



# St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 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,

This week, we welcomed Reverend Judith to deliver our worship to begin the season of Advent. It was fantastic to hear the children share their work and knowledge around Advent Wreaths when introducing the amazing wreath created for school. We have now changed the colour of our alter to purple now the season of advent has started. Our Christmas Fair is today (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-4pm). Parents will be able to sign out their child early from 2pm when they arrive to attend the fair. We ho-ho-hope to see lots of our families as we begin to celebrate Christmas.



Best wishes

*Frances Brady & Gary Lloyd*

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

R – Nellie	5 – Aamilah
R – Mahla	5 – Lanwe
1 – Abdur-Raheem	6 – Heena
1 – Skylar	6 – Emmie
2 – Theo	<i>Well done to</i>
2 – Georgi	<i>all our winners</i>
3 – Daaniya	<i>this week.</i>
3 – Robyn	<i>Keep up the</i>
4 – Jayden	<i>great work.</i>
4 – Naeem	



## Values Golden Tie

R Alinah  
1 Amanah  
2 Lincoln  
3 Maliha  
4 Tahira  
5 Hania  
6 Tanisha



## Kindness Award

R Blake  
1 Yahya  
2 Yaseen  
3 Haleema  
4 Sophie  
5 Hala  
6 Sufian



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## The School's Attendance

**Target is 96%**

Class	Attendance
Reception	85%
Year 1	87%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	90%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90%</b>

This week's winner is...  
**Year 2**

## Retirement of Mrs Doherty

It with great sadness and much affection that we say goodbye to Mrs Doherty. She is taking early retirement this term so that she is able to focus on her health as she continues treatment. We have all been honoured to work with Mrs Doherty since she started here at St James 19 years ago. She has been a dedicated, kind and skilled member of staff who has always had wonderful relationships with parents, children and staff. She will be a much missed member of our school family who has given many years of service to education. On behalf of all of the St James' school family, we wish Mrs Doherty every health and happiness in her retirement and send her much love as she moves on to the next stage of her life with her family. Happy Retirement and Thank You, Mrs Doherty.



## Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair

This Friday it was great to spread the Christmas Spirit during our Christmas Jumper Day. It was amazing to see the range of festive jumpers throughout school and we are looking forward for this to spread further during the Christmas Fair this afternoon. Thank you to all our families and children who have continued to support us throughout the build-up of festivities. Parents can collect children from their classes from 2pm this afternoon to join our Christmas Fair.



## Curriculum In Action: English – A Christmas Carol (Year 5)

Year 5 have been working very hard publishing their version of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. They have used great vocabulary to describe the setting of Victorian London. We are looking forward to seeing this on display for people throughout school to read and enjoy. Keep up the amazing writing Year 5 and continue to focus on your amazing, creative writing.



## Worship and Reflection

Dear God,

Treating other people as you would like them to treat you is an important piece of advice that is given in most cultures around the world including ours. But we know that it isn't always obeyed by everyone. Help us and others to act on the Golden Rule and bring about peace and goodwill to all that we meet this Christmas. Amen

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



## Online Safety Tip

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchise. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced, the platform is designed to be suitable for all the family.

[Visit our online safety webpage for more details](#)



## Dates for The Diary

**13th December** – KS2 Christmas Production (pm)

**14th December** – KS2 Christmas Production (am)

**19th December** – Christmas Lunch

**20th December** – Christmas Parties & a special visitor

**21st December** – KS1 Nativity and Carol Service (9am at Church)

**22nd December** – School Closes at 1:30pm

*Further dates will continue to be added when planned.*



## Picture News & British Value!



Sometimes rules, such as not allowing people to stay in their homes, may be introduced in response to an event. They are put in place to help protect people and keep them safe.

## 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.....



## Miss Brewer

because she never leaves no stone unturned when organising events for school.

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