Autumn Term 2026 Friday 13th November 2026

St James' CE Primary School

Newsletter Issue 10

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

Well-Being Week -Wk Beg 16th Nov
Focus on Friendship & Kindness
It is also – Road Safety Week
Monday 16th November
Odd Sock Day
Friday 20th November
Come Dressed as yourself Day
Non – School uniform

Into Film Festivals
Tuesday 17th November
Deep Sky **Yr5**
Wednesday 18th November
Paddington in Peru - **YR1/YR2/YR3**
Thursday 19th November
How to train a dragon **Yr4**
Monday 23rd November
Kensukes Kingdom **- Yr5**
Tuesday 24th November
Spiderman **Yr6**
Wednesday 25th November
Beautiful Planet - Yr3, Eco Team & selected pupils *(if your child is attending you will be informed)*
Thursday 26th November
Sports Hall Athletics Competition *(if your child is attending you will be informed)*
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

Dear All,
I hope this newsletter finds you well and you are keeping warm as the colder weather begins. I wanted to share with you some of my highlights of the week, which link back to our acts of worship, as well as other opportunities in which we as a community demonstrate the living out of our school values.

Firstly, on Wednesday, we held a very poignant Remembrance Service led by Father Vince from FWSG and our combined communities came to together in person or via the Live stream to remember and acknowledge why we buy poppies. This was a poignant and important occasion where we reflected on the significance of remembrance and why it matters to us all. The children showed great respect and understanding as we honoured those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom as well as thinking about those families that are affected by war in the past and sadly in our world today. During the service there were many special moments of reflection, especially our reflection on us being the peace makers and that peace is what will carry us through. Our Yr6 performed a poem – reminding us of finding peace with each other, and asking the important question – what are we fighting for? *(Please look on in the newsletter for more news on this service)*





Next week we are having our themed week based about 'break the Silence' as part of anti-bullying week alongside our well-being week where we are looking at how to have good mental health, as well as what makes a good friend and how with share friendship and kindness with everyone. This year's campaign - Break the Silence - will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together. One of our key values at St James is friendship and how we can build friends, have fun and enjoy each other's company and throughout the week the classes will be taking part in lots of activities to help them learn and develop their skills.

As part of the week, we are asking children to celebrate this week by wearing odd socks on Monday 16th November, as part of our recognition of us celebrating our differences and talents as well as that of holding out the hand of friendship to all in our community. Finally, to end the week, on **Friday 20th November** we will be having a **non-uniform day** – 'Children are asked to '**Come as themselves'** There is no theme just whatever they are comfortable in!





What a wonderful week it has been, filled with moments that truly reflect the heart of our school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children grow not just academically, but as compassionate, thoughtful individuals who understand the importance of living out our values every day.

God Bless, Mrs Everard & the Staff



ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Nur	YR	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6
98%	96%	97%	99%	99%	100%	98%	95%

FANATASTIC! WE DID IT – All classes in the Green Zone. This is the first time this term – Let's try and keep it up! 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 George, Rafael & Osman who are working really hard in phonics and in 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.

Reception	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6
Moriah: for being an incredible friend to all in class and showing kindness in her words and actions Noah: for his great creative skills when creating poppies as part of remembrance	Madalina: for showing perseverance in learning her lines for the nativity Play Aniyah: for always being an amazing role model to those around her.	Keyanni: for showing perseverance and skill in developing his skills in spellings Leonard: for showing a fantastic attitude to his learning in all areas!	Amanda: for making such a great settled start to Year 6 Joel: for working hard in class Sedinam: for his perseverance in his learning and being determined to succeed

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





History & Geography Homework Awards



Congratulations Ryan and Merilin for their geography work on seasons and types of weather!





This week the winning house was:
Sharkey House

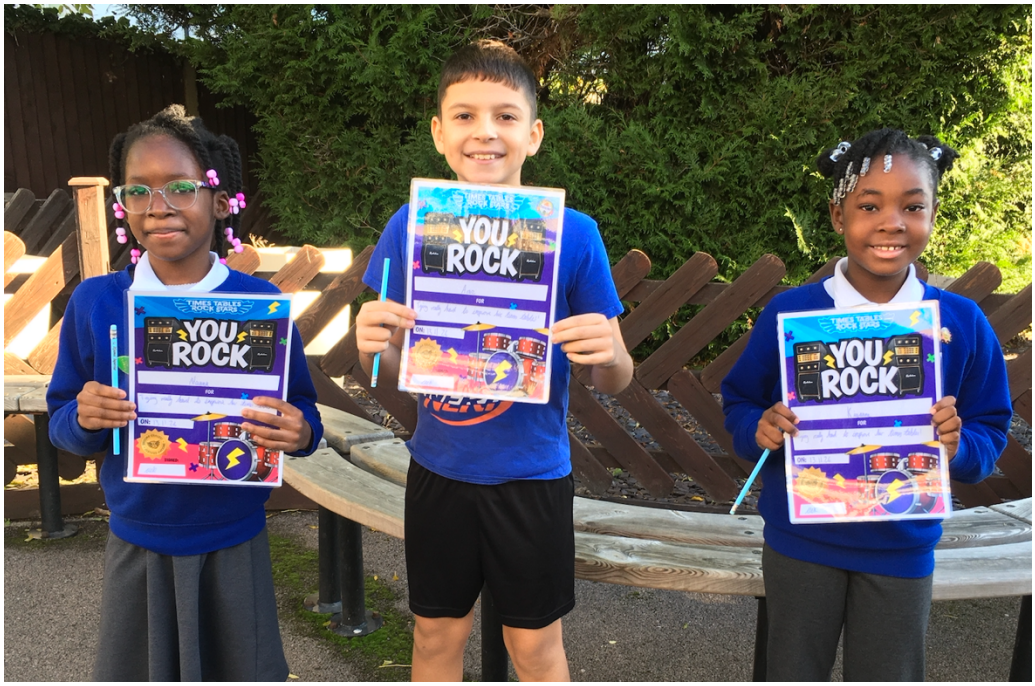


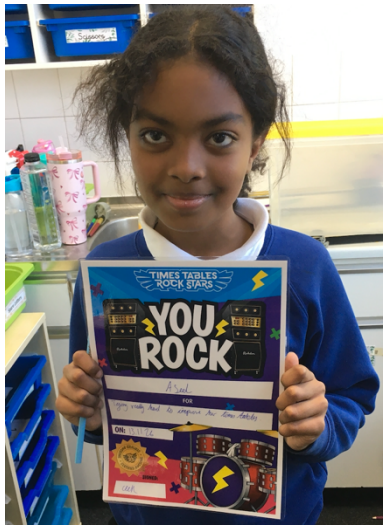
Over the last few weeks, a selection of children from Yr3 and 4 have taken part in a football festival - where they got to play several matches against other schools, develop tactics and skills need to play the game.

We are so proud of their teamwork!



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 Kiyanne Yr3, Araz Yr4, Naana Yr5 and Aseel Yr6 – for their hard work, commitment and development on TTRS



Well done to Teslime, for her concentration and phonics skills in class and completing the CVC words correctly.





Friday 20th November 2026



This week, we tried a new sport 'Pickleball' which is a mixture of tennis, badminton & squash. Enfield PE Team ran a festival to allow children to experience the new sport. It was great fun and we hope to be able to share the skills and games with the classes over the coming year.
Well done to these children on their skills and amazing attitude and Behaviour.



Remembrance Service: Wednesday 11th November 2026

We had our remembrance service with FWSG our federated school, which was led by Father Vince at St Georges Church. Our school council and some Yr6 children went to the church, whilst the rest of the school joined online with a 'Live Stream' to the service in our hall. This was a lovely opportunity for us as a community to give our thanks to the fallen soldiers of the past and to recognise their sacrifices as well as think those that are currently affected by war. Our Year 6 did an amazing job of reading the poem - 'What are we fighting for' by Brain Moses and this gave us all the chance to reflect on how we can still be affected by war today and how we can pray and hope that the leaders in countries today will try find peace where conflict is still going on.

What are we fighting for?



What are we fighting for?
We have to do or die.
What are we fighting for?
We can't turn a blind eye.
What are we fighting for?
To sleep safely in bed.
What are we fighting for?
To keep away fear and dread.
What are we fighting for?
To keep our children free.
What are we fighting for?
To choose our own destiny.
What are we fighting for?
Because there's nowhere to hide.
What are we fighting for?
Because so many have died.
What are we fighting for?
To challenge oppression.
What are we fighting for?
To combat aggression.
What are we fighting for?
To win us the war.
What are we fighting for?
So there won't be any more.
What are we fighting for?
So that we can make sure.
What are we fighting for?
It's a war to end war.
What are we fighting for?
So we'll never need to say
What are we fighting for?
Again.

By Brian Moses

Performed by Year 6

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