



# St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023



At St James' Church of England Primary School, we reflect many Christian Values. We also focus on our 'Core Values' of **Endurance, Forgiveness, Friendship, Koinonia, Peace, Thankfulness** and **Trust**.

Our School Motto is based on Matthew 13 – Parable of the Sower, 'Growing in God's love, learning as we go.'

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a fantastic and busy week as we welcome the children back to school following the half-term break. We are excited to see the work on our EYFS Outdoor provision start to provide a new area for our children to improve their Physical Development. We are looking forward to seeing the children making the most of this amazing space. We also welcomed Cyberwise this week who continued our amazing work with Online Safety sessions with Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6



*Frances Brady & Gary Lloyd*

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

### The School's Attendance

Target is 96%

Class	Attendance
Reception	100%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	94%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96%</b>

This week's winners are...  
**Reception and Year 2**

### ★ Stars of the Week ★

R – Amanah	5 – Thomas
R – Bella	5 – Reece
1 – Jenson	6 – Ethan
1 – Hibba	6 – Tanisa
2 – Harrison	<i>Well done to</i>
2 – Reece	<i>all our winners</i>
3 – Year 3	<i>this week.</i>
3 – Florence	<i>Keep up the</i>
4 – Salahuddin	<i>great work.</i>
4 – Aneesah	



### Values Golden Tie

- R Benjamin
- 1 Brooke
- 2 Oscar
- 3 Naeem
- 4 Qasim
- 5 Tanisha
- 6 Ruth



### Kindness Award

- R Yahya
- 1 Jake
- 2 Haleema
- 3 Ameliah
- 4 Umar
- 5 Obi
- 6 Muhammad



Lilly-Mai B Yr4

### Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

On Wednesday, we welcomed Father David into school to take part in our Ash Wednesday service in school. It was fantastic to understand the meaning of Ash Wednesday and focusing on the reason Christians celebrate Lent. We have also added dashes of purple across school to represent the season of Lent as we prepare for Easter. I wonder if any of our St James' family have given anything up for the season of Lent.



### Yr5/6 Boys Badminton Competition – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Congratulations to our Yr5/6 Boys Badminton teams on reaching a superb 2nd and 4th place at the competition. All showed fantastic teamwork and encouragement through all their games supporting each other through the games. Thank you, Mr Marren, for taking the boys and training them during break times. Keep up the great work boys!



### Balanceability – Reception

This week it has been fantastic to see ALL our children in Reception to have the opportunity to develop their cycling skills. Ms Byrne and Mrs Begum were amazed by the superb efforts from the children as they became more confident on the bikes. The class focused on improving confidence on their balance bikes with some children managing to develop their abilities on riding pedal bikes. Well done children.



## Year Group News – Reception and EYFS

This half term EYFS are reading a variety of traditional tales including, 'The Three Little Pigs', 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have engaged in lots of rainbow challenges including constructing their own houses, re-telling the stories through role-play, baking gingerbread people and innovating their own traditional tale. In Science the children will be huffing and puffing various objects and experimenting with different materials to see which will float and sink. In Maths we have looked at capacity, weights and measurements.

## Welcome to Reception



### Worship and Reflection

Dear God,

This week we have been thinking about how different people celebrate the same or similar festivals in different ways. In our school, help us to celebrate the similarities and the differences that we have with those in our school, our communities and our world.

Amen

*"Growing in God's love, learning as we go"*



### Dates for The Diary

**24<sup>th</sup> February** – First Steps with Coding KS2 - Parental Workshop  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day  
**3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Ozobots KS2 - Parental Workshop  
**8<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 Class Assembly  
**10<sup>th</sup> March** – Yr4 Class Trip – Eureka  
**10<sup>th</sup> March** – Lego Robotics KS2 - Parental Workshop  
**17<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day  
**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Year 1 Class Assembly  
**WC 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Entries for Design an Egg Competition  
**31<sup>st</sup> March** – Finish for Easter (1:30pm)

### Online Safety Tip

Gaming, of course, is phenomenally popular with children and young people. In 2021, more than three-quarters of teenagers played online games, with almost 70% of primary school aged children doing likewise. If enjoyed in moderation and supported by healthy routine (staying hydrated, good sleep habits, taking breaks and so on), gaming can actually benefit a person's mental health.



### Picture News & British Value!



### Democracy

If we do not agree with something or do not think it is fair, we can use our voices to make changes.  
Wales' national men and women's football teams will now receive equal pay.

### Staff Shout Out

Each week we celebrate our amazing staff and the hard work they put in for everybody at school. Our winner this week is.....



### Mrs Humberstone

because she is always organised and enthusiastic every day in school.