



St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 3

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

Tuesday 22nd September

NFL Flag experience for some children in KS2

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,



This week we started with a visit from Joe and David from 'in the Know Project'. We have signed up for this initiative to improve how Eco-Friendly we are and to teach children about the importance of bins and reducing the general waster bin and reusing, recycling so that the children are informed and they can teach you at home! See more news on this in the newsletter.



Last week I shared with you 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 and we had the even better news that we have also been awarded the platinum Award in Sport as we have achieved the Gold Mark for 4

years in a row! What fantastic news this is! I am so proud to be a sporty school that allows children to flourish in so many different sports! As always, my huge thanks go to Vicky our sports leader, as well as the other staff members that have supported us in achieving this.

I also wanted to let you know that Vicar Ian from St James' Church announced that after twelve years of serving at St James's, he will be leaving London to begin a new season of ministry, and a new chapter in my life. Here is his message to you:



Mrs Everard and I have journeyed together during my entire time here, and I'm blessed, honoured and privileged to have had her around for this whole ride and I know that we have grown as a Christian School with the children and

I am so very proud of this!

Many sincere thanks to all of you for your support, encouragement, and your general loveliness these last dozen years. I will truly miss working with you, and of course, I will absolutely miss the children tonnes! St James Primary has been a prime reason why I have so loved and treasured being a vicar here!

Vicar Ian will be with us until October Half – Term and I am sure we all wish him every happiness with this new chapter in his life and we will put him into our prayers as we begin to say good to him.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, God Bless

Mrs Everard and all the staff at St James'



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

YR1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
91%	97%	98%	95%	96%	98%

What a BIG improvement! Well done to Yr2, Yr3, Yr4 Yr5 & Y6 who are in the green Zone! We were nearly there with the whole school – Let's try and see if we can do it next week! 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

Little Wandle phonics Superstars



Congratulations to Ryan 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 1	Year 3	Year 5
<u>Eliza</u>: for settling so well into Year 1 and managing the new transitions and work with confidence. <u>Franangiss</u>: for making a wonderful addition to her new class and settling well into the new routines.	<u>Praise</u>: for always giving 100% to his learning and showing enthusiasm for his learning. <u>Abby</u>: for being a great role model to her class and always trying her best to produce good work.	<u>Prossy</u>: for making a great start to Year 5 and taking great responsibility for her learning in all areas. <u>Alicja</u>: for demonstrating her skills through her books and settling well into Year 5.
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!		



HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY HOMEWORK AWARDS



This week in History homework we had:

Yr1: Glaya, who created inventions worked linked to her Science and History work.

In Yr3 – they are studying the stone age and we had stone carvings and drawings from Antonios, Ariya and Dominion. King made a fact page and Kiyanne made some stone age bracelets.

Yr4: Kyon made a colosseum, Rio made a Roman soldier and Leonard made a

**What an amazing display in our first week on homework heroes – thank you!
We are so proud of you!**



This week's winners were
Fergal Sharkey



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!



Can you be here
next week!

We are celebrating Solomon Yr3, Olivia Yr4 Abraham Yr5 and Giovanni Yr6 – for their hard work, commitment and development on TTRS



This year, World Car Free Day is on:

Tuesday 22nd September 2026.

Car Free Day encourages motorists to choose alternative travel such as walking, wheeling, cycling, or public transport instead of using the car for the day.

Leaving the car at home can help us experience the joys of travelling actively, whether you are traveling to work, school or for leisure, you will be reducing carbon emissions and help improve the air we breathe.

[Please join us on Tuesday as we celebrate this.](#) We will be surveying the classes to see who has the largest % of Car free pupils. If you live too far away, please try to Park and Stride - park at least 1/2 a mile away and walk/scoot or cycle the last 5 minutes. Thank you

Welcome to Reception



welcome
TO OUR
family



What a wonderful first week - we have been learning all about being in Reception, the St James' Way and having fun!

We practised how to line up and took a stroll around the playground/field before sitting for our first-class picture. We have read stories, played outside, begun our phonics lessons and explored the space! Everyone has had a go at some gardening, painting, singing and dancing, riding the bikes and playing in the sand. We are so pleased to welcome our new children to our school! Thank you to the Reception and Nursery team for helping the children settle so well!