



# The St. James' Journal Newsletter

26th January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Its been another busy week in school. All our KS2 children took part in a VR session to enhance their topic work based on ancient Greeks in years 5 & 6, whilst years 3 & 4 enjoyed exploring the rainforest!

## Reading Reading Reading



Did you know that a study showed that **“Reading to a 4 -5 year old child more frequently (every day or almost every day instead of twice a week or less) leads to children being about a year ahead of their peers (that don’t read regularly) by the time they reach the age of 8-9 (Year 4). (Kalb, 2013)** Did you know that a recent survey showed that **80% of Dads said that they were too busy to read with their children.** We know that daily reading makes a huge difference to the outcomes of our children. Let’s make this a priority!

## Collective Worship

Our theme this week has been hope. How much we need this in our times! Hope crops up throughout the Bible.



This is our vision verse for the year.

### Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

Please inform the office asap.



### Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day. The class with the best attendance this week was:



**BIRCH**

## Staffing News:

*Sadly, Mrs. Filder's father passed away earlier in the week. Alfred Graham used to attend the mid-week services at St. James' Church where he enjoyed talking to our Year 6 pupils and staff members. I had the privilege of meeting him there last year and what a true gentleman he was. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Filder and her family.*



## Golden Ticket

Pupils who go **over and above** to demonstrate our school values will be awarded a 'Golden Ticket' and will be placed in the draw for prizes at the end of term. The following children have been awarded a Golden Ticket:

**Gracie-Rae & Alex (Sycamore)**  
**Freddie (Rowan)**



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Acorn

William & Etty

### Ash

Olivia & Riley

### Birch

Reece, Jaxon & Freddie

### Chestnut

Jason & Daniel

### Rowan

Violet & Isabella

### Oak

Rashid & Tyler

### Willow

Nathan & Macie

### Hawthorn

Joey & Heidi

### Alder

Jasmine & Darci

### Sycamore

Isla & Gracie-Rae