



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 1

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

Meet the Teacher sessions
Wk beginning - 7th Sept - see newsletter

Monday 7th September

New Nursery children Start - 8.40-11.40am

Thursday 10th September 2026

Welcome Back to Church Service at 9.10am - Parents & Families are welcomed to attend.

Friday 11th September

New reception Class start 9-12.30am

Saturday 12th September

Heritage Day at St James' Church

Thursday 1st October

Yr3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

Monday 5th October

Inset Day - NO SCHOOL

Thursday 14th October

Yr6 Trip to War Museum

Thursday 15th October

Yr4 Trip to St Albans

Harvest Festival - Service at 9.10am at Church - all families welcome

Friday 16th October

Yr5 Trip to Science Museum

Wednesday 21st October

Yr6 Class Worship 9.10am

Yr1 Trip to Greenwich Museum

Half- Term

Monday 26th October to

Friday 30th October

Friday 18th December

Christmas holidays start at 1.30pm

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

A very warm welcome back to a new academic year! I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return this week looking so smart, showing such enthusiasm, ready to learn and embrace all that the year ahead holds. It has been such a wonderful first few days back to school - where we have welcomed old and new families to our community. The children have looked so smart in their school uniforms and the enthusiasm and delight at being back at school learning, with their friends has been an absolute joy to see! I hope you will be able to attend the 'Meet the teacher Sessions' next week. *(Please see newsletter for timings)*

Our school and the classrooms are looking fantastic, so thank you to Mr Bunyan for all his hard work over the summer *(see more in the newsletter)* and to the teachers for their hard work in making their classrooms ready, with lovely displays already on show! I would also like to welcome Mrs Shala (Yr5 LSA) and Mrs Field (Yr1 LSA) and Ms Ebru to nursery and reception at St James, I am sure that you will welcome them to into our St James' family and that you will get to know them over the course of the year. I know that they will make a wonderful addition to our St James' family & school.

I am so pleased to be at the beginning of a new school year and I look forward to working with you and your children in helping them flourish and grow in many ways. We are at St James' committed to providing the very best education, nurturing the whole child not only academically but socially, emotionally and spiritually. Let us step forward into this new year with hope, joy, and confidence, trusting that God will bless our journey together. Have a wonderful weekend and may God bless each one of you for the coming year ahead.

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
81%	98%	90%	97%	98%	91%

This is mixed start to attendance, thank you if you have returned to school on time – it has been so lovely seeing the children in school this week! Well done to Yr2,4 &5 who have started in the green Zone! I hope that next week is a huge improvement! Being in school is so important, especially with the new guidance and rules set out by the government. Being at school, learning, flourishing and growing is so important – Children MUST be at school.

REMINDER OF TIMINGS

Main Gate opens at 8.35am

School Gate at 8.40am

ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN CLASS BY 8.45AM

Collection Time:

Reception & KS1 (Y1/2) : 3.15PM

KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) : 3.20PM

Please be on time to collect your child!

CHRISTMAS!



I know its only September - but please put these dates in your diary

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

8th December at 2.15pm

9th December @ 9.30am

Carol Service @ St James Church

(Yr3,4,5)

Thursday 10th December at 6pm

Christmas jumpers to be worn

Wednesday 16th Decemeber

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Christingle Service

@ School led by Yr6

Thursday 17th December @ 2.15pm

MEET THE TEACHER



Monday 7th September – Parents please come for 3pm in the **Year 2**

Tuesday 8th September - Parents please come for 3pm in the **Year 5**

Wednesday 9th September - Parents please come for 3pm in the **Year 1**

Year 6 Meeting at 5.15pm which includes Secondary school applications

Thursday 10th September - Parents please come for 3pm in the **Year 4**

Wednesday 16th September - Parents please come for 3pm in the **Year 3**

Thank you!



During the school holidays – Mr Bunyan our amazing site manager worked extremely hard on improving many areas within the school, building units, painting, decorating, fixing, new sink, electrics, lights etc... He has done an amazing job within the school and my huge thanks go to him! We are so lucky to have such a talented site manager!



Our 'old ICT Room' is in the process of being changed in a **NEW Library** '!

Mr Bunyan has made all the shelves and over the course of this half term we will be filling it up and adding in furniture and making it a lovely place to celebrate the joy of books! Hopefully it will be ready by the end of October!



CLOAKROOM



Year 4 and Year 5 – now have a new cloakroom to hang their bags and coats in and to hopefully this will keep items off the floor!

Classroom Decor

Year 3 and Year 6 – have had brand new carpet, been painted, new furniture added – so that these classrooms are now a lovely space in which to learn!



PE Kit

Children need to bring their PE kit into school in a labelled bag. They should bring their bag to school on a Monday and if needed take home on a Friday for washing. PE kits **MUST** stay in school.

Children MUST get changed for PE - they cannot just wear their uniform.

School uniform should be worn to school every day – this is part of our responsibility and respect in our school values to show the pride we have in being a child at our school.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled so that lost items can be returned, especially coats, jumpers, lunchboxes.

Your child should have the following kit for their PE Lessons - IT MUST BE IN SCHOOL

PE TIMETABLE - Autumn Term

Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
Reception	Monday	Friday
Year 1	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday	Friday
Year 4	Wednesday	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday



Outdoor PE Kit

**Plain Royal Blue T-shirt
Blue/ Black shorts
Jumper/Hoodie/zip up jacket
Blue/Black Joggers**

All jewellery Must be removed



Indoor PE Kit

**Plain Royal Blue T-shirt
Blue/black shorts
Plimsolls
All jewellery Must be removed**



REMINDERS - Book Bags only for

Nursery, Reception, Yr1, Yr2, & Yr3

NO RUCSACS or other bags will be allowed in these year groups – as all the children need for school is their book/reading record and a water bottle.

PE kits MUST be in a separate bag that is left in school. We do not have the space to accommodate bags. You can purchase these from the school – **see the school office or the shop online.**





Enfield Parenting Directory

EXPLORE



Parents and Carers are children's first educators and teachers. This is something most people agree on.

As a parent, you are not just 'mum' or 'dad'. You are also a nurse, doctor, cook, teacher, coach, therapist, driver and cleaner – with no time off and no instruction manual!!

We know that parenting can be hard work and that all parents and carers (including fathers) need help and support from time to time.

In Enfield, families remain front and centre of our vision, so this directory has a range of parenting resources for every stage of a child's development. All resources included are aimed at strengthening parents' and carers' knowledge, confidence, and skills to promote positive development right from the start.

<https://enfieldparentingdirectory.co.uk/>

heritage open days

**Nearly two centuries
of history on display
at St James's Church**

**FREE TO
EXPLORE**

**Saturday 12 September
10am – 3pm · Free Admission**

St James



Enfield Highway
+ Brimsdown

Hertford Road
Enfield Highway
EN3 5AX



**St James'
Church of England
Primary School**

Enfield Highway

**Learning, growing and
flourishing together**

— Founded in 1834 —

We will be at the church with a table looking at some of the history of the school – we hope you might be able to pop in!



We do have spaces in our school, if know of a family looking, please let them know about us and what a wonderful welcoming and nurturing school community we are!