



Autumn Term 2026

Friday 11th September 2026

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 2

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

Saturday 12th September

Heritage Day at St James' Church

Wednesday 16th September

Yr3 Meet the Teacher Session @3pm

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

Autumn Term Clubs

Tuesday

Keyboards Yr3/4/5/6 & Art/craft Club Yr1/2/3

Wednesday

All sports Club - Range of sports -Yr3/4/5/6

Thursday

Sewing club Yr3/4/5/6, Baking Club Yr1/2/3

Friday

Boys Football Club Yr4/5/6 (4.30pm)

ALL CLUBS FINISH AT 4.20PM

Please complete the letter to sign up

A message from Mrs Everard

Dear All,

We have had a lovely 2nd week back in school with the children, I am so impressed with their enthusiasm to learn, I have had the pleasure of visiting all the classes over the past week in class or at PE, to see their learning and I have been so impressed, with their learning behaviour! I can certainly see our value of responsibility to ourselves and our learning and it has been wonderful to see that our vision and values are leading them in the choices they make! Our vision and value are at the heart of what we do at St James' - it guides and supports us in how we are a family at St James' and how we use this to flourish and grow as best as we can! Our focus this term is on the value of 'Responsibility'. This is so important as it sets us up for the year ahead - being responsible for reading, completing reading records, handing in hmk, looking after their belongings, taking responsibility for their choices and so much more! We will be doing so much more on this value and I will share it with you in the newsletters.



Our focus in worship has been on 'Create in me a clean heart. O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10'. We have looked at what causes our heart to be smudged and how recognising our mistakes, making changes, saying sorry helps to restore in us a clean heart! We discussed that it is not as easy to clean a heart as it is on the inside of us but that our heart is at the core of our decision making and that we can a difference through our actions and words.



Our prayer this week was:

*Dear God, Thank You that I can always tell You the truth. When I make a mistake or do something wrong, help me run straight to You instead of hiding. Please forgive me, wash away the smudges of my bad choices, and **create in me a clean heart, O God.** Renew a right spirit inside me, and give me a happy, fresh start today. I know that saying sorry is a word and that I need to show this through my words and actions In Jesus' name, Amen*



I am also delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year, based on our PE lessons and also on the sporting opportunities that we offer, huge thanks especially go to Vicky our sports leader, as well as the other staff members that have supported us in achieving this. We are so proud of our PE provision and we know that this is allowing our children to flourish and grow. Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
87%	97%	91%	94%	100%	95%

This is mixed start to attendance as we have lots of Yellow's – Well done to Yr2 & Y5 who are in the green Zone!, **BIG CELEBRATION TO YR5 ON 100%** 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 TIMIMNGS

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

Little Wandle phonics Superstars



Congratulations to Eliseo Yr1 & Yusuf Yr2 who have made a great start to phonics and they have worked hard during their reading sessions and class sounds this week!



Celebration Superstars



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 2	Year 4	Year 6
<u>Becky -Rose:</u> for working really hard at the start of the year and settling so well into Year 2 <u>Donald:</u> for demonstrating our values so well in class and around the school	<u>Elijah:</u> for showing great respect and responsibility in his work <u>Kayla:</u> for making great links across the subjects in our work on the Roman Empire and being an enthusiastic learner.	<u>Raphaël:</u> for taking such great responsibility at the start of Year 6 to all his work. <u>Lexi:</u> for showing our values in everything you do and always being a great role model!
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		



HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY HOMEWORK AWARDS

This week in History homework we had: Noel, Eliseo, Merlin, Bela, Nataley, Rafael from Yr1 who created worked linked to discoveries which is part of their Science and History work.

In Yr2 – they are comparing Kenya to England and there were posters, drawings etc from Ariel, Aniyah, Yusuf and Tami. Finally we had some work from KS2, Benjamin made a war remembrance plate, Ester made a fact page on the Romans and Siyar made a Roman soldier from Lego!

What an amazing display in our first week on homework heroes – thank you!

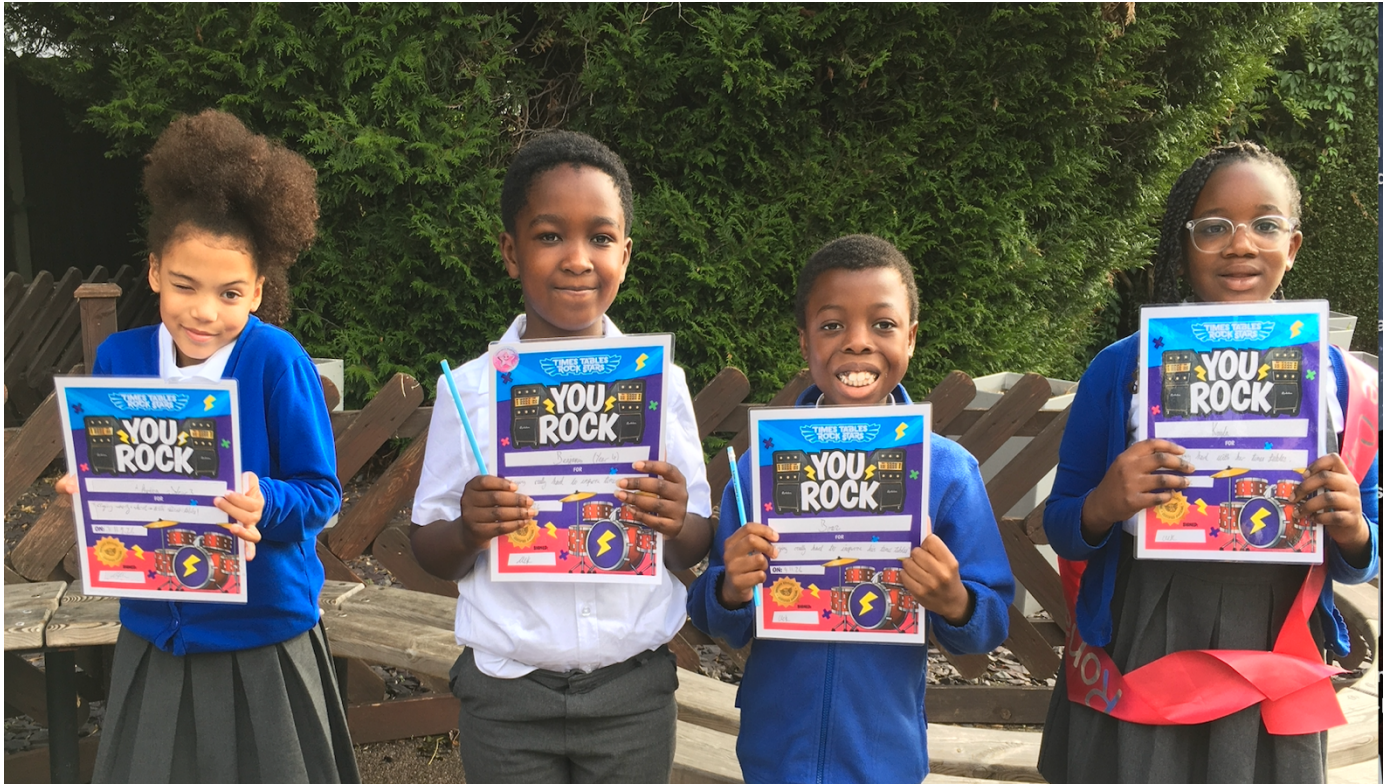
We are so proud of you!



Can you be here next week!



Each week, we will celebrate a child from Yr3/4/5/6 – who have shown commitment, skill, focus and determination in developing, refining as well as developing a quicker speed in TTRS
We are so proud of you!



We are celebrating Ariya Yr3, Benjamin Yr4 Boaz Yr5 and Kayla Yr6 – for their hard work, commitment and development on TTRS

Please ensure YOUR child in KS2 regularly logs on via their account – Learning, recall and developing speed really helps them in all aspects of maths!



Year 1 & Year 2

To get the best out of NumBots, we suggest children play for 5 minutes 4-5 times a week - little and often is the key.

NUMBOTS is a lot of fun! It's also a great place for the children to practise their counting and number facts.

Maths is really hard when your counting and number facts aren't secure. **NumBots** is a great way to start building maths confidence. If you have any questions at all, please ask. Thank-you for your support!

Meet our House/Sports Captains

Yr6 hosted their own house meeting this week and they had written speeches on why they wanted to be a house or Games Captain and the children voted for who they wanted to represent them.

Red- Ronaldo House



Our House captain is: Kayla
Our Sports Captain is: Destiny

Green -Attenborough House



Our House captain is: Aseel
Our Sports Captain is: Justice

Yellow- Thomas Edison House



Our House captain is: Izabel
Our Sports Captain is: Tony

Blue -Fergus Sharkey House



Our House captain is: Penelope
Our Sports Captain is: King