Autumn Term 2026 Friday 23rd October 2026

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 8

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

Half- Term
Monday26th October to Friday 30th October

Back to school - Monday 2nd November 8.40am
Wednesday 4th November 2026
Parents consultation afternoon 2-7pm
School Closes at 1.30pm
Thursday 5th November 2026
YR5/6 Football tournament at Power League 2-4.30pm *(if your child is attending you will have received a letter)*
Monday 9th November 2026
Yr2 and Yr5 – London Fire brigade Talk
Tuesday 10th November 2026
Yr3/4 Football Festival at Raglan
(if your child is attending you will have received a letter
Wednesday 11th November 2026
Remembrance with FWSG
Friday 13th November 2026
Yr2 Trip – 'The Great Fire of London'
Tuesday 1st December
Nursery & reception trip to -Christmas Experience in Enfield Town
Friday 4th December 2026
Yr5 Trip – National Gallery - linked to RE
Wednesday 16th December 2026
Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
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

Dear All,

Well, we have made it to the end of Autumn term 1, and it has been such a busy term so far with so many opportunities for our children to grow and flourish and I am so proud of our whole community for an excellent start to the new school. Over the last few weeks many of the classes have been on their curriculum trips that have enhanced their learning and it has been so lovely to see and hear about what they learnt and experienced – thank you so much if you contributed and paid for the visits – we are so grateful as this allows us to school to still offer many important experiences!

On Wednesday, Year 6 led the school in worship and shared the value of



Responsibility, which they are ambassadors for. They presented their worship wonderfully, and shared how we show responsibility at home and at school and how through the bible we learn what being responsible means. Firstly, my warmest thanks to all Year 6 parents who joined us for our class worship. Your presence and participation made the occasion truly special, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together in this meaningful way.



On Thursday we welcome Vicar Ian to school for his final worship with us, as we say Good bye and Good Luck to him as he moves on to his new post in Suffolk. Vicar Ian has given our school community so much over the past 15 years, that his influence in shaping our spirituality and our Christian values has been profound and we are so grateful for all he has done for our school community and we wish him the very best of luck in his new church and community – we know they will be blessed to have Ian and we will be sad to say goodbye to him!

Reminders, please look out for your **Parents' Consultation booking invitations**, which have been sent out this week and ensure you book your appointments or arbor or give the office a call to get an appointment. Our consultations will take place on **Wednesday 4th November 2026, between 2.00pm and 7.00pm**. We look forward to welcoming you to school and sharing your child's progress and achievements so far.

Finally in closing, I want to extend my thanks to all our parents, staff, and children for your hard work this half term. Your commitment, support, and dedication continue to make St James' a wonderful and special place to learn, grow and flourish. Wishing you all a blessed and restful half term, and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 2nd November 2026.**

God Bless, Mrs Everard & the Staff



ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Nur	YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
85%	92%	91%	91%	99%	97%	99%	94%

A very mixed week for attendance –Well done to Yr3/Yr4 & Yr5 for being in the Green Zone. I know it is now that time for colds/sniffles/coughs etc so please try really hard to encourage your child to wear a coat to school, use the hand sanister in school as well as tissues in bins and hands covering mouths! Being in school is so important, especially with the updated 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

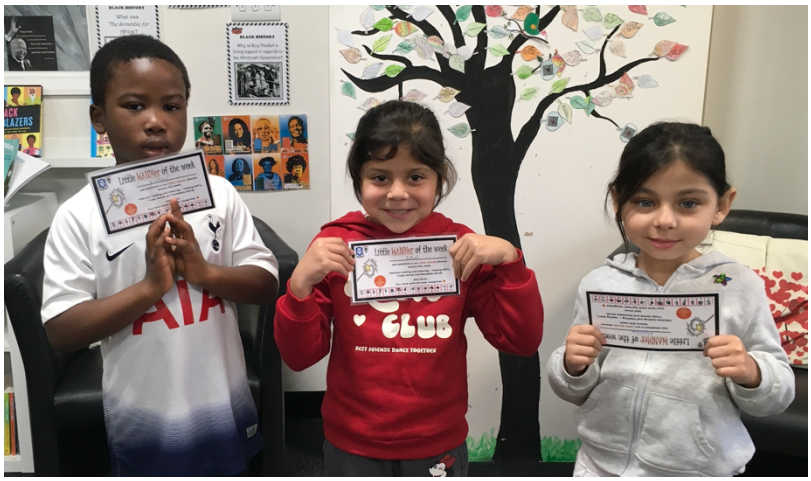
EYFS &KS1 Nativity
8th December at 2.15pm
9th December @ 9.30am

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 Zohal & Merlin (Yr1) & Yusuf (Yr2) who are working really hard in phonics and in their reading sessions and class sounds this week!



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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.			
EYFS	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nursery Class: for working really hard on learning and using the 'St James' Way. Azat: for excellent work in maths with counting. Sidar: for putting her hand up and being more engaged in the carpet time session'.	William: for his commitment to TTRS and being determined to increase his speed. Rio: for taking responsibility for all his learning and pushing himself to achieve more!	Joshua A: for his focus and hard work within DT on Melani for always following all of our values and being a diligent in all she does.	Lois: for always working hard and producing an amazing 'War poem' as part of her English Unit. Penelope: for her fantastic performance skills in the class assembly and leading others
We are so proud of you for your success in class - Congratulations!			





History & Geography Homework Awards



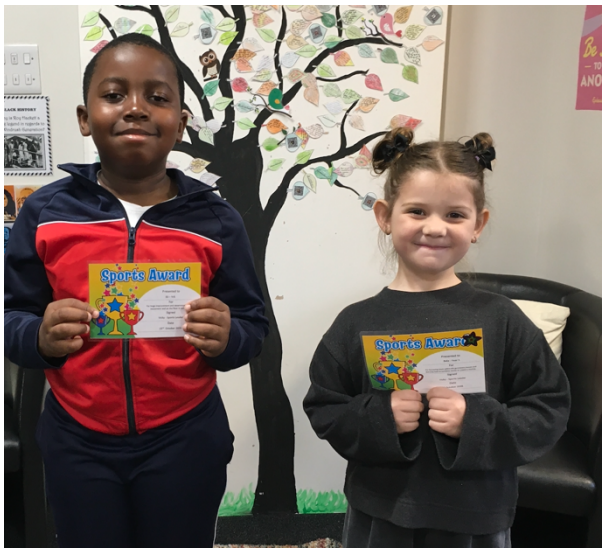
This week in History/Geography Homework from Janelle & Wojciech (yr5) who created the American Flag as part of their work unit on America.

What an amazing display on homework heroes we have had this term!

Thank you if your child has been her this term – here's to the new projects next









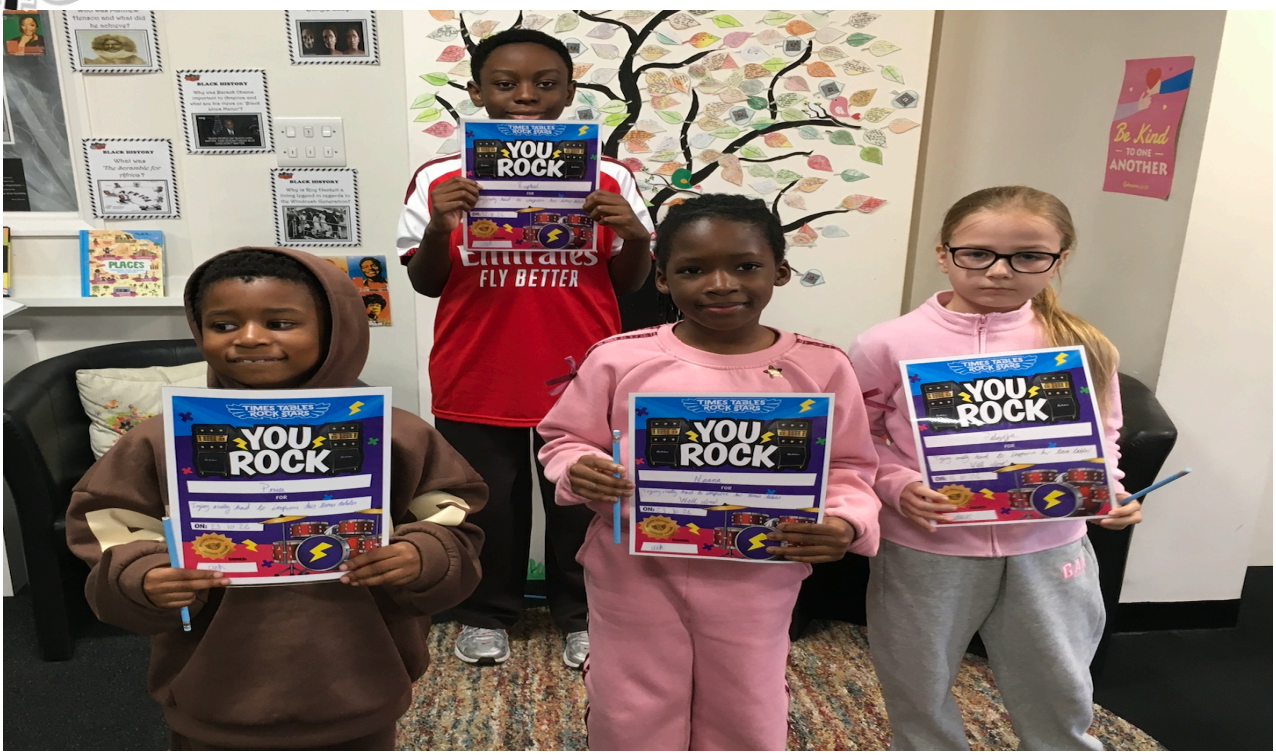
Well done to Bela (Yr1) and Eli (Yr5) for their huge improvement and determination in Gymnastics and for linking moves together to create a routine.



This week the winning house was: Sharkey House

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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 **Yr3 Praise, Yr4 Elijah, Yr5 Patrycja Naana as well as Raphael in Yr6** – for their hard work, commitment and development on TTRS

How to play: Pupils can login via their personalised username and passwords. Click **here** to access the site

How to earn points: Every correct answer in *any* game type is worth 1 point towards the class team. Pupils can play in Garage, Rock Slam, Soundcheck, etc and earn 1 point per correct answer

What is a Battle of the Bands?
A Battle of the Bands is a fun way to get groups of pupils competing against each other and a great way to sustain pupils' enthusiasm in practicing times tables on TTRS. This battle will be between all classes in Years 3, 4 and all classes in Years 5 and 6.

When will it begin/end?
The St James' Battle of the Bands will being on Friday 23rd October at 7.00am and will end on Sunday 1st November at 6.00pm.



Each class had a theme of 'Honouring Our communities'. We had a huge amount of entries so well and thank you if you supported your child in creating a piece of work!





Congratulations to Rafael Yr1 – for visiting an Afro- Caribbean shop and speaking to the owner
Well done to Aniya Yr2 – for researching about Rosa parks and creating a bus with facts about how she helped her community



Congratulations to Benjamin Yr6 for researching Nelson Mandela and looking at the kind of inclusive community we want.
Well done to Malaika Yr5 – researching Mary Secale as she shaped her community .



Congratulations to Rio Yr4 for the unsung hero of. William Kamkwamba – who created windmills to make power
Well done to Kiyanne Yr3 – Creating a fact page on Marcus Rashford and how he campaigned for free meals for children at school.

Year 1 Trip
National Maritime Museum













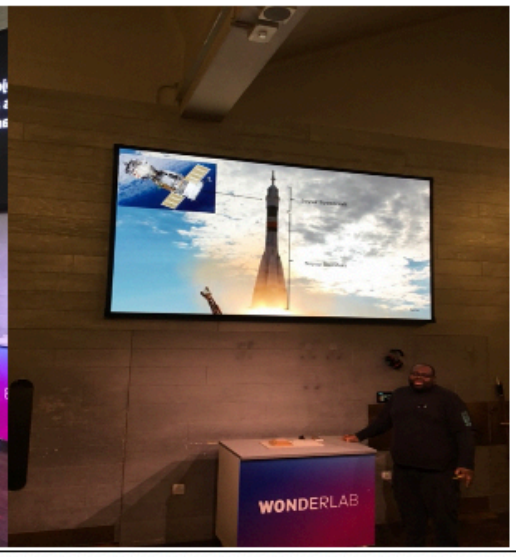
We had a fantastic day exploring the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich! Our adventure began with a journey on buses and trains before we blasted off into an exciting world of space! 🚌🚆

The children enjoyed exciting workshops exploring Animals in Space and Astronomers and the Stars, followed by an amazing Zoom to the Moon experience in the planetarium. They discovered moon sand, explored moon smell, learned about the colours of stars and immersed themselves in the wonders of space. 🌎

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We had an amazing time on our trip to the Science Museum! As part of our unit on *Space*, we explored the fascinating world of rockets, planets, and astronauts. We explored the Space Gallery, discovering real space artefacts and learning more about the history of space exploration. After that, we watched *The Rocket Show*, where we learned all about how rockets work and what it takes to travel into space. It was an inspiring day filled with curiosity, excitement, and lots of new knowledge about the universe!









