



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

This month we have set all the children and staff their Star Challenges for 2024. We have been using the phrase “I can’t do it....YET!” and have been challenging ourselves to improve. The children and adults in school have been thinking about one thing that they want to improve on, or work towards, in 2024. They have all added their improvement onto a Star in the hall for everyone to see and help. It is fascinating to see others helping each other to be successful and the amount of encouragement we see is wonderful. This ranges from children who are ‘experts’ helping others to hoola hoop on the yards, experts teaching others to tie their shoe laces. The Transformer writing group helping the Year 2 children to upskill their writing! Lots of busy people helping each other to be more amazing is always a pleasure to see.

We have also been inundated with positivity this month. The school office team and the teaching staff have been organising lots of wonderful activities and experiences for the children. I would have never thought that we would have a TRex (called Trevor) in our school hall on a Friday afternoon! The joy that we are seeing for the children is brilliant. Our experiences are all linked to our curriculum and Mrs Hargreaves our Assistant Headteacher works really hard to ensure that the curriculum comes alive.

The new classroom unit for EYFS is starting to look fabulous. We are very pleased that we have been successful with our Diocesan grant and also the money raised from the Barchester Fund. We thank all families who contribute to this as it does help the Governing Board to pay their 10% contribution. Not only have we had our EYFS unit built, we have also transformed the former Ash Classroom into a purpose-built meeting room, and a further room giving us more space to educate the children. We have also fitted new toilets for our children into the department, these have been something that we have desperately needed! We are now wanting to continue to improve our school and the yard areas of the school through other funding bids. If any businesses know of any bids please send them to Mrs Bradley our School Business Manager.

Worship is a very important part of our school life and each week we all learn about GOD’S BIG STORY with the Blackburn Diocese Board of Education. Alongside this, we learn about the world through Picture News and also, we sing with prayer and praise worships. The school community come together to enjoy these worships and the pupils are asked to reflect upon their learning. Our worship starts at 9am and the hall is full of children and staff and it really is a nice time in the school day.

Family Friday events are in full swing again! Well done to our superstars Ronny Grundy and Joseph Bentley for their brilliant game to show the families the Diversity in the Burnley Football Club Team. The boys have worked really hard with this and showed enjoyment with their designs. Thank you also to Mrs Dallison and Mrs Hodgson for their hard work to make these days a success.

Thank you to all the families who support the school as it is proven that children and schools flourish when the school and home are working together.

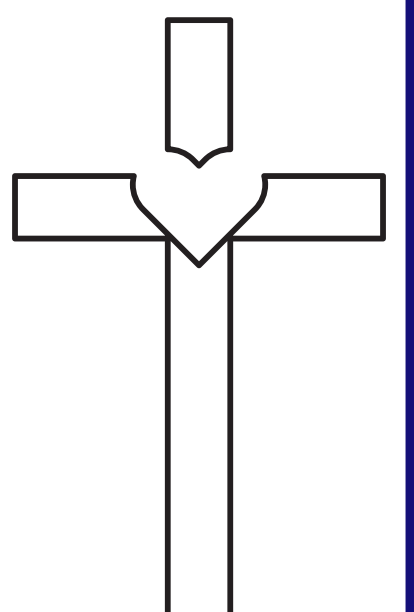
Mrs Dugdale

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:

- **Elijah and the Widow**
- **Zacchaeus**
- **Noah**





Class Worship

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

Hazel Class - Thursday 29th February @ 9.15am

Willow Class - Thursday 21st March @ 9.15am

Beech Class - Thursday 9th May @ 9.15am

Elm Class - Thursday 23rd May @ 9.15am

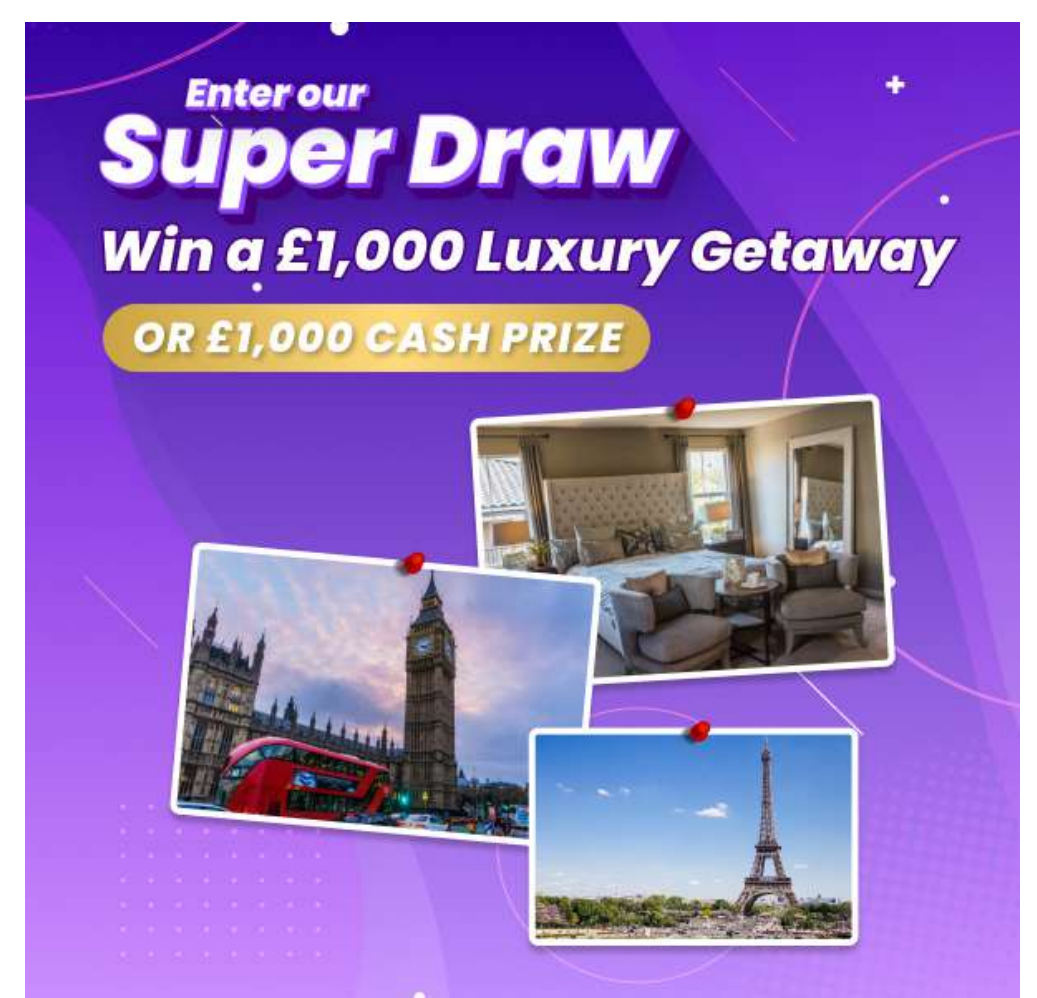
Ash Class - Thursday 27th June @ 9.15am



School Lottery

Please sign up to the lottery and help our school.

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





Anglo-Saxon Workshop

This month, Rowan Class were lucky enough to have Marvellous History come in to school and spend the whole day teaching us all about Anglo-Saxons! The children had a chance to act out their very own shield wall drill, explore the weapons and armour used by Anglo-Saxons, learn about everyday objects used by them, and even create their own clay rune of their name! We hope you enjoy these images as much as the children enjoyed their day!





Jack and the Beanstalk

Willow class had a very exciting trip to watch the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime at the marvelous Hippodrome Theatre. We travelled by coach from school to the theatre. Everyone was in such high spirits about watching the pantomime. We discussed our previous knowledge of the characters from the story as well as which characters we liked and disliked. The show did not disappoint. All of the actors, production and of course the singing was spectacular, and they really got all of the children and adults involved from start to finish. We did not want to leave after the show had finished and we could not stop discussing the pantomime on the way back to school. Willow class's behavior was impeccable while out in public and they did St James Lanehead very proud following our 'calm school code'. What an amazing trip Willow class!





Dino Experience

Elm and Beech class were very lucky to meet some friendly dinosaurs in school last week. They met Pip the Pachycephalosaurus, Topsy the Triceratops, Vinnie the velociraptor, Mango and Tango the baby raptors and finally Trevor the Tyrannosaurus Rex. They found out some key facts about the different types of dinosaurs and enjoyed doing some moving and grooving with their new dinosaur friends.





Police Visit - EYFS

Hello, hello, hello, what's all this then? Ash Class had an amazing afternoon on Friday when they had a visit from the police. The children listened and learned so much about how the police can help us. We tried on the police vests, jacket and hats and even went in the police car. We looked at the different equipment the police carry and asked great questions. Mrs O'Brien dressed in the helmet and shield, which meant she was protected when we threw beanbags at her! Our learning about 'People Who Help Us' will carry on up until the end of this half term.





Upcoming Events

Friday 2nd February

NSPCC Non-Uniform Day



Tuesday 6th February

Oak Class - Townerley Hall Visit

Thursday 8th February

Sycamore & Hawthorn Class - Church Visit



Friday 9th February

School Closes @ 3.30pm - February Half Term

Monday 19th February

School Re-Open to Pupils

Friday 23rd February

Family Friday - Year 1 & 2 Stay and Play



Thursday 29th February

Hazel Class Worship @ 9.15am

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

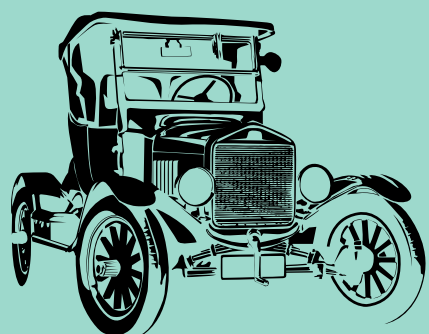


Friday 8th March

Family Friday - World Book Day

Wednesday 13th March

Beech Class Trip - Science and Industry Museum





Staff Introductions

Let us introduce you to Miss Aspin, the newest member of the office team:

'I am very excited to get to know everyone, and I already feel very welcome here at St James' Lanehead.'



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.



PE & Forest School Timetable

PE Timetable

Elm - Monday (Year 1 Only), Wednesday (Reception and Year 1)

Beech - Thursday & Friday

Willow - Tuesday & Wednesday

Hazel - Tuesday

Rowan - Friday

Sycamore - Wednesday & Thursday

Hawthorn - Monday and Friday

Oak - Tuesday & Thursday



Forest School Timetable

Ash - Wednesday

Hazel - Thursday

Rowan - Tuesday



On the day your child has Forest School, please send them to school in their school uniform as normal, with Forest School items in a bag.



Head Girl - Governors Report

Dear Governors,

It's a pleasure that we can have you here at St James this Wednesday. As we have heard you would like to hear about our perspective on the School.

Curriculum

My opinion is that our School curriculum doesn't need to change as it is already amazing and we get taught the right things for the right amount of time. My favourite subjects are English, Music and RE. Although I dislike Maths the teachers still make it fun and I feel like I have a lot of support.

Teachers and staff

All teachers at St James are very nice, no matter what class they teach they always make an effort with all pupils. Our headteacher Mrs Dugdale does some very selfless things that she knows is right for the pupils.

CALM School code

Our calm school code is a sign that is pinned up everywhere from classrooms to the hall. Without these rules some people may struggle to pay the right respect to our School.

Forest School

All thanks to Mrs Dugdale and the team Forest School benefits us as we can learn and grow outside. Forest School helps us to understand the true beauty of nature and even taking a couple of minutes outside can benefit you. Our classroom under the sky is where we write notes and opinions on the topics of Forest School. The gate leading into the Forest is the true beauty of nature. Without Mrs Dugdale and the team Forest School would not be a thing.

Extra Curricular Activities

All of our extra curriculum's gives the pupils a chance to find something that is right for them as we all know that it can be hard to find something new that we like. The variety of clubs is amazing and there is something for everyone. For our Chess club we wish them a Merry Chessmas!

Different roles in School

At the end of the School Year, the current Year 5's rely on their applications to get the job that they have hoped for. Even if you don't get the job that you want then you will always have a special place in School as we are a family who flourishes and grows together.

Aspirations Day

Aspirations day is a special event that is held in the month of February where Year 5 and Year 6 are able to apply for a role in School. Going from a cleaner to the Headteacher there is a role for everyone. This is an exciting day as the temporary head teacher and teachers get to announce their Proud Award winners

Friday assesmbly

These are always exciting as awards are given out from Teachers, to people who they are proud of. No matter who wins this aware everyone is always happy for them. Friday is also a time that everyone dreads as the houses, Scott, Queens, Townley and Thompson, are to find out what team has won the most team points. We always do a drum roll before first place and that is something that we will all remember.

It is a pleasure being a Head Girl at St James' as there are a lot of responsibilities but we know what is right for the School. I am proud of being a St James pupil.

Beau Routh - Head Girl





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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |