



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

At St James' Church of England Primary School, we 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

The term is well and truly under-way with lots going on and lots ahead of us - such a busy half term! Please check the dates coming up - particularly for Christmas events. We have enjoyed our week with some children visiting the local library, listening to Michael Rosen together on Thursday morning to enhance our reading for pleasure approach and welcoming our parents at parent's evening on Wednesday. If you did not manage to attend, the class teacher will be contacting you to arrange either an alternative face to face meeting or a telephone call.

Thank you to everyone who has paid for the panto - particularly those using ParentPay! We appreciate your help and support. Please do contribute the full amount if you are able to - the trip is already heavily subsidised by school and we do need contributions in to make the trip viable. Further trips may be affected if we do not receive contributions to support these essential experiences as school can only pay what our small budget allows. Thank you.

Today we are in our pyjamas (thank you to the school council for their idea and organisation of the day with Miss Dawson) to support Children in Need. We are always keen to support charities and help others where we can - living up to our school values of friendship, koinonia and love. Thank you for your contributions today.

Library visits continue next week for some classes and our Key Stage 1 Nativity Production rehearsals begin in earnest. As the days rush by over the coming weeks, please ensure children have reflective clothing when walking to school to keep them safe and that they have the appropriate school uniform each day.

With very best wishes for a wonderful weekend, we look forward to seeing you safe and well on Monday morning.
God Bless

Frances Brady Headteacher



St James' Super Stars

Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Speaker of the Week	Kindness/Golden Tie
Rec Hasnain Year 1 Esmat Year 2 Muntaha Year 3 Aryan Year 4 Brooke Year 5 Isla Rose Year 6 Sufyan 	Rec Idris Year 1 Zayan Year 2 Lea Year 3 Abu-Bakr Year 4 Deborah Year 5 Aayath Year 6 Ameliah 	Rec Arifa Year 1 Daud Year 2 Abdullah Year 3 Roman Year 4 Theo Year 5 Maymoonah Year 6 Musab 	Rec Zubair Year 1 Amaan Year 2 Alina Year 3 Rene Year 4 Bareerah Year 5 Hawa Year 6 Noah 

The School's Attendance Target is 96%	
Class	Attendance
Reception	91%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
TOTAL	94%
This week's winner is...	
Year 3 and Year 4	

Picture News
Take some time this weekend to discuss this week's picture news with your child. What are some things we can do to ensure people can enjoy the world in the future? Use the think together and talk to support your discussions.

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

10th - 16th November 2025

Think together and talk

- Is there a place in nature you like to visit? Why is it special to you?
- Imagine our world 50 years from now. What is one thing you would like to remain the same? Is there something you might hope is better? Why?
- What are some things we can do to ensure people can enjoy the world in the future?



Key Dates for your diaries



November

Friday	21 st	2.15pm	School Nurse-parent session drop in
Friday	28 th	Morning	Pantomime-Snow White

December

Thursday	4 th	Afternoon	NSPCC Workshops Y2. Y5 and Y6
Friday	5 th	10am-11.45	Santa's Craft House Parent/child workshop
Wednesday	10 th	10am	KS1 and EYFS Christmas Nativity
Thursday	11 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday	11 th	2.15pm	KS1 and EYFS Christmas Nativity
Friday	12 th	2pm	Christmas Fair and Father Christmas
Tuesday	16 th	1pm	Christmas Parties and a visit from Father Christmas
Wednesday	17 th	12pm	Christmas Lunch
Thursday	18 th	9.05am	Carol Service in Church
Friday	19 th	1.30pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays



Staff Shout Out!

This week we are celebrating Mrs Ahmed for being an amazing person inside and out!



Library Visits
This week year 1 and year 2 have both been to the library. They have really enjoyed listening to the stories and choosing books to read for pleasure. You are welcomed and encouraged to go along and join the library for access to lots of wonderful books and free events.



A great big thank you to all children and parents for making such an amazing effort with your donations to the charity BBC Children in Need. It has been great to see everyone wearing their pyjamas in school today. Check Dojo pages for individual class posts.

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