



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th April 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,

May we start by saying it has been fantastic to welcome parents in school this week to support the amazing learning in school with workshops and sessions such as Yr6 SATS Parent Meeting, EYFS Pop in and Play & Key Stage 1 Ready Readers Workshop. The support from families really helps school in our work to provide a fantastic education for our children. This week, school also received an amazing gift from Reverend Judith for our altar to display during worship. We would like to pass on our thanks for her hard work and generous gift.



Finally, may we remind families that just our **Nursery is closed on Thursday 4th May** due to voting for local elections.

Best wishes

Frances Brady & Gary Lloyd

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

The School's Attendance

Target is 96%

Class	Attendance
Reception	98%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	97%
TOTAL	98%

This week's winner is...

Year 2 and Year 4

★ Stars of the Week ★

R – Samson	5 – Madison
R – Amanah	5 – Abdul
1 – Aliyaah	6 – Maryam
1 – Jake	6 – Maisie
2 – Daaniya	<i>Well done to</i>
2 – Sufyaan	<i>all our winners</i>
3 – Selena	<i>this week.</i>
3 – Zurarah	<i>Keep up the</i>
4 – Sana-Ullah	<i>great work.</i>
4 – Hamida	



Values Golden Tie

R Eshaal
1 Ayan
2 Hawa
3 Aleena
4 Aamilah
5 Muzzammil
6 Imtiaz



Kindness Award

R Musa
1 Misha
2 Robyn
3 Jayden
4 Ayana
5 Redwan
6 Marcus



Ridhwan N Yr4

Eid Parties

It was fantastic to see the children celebrating Eid together in their part clothes on Monday this week. Each class held their own party with the kindly donated treats from parents and families. Through the week it has been brilliant to hear how the children and staff celebrated Eid over the weekend.



Attendance

Recently we appear to be following a national pattern of lower attendance at this point in the academic year. However, it has been fantastic to have a brilliant rise in attendance this week! We now have 3 months to make sure we get our averages back up to an improved level before we finish in July. Our target is 96% for the academic year. We can work together to achieve this by making sure children are in school and on time every day.



Ukulele Sessions

It has been fantastic to hear the excitement of our children who have been taking part in our ukulele sessions on Thursday mornings. The children are quickly understanding the basics of playing the instrument and showing fantastic enthusiasm. We have also heard lots of amazing things from Year 4 and Year 5 around the work in classes during their afternoon sessions too.



Year Group News – Year 2

This half-term Year Two continue to work hard working towards their tests next month! They have loved reading Aladdin which our current unit of work is based upon. The work they have completed alongside this has been amazing and a pleasure to read. In maths, we have been focusing on consolidating key skills such as addition, subtraction, time, and division. The children have relished the challenge and have really broadened their mathematical knowledge. Our science this term is linked to plants and it has been lovely to discuss/ investigate how these grow from tiny seeds!



Worship and Reflection

Dear God,

Thank you for creating such a wonderfully diverse world in which for us to live. Help us to learn from each other, strengthen each other and care for one another every day. Remind us to be respectful and compassionate to those around us.

Amen

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



Dates for The Diary

4th May – Nursery closed for Voting Day

4th May – Yr4 Mayan Workshop Morning

5th May – Non-uniform day for tombola prizes

8th May – Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)

W/C 8th May – Year 6 SATS

12th May– Coronation Lunch and Summer Fair

W/C 15th & 22nd May – Year 2 SATS

17th May– Yr5 Class Trip: Outdoor Elements

17th May– Yr4 Class Assembly

29th May – Finish for Half Term (3:15pm)

W/C 8th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check

W/C 15th June – Phonics Screening

Online Safety Tip

Digital echo chambers have become increasingly prevalent over the last half decade. Formed by a combination of social media algorithms designed to promote engagement and the basic human urge to be correct, these online environments reinforce the opinions that people already have in a perpetual loop.



Picture News & British Value!



Rule of Law

Different countries have different rules and laws about school and education. In the UK, all children must be provided with an education from age 5 to 18.

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 Molloy

because she always makes sure others feel happy and welcome in school.

