

St James' Lanehead Church of England Primary School



All Special in God's eyes"

The summer holidays now seem a distant memory but we have seen many school improvements including the long awaited fascia boards around the school and also new flooring within the key stage 1 department.

St James' Lanehead have welcomed many new additions to our school family this month; the new Reception children, two new Teachers, Miss MacMahon and Miss Flynn and a new School Business Manager will be joining us after the October half term.

The Reception children have settled in well to life in school and both parents and children have really enjoyed the Family Friday events. We have had a New Parents morning where all parents met each other along with the staff. Last week Mrs Towriess also hosted a Phonics session where parents could learn how to teach their children phonics.

We have all been learning through our worships about the importance of Thankfulness. The children have been learning about this gospel value 'always be thankful' 1 Thessalonians 5.6. We all have so much to be thankful for! The new school year has started very well thanks to Mrs Irvine, the Sports Subject Leader, organising lots of sporting events for the children. The Class 3 children have begun weekly dance sessions with Sanderson's dance, the Year 5 children have started their sports coaching with Burnley Football Club and BFC in the Community and the School Sports Partnership have also arranged some after school sporting events such as cross country, orienteering and a Bronze Ambassador Conference. The reception children will also be taking part in mini tennis lessons from Burnley Lawn Tennis Club.

There have also been several class trips this month to the East Lancashire Railway Station, the children experienced life as an evacuee and going on a steam train. The Year 6 children went on Wednesday 12th September and both Class 4/5 and 5/6 went on Wednesday 19th September. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were well behaved too, even when there was an hour delay on the way home. A huge thank you to the staff and the Governors who attended the trip.

We have launched the new school website over the summer where we will be updating lots of the children's learning and events.

We are continuing to work with the local community and have enjoyed lots of the projects for the children and the staff to become involved in. You may see the children out and about in the local community with their blue hi-vis tops kindly bought by the PTA. The PTA has also bought each child a water bottle and every reception child a nice book bag, we are so grateful for their support.

Year 6 pupils have enjoyed (despite the rain) their Bikeability sessions, the aims of these sessions are to teach the children road safety when they are out on their bikes.

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The children have voted their school councillors and they will be preparing lots of events for the pupils and parents. We will be placing all the information on the school website.

It is a privilege to work with such enthusiastic children and dedicated staff who work so hard each and every day to fulfil the schools mission statement.

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Yours faithfully,

Michelle Stott
Headteacher

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