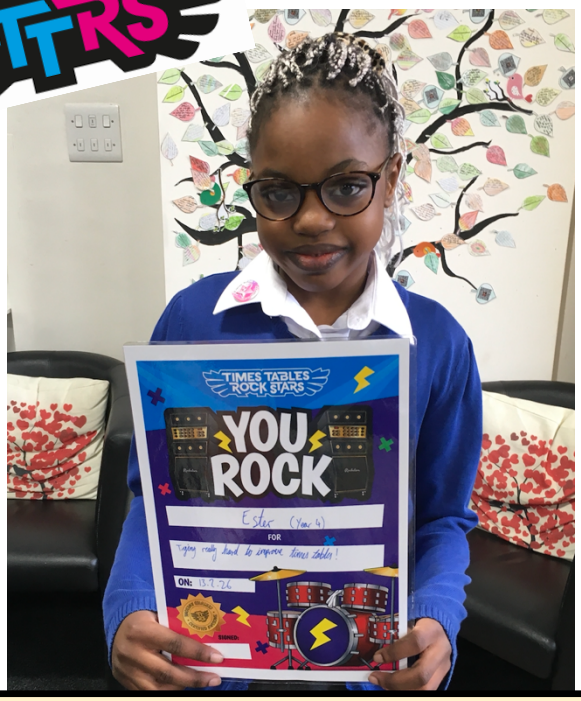


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Congratulations to Merry & Ariam on achieving a certificate on Numbots



Congratulations to Esther (Year 4) on achieving improving her work on TTRS and speeding up her scores!



History Quiz Winner: Deborah

History Homework Hero!





Well done to Rodin for his Aeroplane making!

Look out next term for the next set of History/Geography hmk tasks





Weekly winners

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

Congratulations Edison

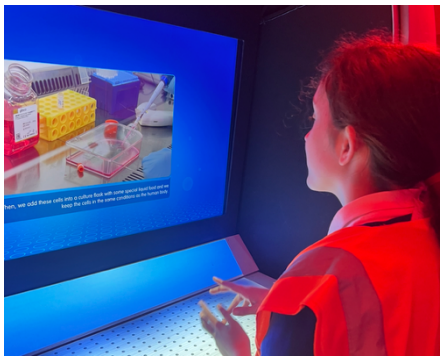
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Year 6 – Trips



Year 6 enjoyed two fantastic trips this week, first on Thursday to the **'Centre of the Cell' at Queen Mary's University London,** where they got to see researchers, doctors and students, working in real labs on projects such as finding cures for major diseases, researching why different groups of people suffer more from certain conditions, and much more. The children then got to spend 90 minutes in the 'pod' , where they played games that helped them investigate lots of areas of medical science. It was a great day out and really interesting for the children to be inside a university and a research centre and hear about the many different jobs people do there.







Then on Friday the children travelled to the **London Buddhist centre,** to continue their learning about what it means to be a Buddhist. They spoke to an ordained Buddhist, who explained how they practise their religion and also shared the story of the Buddha, which the children have been studying. The children were able to look around the Buddhist centre, and find items and art works, that link to the Buddhist faith. The children really impressed the lady from the centre, with both their knowledge of the religion and also their respectful behaviour within the centre. It was wonderful to see the children asking questions about a faith different to their own, and demonstrating our school values.









This week we entered the 'Kurling Competition' against 8 other schools and took part in championship matches. It was a thrilling competition and the children played with teamwork and skill!
We are overjoyed to share the news that the school won the competition and we are now going through to the 'London Youth Games with a Year 3 /4 team – Well done to all the children who took part – we are so proud of your achievements!
Desi, Cara, Moise, Taijuan, Giovanni, Tony, Seran, Tai, George & Joel



Multi-Skills Challenge

I had the great honour of taking a mixture of Reception, Year 1 and some Year 3 children to the Multi-skills event at Lea Valley Athletics centre. The children tried different activities that encouraged them to develop their skills of throwing, catching, running and jumping. It was a lovely event organised by Enfield PE Team.



National Portrait Gallery Trip

We had a fantastic day at the National Portrait Gallery. We saw lots of Portraits of the Tudor royal family which was very exciting!











