



# St James' CE Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 35

### 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

#### Summer Term Clubs continue and finish at FINISH AT 4.20PM

#### Every Friday – Yr 4 swimming lesson

Ensure children have towel, swimming costume/shorts and a hat for the sessions.

#### Wk beginning – continued into 29<sup>th</sup> June

Art & Environment Week

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Stronghold Trip for some children

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Yr1 class Worship 9am

Meet the 'New' Teacher Session

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Yr1 -London Bus Tour

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Cedars Park Zoo animals visiting

Reception & Year 1

#### Sports Day – New Date Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**KS1 9.10am. KS2 10.45AM**

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Yr4 Trip to Cedars Park Zoo

Girls in sport Event for some KS2 Children

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Yr5 visit to the Gurdwara + Park

Reception Graduation Worship at 9.10am

Yr6 – Pathways transition in school

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Yr6 Trip to Chessington world of Adventures

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Yr2 trip to Southend

Yr6 show to Parents at 6pm at school

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Bouncy Castle Day – Sporty Clothes Day  
- details to follow

Yr6 Leavers Party 4.30-7pm at school

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers church Service at 2pm – Parents & Families welcome

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

School closes for Summer Holidays at 1.30pm

### A message for Mrs. Everard

Dear All,

Well, what a challenging **HOT week** it has been at St James', thank you so much for your understanding in allowing us to close in the afternoons, I know that the children have benefitted from not sitting in boiling hot conditions but hopefully we might now be getting towards a milder heat.... (well fingers crossed!) It does however seem change to be complaining through! Anyways let's get on to the other events and news this week – Please can you check the dates opposite as some have changed because we cancel trips and events this week – so please ensure you know when things are happening and if a payment needs to be made on arbor.



The school is full of many activities – Yr6 are doing lots of practice in the hall for their end of year show, Vicky is busy getting the children ready for sports day, Year 1 are beginning to prepare their class worship which is next week on Wednesday at 9am for Year 1 parents and families. Please do remember to send your child in to school with their coloured t-shirt in their school bag for sports day which is coming up soon, the wk. beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

This week in worship we focused on 'Toy Story 5', which really looks at how childhood has changed and how technology is now leading the way in toys and games – we discussed how important toys were, and how playing with real people, engaging and connecting with others is still a really important part of childhood. Our bible quote 'Above all else guard your heart as everything you do flows through it,' we discussed how being with others and not just looking at a device helps our mental wellbeing. So this weekend and in the lead up to summer consider how your child plays – what do they play with, and can you encourage play away from a device? If you do get the opportunity to see the film, hopefully you will be reminded of what is important in growing up! Our prayer this week was: *Dear Heavenly Father,*



*Thank You for digital technology and the ways it helps us to learn, discover, and have fun. Help us to keep a healthy balance by remembering to put our devices down, so we can enjoy playing outside, being creative, and spending time with the people we love.*

*Thank you for your love. In Jesus's name, Amen.*

Wishing you a lovely weekend, that is hopefully cooler, I cannot believe that we only have 4 more school weeks left! Time is simply flying by, next week the children will meet their new teachers for next week in preparation for a positive look on change, which we have been discussing in the last few weeks. I also want to say a huge thank you to the Kitchen team for continuing to provide lovely lunches, despite the record temperature in the school kitchen of above 40 degrees!



*Mrs Everard, and all the team at St James'*

# ATTENDANCE

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
84%	90%	90%	86%	94%	88%	86%

**All Day, Every Day**



This week has been really tricky with attendance, due to the hot weather, there is also chicken pots circulating in the lower ages and the unexpected ½ days but thank you if you did send your child to school for the morning sessions – this does help to keep some normality. Here’s to a cooler and more structured school week! We are now into the summer season and we have a lot of grass and trees in the playground so please ensure that you are monitoring your child with allergies and giving the medication that might be needed as we do go outside! We are using hand sanister to try and avoid the spread of illnesses, but please try to encourage your child to do the following: Putting tissues in bins, covering their mouth and nose with their hand when coughing and sneezing, washing hands especially after going to the toilet. It is very hot at school, so a hat to wear outside at breaks and lunchtimes would be appreciated.

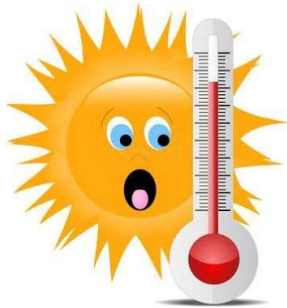


# SUPER STARS!



Well done to Zohal (Reception) & Becky-Rose (Year 1) on their concentration, effort and skill in phonics lessons! Well done on huge strides in your learning.

### HOT WEATHER ADVICE



- It is expected that the HOT weather will continue, so please do the following:
- Apply sun cream in the morning
  - Make sure your child has a refillable water bottle
  - Please ensure that they have a cap/hat to wear in the playground



# 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/Nursery	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
<p><b>George:</b> for making a real active effort in showing our 'St James' Way'.</p> <p><b>Niculo:</b> for showing bundles of positivity when learning phonics – well done!</p>	<p><b>Miché:</b> for working so hard in all subjects</p> <p><b>Mia:</b> for always following the St James' way in her actions and words.</p>	<p><b>Arjona:</b> for working really hard in maths and having success with the topic money.</p> <p><b>Prossy:</b> for showing all of our school values and being a great role model to others!</p>	<p><b>Rothniel:</b> for being a superstar during rehearsals</p> <p><b>Sofia:</b> for an improved effort and focus on friendships and feeling more settled at school.</p>

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

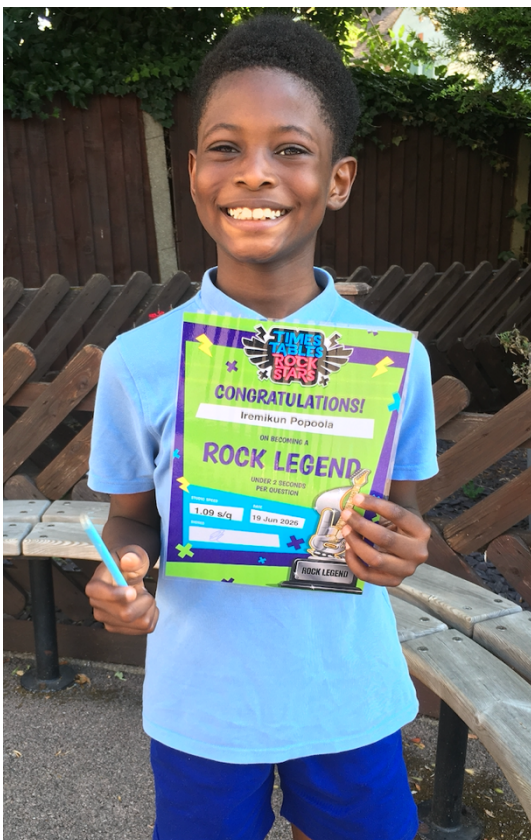


**Keep up  
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GOOD WORK**

# SUPER STARS!



Well done to Ariam (Yr2), Noad (Yr3) & Abraham (Yr4) on achieving swimming certificates and medals as part of their lessons!



Congratulations to Emmanuel (Yr3) on becoming a Rock Legend (Answer all xtables in under 2 seconds!) and special congratulations to Delight (Yr4) on becoming a Rock Legend – You can now answer all questions in under 1 seconds!



# CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!



Well done to Lloyd and Ester (Yr4) on creating snakes as part of their rainforest geography unit.

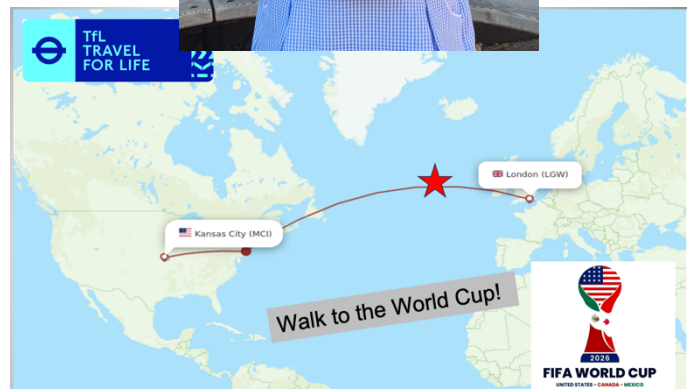


Congratulations to Attenborough (GreenTeam) with winning the 'House Points Trophy'

## healthy & active school journeys



Our 'Bucket Fillers' who got selected this week were Epiphany & Tamyrah – who have showed kindness this week! Well done



**Congratulations to Year 4** as they are in the lead so far on the most active journeys this week! – Keep going as we have 4 more weeks to make it there!

# Uber Boat by thames clippers



YEAR 3

RIVER THAMES

BOAT TRIP

SUMMER 2026



## Year 3 Thames River Boat Trip

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting boat trip along the River Thames, travelling from Embankment to North Greenwich. As they cruised through the heart of London, the children spotted many famous landmarks, including the Houses of Parliament, the London Eye, St Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge, the Tower of London and Canary Wharf.

This fun and educational journey brought their learning about London to life, giving pupils a unique view of the city's history, architecture and riverside landmarks. The trip was a memorable experience, and the children thoroughly enjoyed seeing some of London's most iconic sights from the river.