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## **St James CE Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well. Firstly, we'd like to apologise for the absence of our usual newsletter this week. We're currently in the process of transitioning to a new format using *Sway*, which we hope will be more accessible and engaging for families. Unfortunately, we've encountered a few technical hiccups along the way, but we're working hard to resolve them and look forward to sharing the new version with you very soon.

This week has been full of exciting firsts:

- Our Reception children came together as a full class for the first time and have already made a wonderful impression.
- Miss Barratt led our first *Values Worship*, focusing on thankfulness—a lovely way to begin the year.
- Some classes enjoyed their first PE lessons with our new sports coach and had fun learning with our new Spanish teacher.
- We also joined in with our first LDST Trust-wide worship, which was a joyful celebration shared across all our Trust schools.

Looking ahead, there's lots to be excited about:

- *Democracy Day* is coming up on Monday. Year 6 pupils will be giving speeches as they campaign to become Head Pupils, and we'll be voting in true democratic style. Further details were sent out yesterday.
- On Wednesday, some of our Year 6 children will be representing us in a football competition—good luck to them!
- *Journeying Together Day* is on Friday—a special time to reflect on our shared values and community. Information about this has been sent.

# Head Teachers Awards

Well done to this week's Headteacher's award winners who have lived our Journey driver of being a 'Joyful Reader'



## Joyful Readers

*"And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."  
[1 John 1:4]*

**Reception – Harry Parr  
Year 1 – Charlotte Comber  
Year 2 – Poppy Siddall  
Year 3 – Elliot Seddon  
Year 4 – Emmanuel Ejimofor  
Year 5 – Noah Barnes  
Year 6 - Florence Davies**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're really looking forward to all the learning, laughter and love this year will bring.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Briers

Tina Briers  
Head of School



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
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