



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families

At the going down of the sun and in the morning - We will remember them.

November can often be a solemn month as we remember everyone who has passed before us; the sign of the poppy can too bring a smile. We have been looking at the poppy and the symbol that it is. I think the display in our Worship Area is one of my most favourite displays to date. It is made with love. On Monday the 11th November I took our Year 6 leadership team to the Cenotaph to be part of the community celebrations for Remembrance. Hawthorn Class have kindly shared their worship with the families and community at St James' Church.

We have been thinking in our worships about intentionally acting kindly. What intentionally kind acts can you spot at home this weekend?

Christmas is coming...the glitter is out!

Now the excitement of fireworks and Bonfire have left us, attention in school is quickly turning to Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth. Songs have started to be heard around school as each class prepares for their own retelling of the nativity story.

We also want to create a menu of opportunity for the children to get involved in events, whilst raising money for the school at the same time. We will be having some exciting events for all the children with the support of the PTFA and the School Sports Partnership. Sharon and her team will be cooking the delicious Christmas lunch for the children and we are sharing JOY. Our theme for the children is ACT KINDLY. We also know it can be a time of sadness and if this is something you are concerned about please do come and speak to the pastoral team, Mrs Dallison and Mrs Hodgson have many connections with the Family Hubs are and are able to inform you of different support channels should you need them.

Well done to Sycamore Class for an amazing Worship teaching us all about COMPASSION.

We are looking forward to the EYFS and Year 1/2 Nativity performance. For the Nativity worships we have a very simple system. No one will pay for a ticket. They are FREE. If someone tries to make you buy one - Do not do this.

You will receive two tickets per family for either the morning OR the afternoon.

The month of December is really exciting for the children and staff and we have a lot of excitement and fun. Schools at Christmas time are an exciting place to be.

We make it wonderful for the children and share the Good News.

Mrs Dugdale



Governors

Thank you to Mrs Clare Madbouli for her service as a governor at our school. We wish her every success in her future. We welcome Mrs Erica Mason, who will be an outstanding governor to St James'.

Mrs Whiteside

Mrs Whiteside is retiring from her teaching assistant role in school. Mrs Whiteside has been a teaching assistant here at St James' for 19 years. She has worked in almost every class and has worked with the pastoral team. Mrs Whiteside will be really missed by us all. She is an amazing teaching assistant, but the time has come for her to spend more time with her family.

As Director of Dawn To Dusk, Mrs Whiteside will still be coming into school to oversee the club. So, you may still see her before and after school. The Governors and staff wish her so much happiness and we thank her for her long service to the community of St James' Lanehead.

PE and Forest School Timetable

PE Timetable

Ash Class - Wednesday

Elm Class - Wednesday & Friday

Beech Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Willow Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Hazel Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Rowan Class - Monday & Friday

Sycamore Class - Friday

Hawthorn Class - Wednesday

Oak Class - Monday

Forest School Timetable

Sycamore - Monday

Hawthorn - Tuesday

Oak - Friday



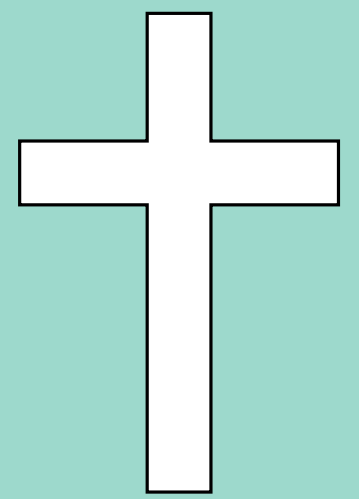


Worship

This year in collective worship, we are learning all about God's Big Story. Each week we are going to be introduced to a theme and a guest storyteller from Blackburn Diocese of Education.

Next month we will be learning all about:

- **Elizabeth and Zechariah**
- **Mary Visits Elizabeth**
- **A Flash Mob of Angels**
- **Flight to Egypt**



Class Worship

Both Hawthorn and Sycamore Classes held their Class Worship this month.

Mrs Moses had this to say about Hawthorn's Worship - 'Despite the awful weather and a change of venue, Hawthorn Class delivered a fabulous worship all about Peace. We talked about peace and what living a peaceful life meant to lots of different religions. We told the incredible story about The Christmas Day Truce which happened in the trenches during World War I. All along the front line, German and British soldiers put down their weapons for a short time and began exchanging gifts and playing football together. Just as they had done, Hawthorn Class sang 'Silent Night'. It was amazing because Ella sang in German and the rest of the children sang in English! Thank you so much to all our lovely families who made the effort to come and see us - there were a few tears shed!'

For Sycamore Class' Worship, Miss Wren said 'We were so proud of the children in Sycamore Class during their Class Worship. They learnt their lines, performed two songs and acted out a story from the bible. Our class worship was all about compassion, and the children wrote and performed about times they had shown compassion. Well done Sycamore Class, we are so PROUD of you!'

We have scheduled our class worships for the upcoming school year, which will be held at St James' Church, Briercliffe. Families are welcome to join the congregation. Please see below for the date/time of your child's class.

**Rowan Class - Tuesday 28th January @ 2.30pm
Hazel Class - Tuesday 11th February @ 2.30pm
Willow Class - Tuesday 11th March @ 2.30pm
Beech Class - Tuesday 1st April @ 2.30pm
Elm Class - Tuesday 20th May @ 2.30pm
Ash Class - Tuesday 1st July @ 2.30pm**





Remembrance Day

Our Head Boys and Head Girls walked to the two cenotaphs to mark Remembrance Day.

The children were joined by Anne Kelly, Mrs Dugdale and Miss Tracey.

Anne Kelly taught the children all about the history of the area and the cenotaphs. The children said a prayer after they placed their wreaths.

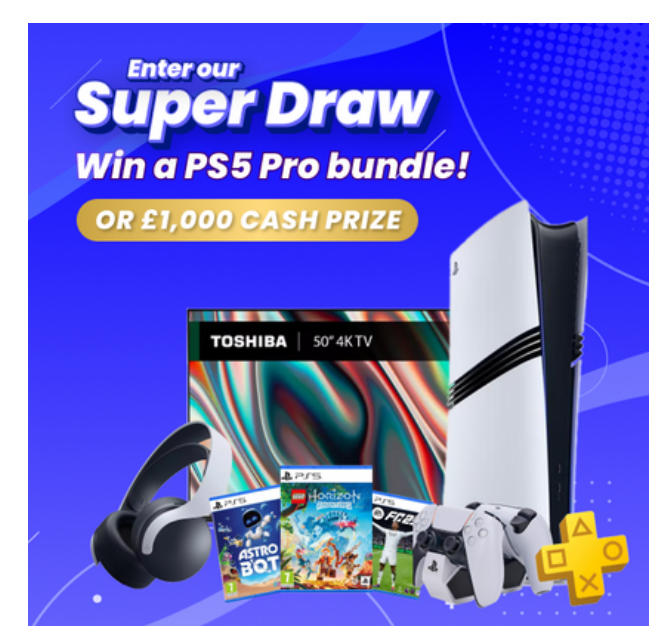


School Lottery

The School Lottery is a brilliant resource for parents to sign up to that provides funds for the PTFA, and you can also win prizes weekly!

Please sign up to the lottery and help our school.

<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>





Hazel Class Family Friday

Hazel Class had a fantastic time during their recent Family Friday! The afternoon kicked off with a wonderful musical performance, where the children showcased their talents and enthusiasm. It was a joy to see families and children enjoying this. Following the performance, everyone had the chance to take part in a range of fun and engaging curriculum activities, from hands-on science to creative projects. Thank you to everyone who attended on this day!





Rowan Class Family Friday

Rowan Class had the pleasure of attending their Family Friday celebration which was linked to what we have been learning in class this past half-term. The children showcased their knowledge of tints and shades in our Art station, where they created and painted Christmas cards. Our History station was linked to the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, where children had the opportunity to become archaeologists and 'dig' for artefacts and decided which age they believed they belonged to. They also created their very own cave paintings using different coloured chalk. For Science, the children made oobleck from corn flour and water and then decided whether it was a solid or liquid - it's safe to say this was one of the children's favourite activities! They also had the chance to put together a skeleton and label the different bones, while our English station involved the children writing their own winter poems. The children thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to show off their learning and knowledge to their adults, and it was fantastic to see both adults and children getting involved and having fun!



Children In Need

A big thank you to everyone who donated to Children In Need for our non-uniform day. We raised an amazing £405.30! Those Pennies for Pudsey really added up!





Year 6 Benchball

Year 6 pupils attended a Year 6 Benchball event at Sir John Thursby High School, where they played alongside Year 7 pupils. Great team work and enthusiasm from the team!



Hartley Cup

The football team played in the Hartley Cup against Padiham Green Primary School. Mrs Burnett said the match was amazing, all the boys played great and we are so proud of them all! Some future Burnley Players!





Rowan Class - Play in a Day

Rowan Class were lucky to have Konflux Theatre come into school to help them rehearse and perform a 'Play in a Day'. Their performance was based on the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, which they are currently learning all about in History this half-term. The children had a fantastic day and we are sure those that came to watch would agree that their performance was amazing, and we couldn't be any prouder! We hope you enjoy these pictures as much as the class enjoyed their day!





Jane Phythian

We are so PROUD of our School Adviser Jane Phythian and we wanted to share this with our School Community as she always champions St James' Lanehead in her work. Jane has worked with schools since 2010!

Jane was named in the King's Birthday Honours list in June 2024 as having been awarded a British Empire Medal for Services to Education and Community in Lancashire. Jane was recognised for her work in Lancashire schools as a teacher, deputy headteacher, headteacher as well as her work as an adviser. She works tirelessly and diligently across the county. Her dedication and support to schools, children and families during COVID was outstanding and her calm, knowledgeable and authoritative presence during this difficult time was extremely valued by schools and colleagues across the authority and health.

Her commitment to disadvantaged children in particular is her passion and her work on projects and training for teachers, school leaders, governors and colleagues from other services in this particular area continues so that every child, young person and adult can have the very best opportunities and flourish in their own unique way.

Jane remains proud, and humble.

We are so proud of Jane and everything she does to support our school. She is a great person and an amazing adviser to our school.



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Upcoming Events



Tuesday 3rd December

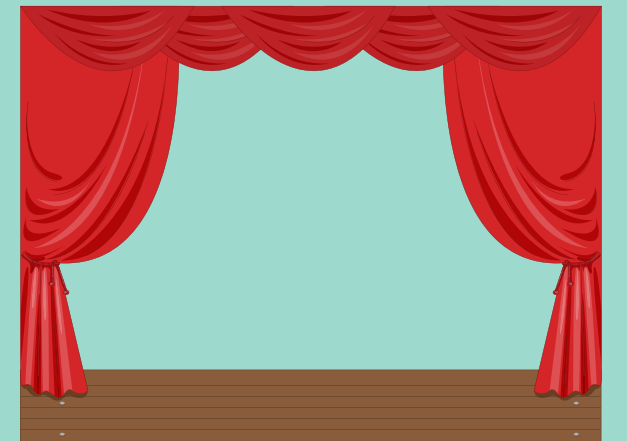
EYFS Nativity Worship in school -
10.30am & 2.30pm (ticket only)

Thursday 5th December

Hazel Class - Pantomime at Blackpool

Friday 6th December

KS2 Enterprise in the classrooms
3.30pm-4.30pm



Tuesday 10th December

Year 1/2 Nativity Worship in school
- 10.30am & 2.30pm (ticket only)

Tuesday 17th December

KS2 Carol Service at St James Church -
10am and 1.30pm (ticket only)



Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner
Christmas Disco during the school day

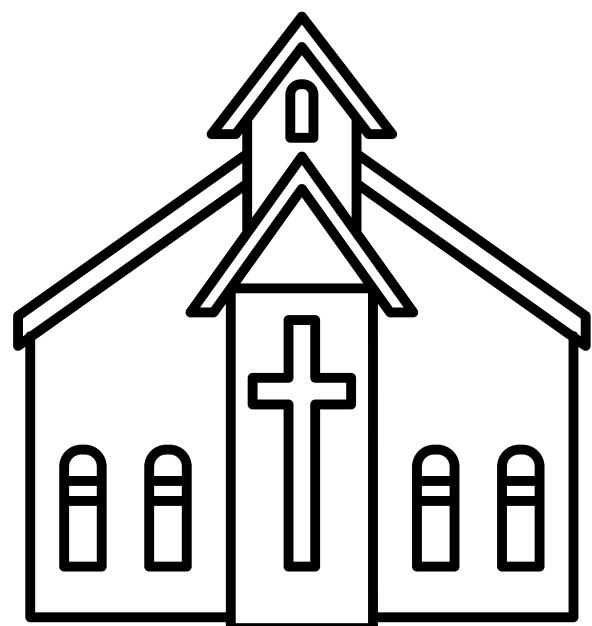
Thursday 19th December

School closes at 1.30pm





Christmas at St James' Church



Sunday 8th December

Sung Eucharist at 10am
Carols by Candlelight at 6pm

Sunday 15th December

Sung Eucharist at 10am
Christingle Service at 3pm

Wednesday 18th December

Said Eucharist at 9.30am



Thursday 19th December

Family Service at 6pm



Sunday 22nd December

Sung Eucharist at 10am

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Blessing of the Crib at 3pm
Sung Eucharist (1st Eucharist of Christmas) at 11.30pm

Please note - There will be no services on Christmas Day or on
Thursday 29th December
Normal services resume from Sunday 29th December



Term Dates 2024/2025

**Please see below our Term Dates for the 2024/2025
Academic Year.**



School Term & Holiday Patterns 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Mid Term Closure	Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th October (inclusive)
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 28 th October 2024
Re-open to Pupils	Tuesday 29 th October 2024
Closure after school	Thursday 19 th December at 1.30pm
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Friday 20 th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Re-open to pupils	Monday 6 th January 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive)
Closure after school	Friday 4 th April 2025 at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025

INSET (Closed to pupils)	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Re-open to pupils	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 st May 2025 (inclusive)
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
Closure after school	Tuesday 22 nd July at 1.30pm