



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

Welcome to our Newsletter for February.

VISITS

We had a wonderful visit from Bishop Philip North. It was a pleasure to show him around the school and we really appreciated his time to come and visit us. It is always nice to have visitors in school who appreciate the hard work we do here.

ACTIVE PLAYTIMES

We are looking at ways to enhance our provision in school and how to bring more joy to our learning. We are also investigating how to make our playtimes even better. As you know, we are a Platinum standard school for PE. This is the best we can achieve and we are really proud of this! Our playtimes are very effective but we think we can enhance them even further. We can utilise the grounds of school much more. Our only issue is the MUD. Our field is boggy but we think with a little bit of tweaking we can get around this issue. When we have more information about the playtimes we will let you know. We may ask parents to pack some playtime clothes for the children and have essentials such as waterproofs like we have in Forest School. We want the children to be much more active, creative and imaginative.

We will be asking for donations from businesses such as tyres and cable reels, pallets to help us create dens and zones however, we do not want the school to look like Steptoe's yard! If we have parents who can help with this we would appreciate it once we get together our list in the summer term.

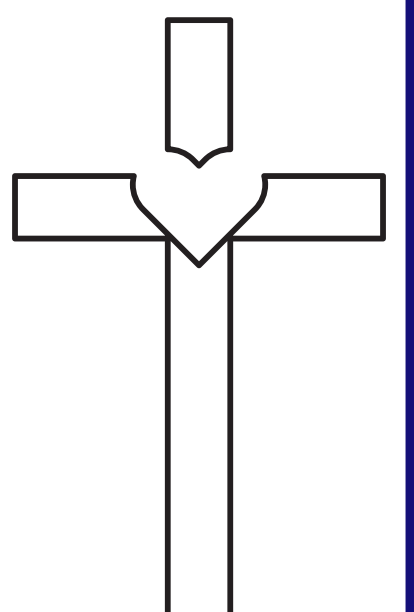
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Worship

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 Board of Education.

Next month we will be learning all about:

- **Raising of Lazarus**
- **Esther**
- **The Lost Son**
- **Holy Week**





Class Worship

**We have scheduled our class worships for the upcoming year.
Please see below for the date/time of your child's class.**

Willow Class - **Thursday 21st March @ 9.15am**

Beech Class - **Thursday 9th May @ 9.15am**

Elm Class - **Thursday 23rd May @ 9.15am**

Ash Class - **Thursday 27th June @ 9.15am**



School Lottery

**Please sign up to the lottery and help our
school.**

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





Bishop Philip

This month we have had a visit from Bishop Philip. He visited our new building and talked to the children in Early Years about Palm Sunday. He brought his huge palm leaf along with him and all the children helped to tell the story, shouting, "Hosanna!"

The head boys and girls then had a meeting with Bishop Philip, talking about the day to day jobs that a bishop carries out. He also enjoyed a tour of our school!



Towneley Park Visit

In preparation for our DT unit, which is looking at structures with an outcome to produce a playground, we visited Towneley Park. We meet Shona from ESP Play, who talked through the process of designing a playground, the different structures, how equipment works and key aspects that need to be considered when creating a playground. We also got to have some fun when trying out the equipment. Although a soggy day, the umbrellas helped and fun was had by all! We will use our ideas to design and create our playgrounds, and we are hoping for some great designs, as there were lots of budding planners!





Forest School

Ash Class, Hazel Class and Rowan Class have all been taking part in Forest School this half term. Here are some pictures of the children in action:





Children's Mental Health Week

This month, there was a focus on Children's Mental Health week.

This year's theme was 'My Voice Matters' to empower young people to use their voices, share what matters to them and encourage those around them to hear their voices.

Throughout the week children took part in different activities to promote kindness and raise awareness of 'My Voice Matters.'

Our Kindness Crew and Young Mental Health Champions were out on the yard every playtime and lunch time to support any children that needed a friend.



Message from the Governing Board

Dear Families,

It has come to the attention of the Governing Board that a small minority of the school community have taken to social media to air their grievances in particularly derogatory and potentially defamatory and therefore legally actionable terms.

The Governing Board would like to remind parents and families that they should raise any concerns through the schools adopted communication protocols, so they can be appropriately addressed.

The Governing Board would like to express their gratitude to the numerous parents who have contacted the staff team and governors to express their support and appreciation at this time.

The Governing Board of St James' Lanehead.



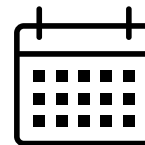


Upcoming Events



Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

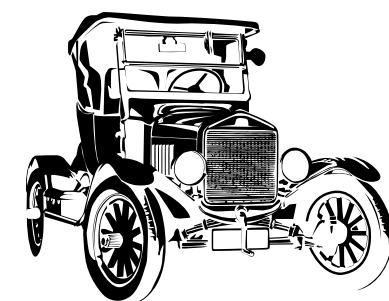


Friday 8th March

Family Friday - World Book Day

Wednesday 13th March

Beech Class Trip - Science and Industry Museum



Friday 15th March

Family Friday - Coffee and Cake Afternoon

Tuesday 19th March

Elm Class - Great Fire of London Workshop



Wednesday 20th March

Oak Class - Gawthorpe Hall Visit



Thursday 21st March

Willow Class Worship @ 9.15am

Friday 22nd March

Family Friday - Coffee and Cake Afternoon



Monday 25th March

Ash Class - Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 27th March

School Closes at 1.30pm for Easter





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
Polling Day	Thursday 8 th May 2025 – TBC (REMOTE LEARNING)
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th 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