



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 22

### 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

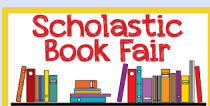
**Spring 2: Trust**

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 - Wednesday

next week - before and after school - please come and support the school!

#### English Week Activities

Wk beginning 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March

**Dress up Day as a book character 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
 (See letter that has gone out)

#### Learning Review Day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

NO school - children attend with you for their appointment (more details to follow)

#### Bike ability Training - Year 4 and 5

**Wk beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March**

If you would like your child to take part, please complete & return the letter - there is a limited number of places.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March** -Yr3 visit to

Southgate Synagogue as part of RE

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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,

Isn't it great to see the sunshine finally? It seemed for a while that the gloomy clouds and incessant rain would never end; but finally, it seems that the weather is finally changing! I even



noticed some of our bulbs beginning to burst out in the school garden! This change of season very much resonates with the arrival of a new time in the church liturgical calendar; that of Lent. Lent can often be associated with a trying time: that of prayer, fasting and alms giving - the spiritual rain and clouds, if you like. However, during Lent, Christians are always encouraged to never lose sight of the hope - the sunshine - of Easter Day! And of course, Lent this year has also coincided with the holy month of Ramadan - again a time of fasting. Ramadan Mubarak to all Muslims in our school community!



This week in worship we focused on the time Jesus went in to the wilderness and how he needed rescuing and that the angels were there for him. We looked at how could be their angels and if they could be an angel for someone else and help in times of challenge



Finally, I want to remind you to book your 'Learning review Day' appointment on Wednesday via the arbor app or speak to the office staff. I am so looking forward to welcoming you into school to see the amazing work that your child is doing and to have those vital conversations on what you can do to support the progress of your child.

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

# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
92%	90%	98%	98%	95%	96%	97%



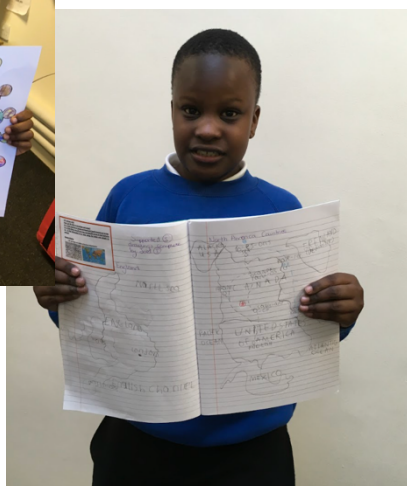
Well done to Yr2 upwards for maintaining attendance in the **Green zone!** There is some colds and sickness illnesses around – we are using hand sanister to try and avoid the spread, but please try to encourage your child to do the following: Putting tissues in bins, covering their mouth and nose with 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.



### Little Wandle phonics Superstar



## Headteacher's Award



Congratulations Joel (Yr5) for his independent learning on creating maps.  
 Congratulations also to reception class for their amazing art work and understanding of how we look after the world.



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





# 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
<p><u>Yusuf</u>: for trying so hard with his work in class</p> <p><u>Becky-Rose</u>: for trying her best to show respect to others and being polite</p>	<p><u>Rio</u>: for consistently producing outstanding work.</p> <p><u>Deborah</u>: for trying her best in all areas and having perseverance to not give up!</p>	<p><u>Benjamin</u>: for his brilliant art work using shades of colour.</p> <p><u>Kavali</u>: for amazing work in geography using maps- very impressed with your focus!</p>
<p><b>We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!</b></p>		

Claye (Yr4) for his improvement in Handwriting





Year 4 and Year 6 had a battle of the bands competition over the half term break and here are our champions:

	Year 4	Year 6
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Nana	Akwasi
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Prossy	Jasmine
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Eli	Epiphany



**Congratulations to Dominion' for his great construction work linked to Geography.**



**Children have no received the new sheets for this term – so please make sure you take a look and support your child in creating an amazing piece of Hmk to share with everyone!**

Spring Term 2026



**Weekly winners**

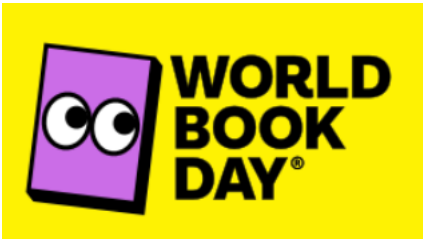
1<sup>st</sup> Edison  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharkey  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Attenborough  
 4<sup>th</sup> Ronaldo

**Congratulations**  
**Edison**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026



The book fair will be open from 8.30am and after school till 4pm Monday and Tuesday. The book fair will be open all day on 'Parent Consultation Day' – please visit us and help us raise vital funds for our school in books!



We will be celebrating Book Day, throughout the week, with a number of fun activities that we hope will inspire the children to start, or continue a life-long love of reading. **On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March**, children will have the opportunity to come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book. The costume does not have to be bought, and can be very simple. For example:

