



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

I hope that you enjoy reading the Newsletter and enjoy seeing all the wonderful learning here at St. James' Lanehead.

The Senior Leadership Team are enjoying seeing all the learning in the classes. We are pleased that so many of our staff team are taking National Professional Qualifications. This will really strengthen the school.

As many of you will have seen the building work is on track. We are aiming at the phase 1 – two new classrooms for EYFS will be completed by Christmas. After Christmas we will be starting the work internally. Thank you to the staff for their hard work with this project. We are very grateful for the Barchester contributions made to the school. As a school we need to pay 10% of any bid work we have.

Maths Homework is something we are going to improve. Inline with White Rose Hub we are going to issue each child a Maths Homework book. This will really enhance the children's knowledge and skills. These new books will be launched in January.

Please see the dates for your diary for the Nativity performances at St Cuthbert's Church Hall and the Carol Service for KS2 at St James' Church. These events are ticket only. Tickets are available on the School Spider app. We are all looking forward to these and we have a special guest appearance with Lisa Fenton from the Diocese coming to the Carol Service. Lisa appears on our Worship Together each Monday so the children are looking forward to seeing her in real life!

Please enjoy the Newsletter,

Take care

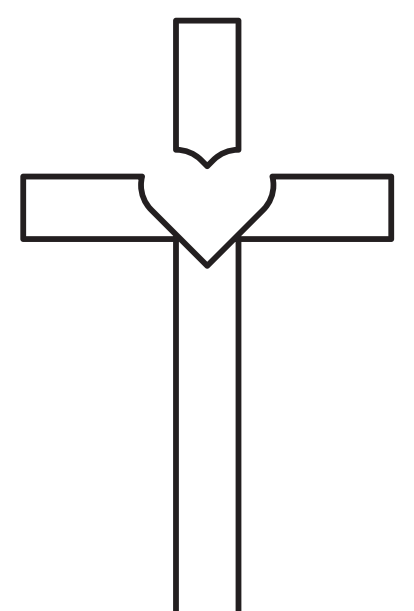
*Mrs Dugdale*

## 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.

This month we are learning all about:

- The Angel Visits Mary
- Isaiah
- Jesus Baby and Man





## Class Worship

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to watch Sycamore Class' Worship last week. We hope you enjoyed it!

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

*Rowan Class* - Thursday 25th January @ 9.15am

*Hazel Class* - Thursday 28th February @ 9.15am

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

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

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

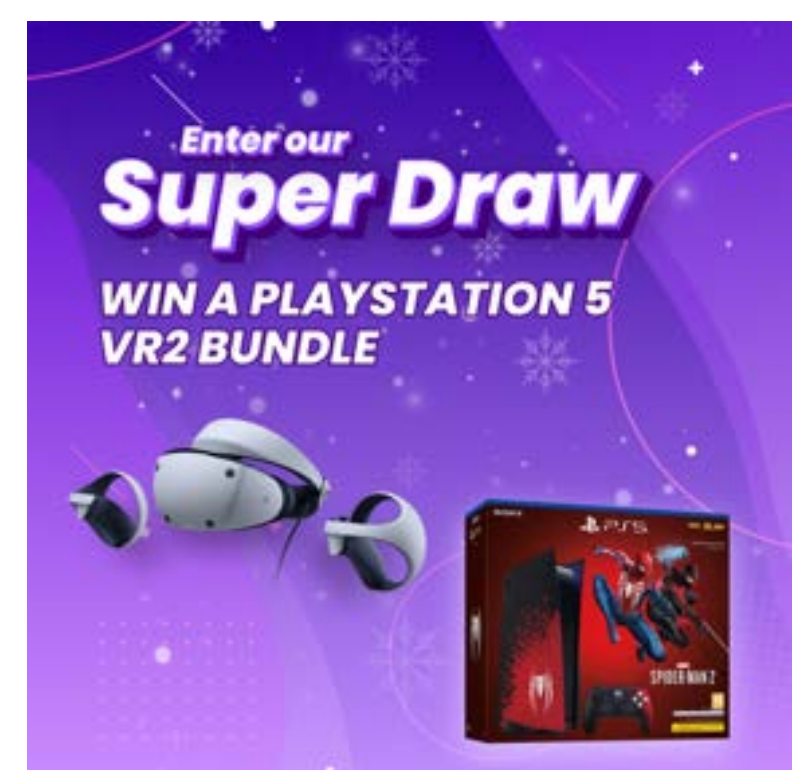
*Ash Class* - Thursday 27th June @ 9.15am



## School Lottery

Please sign up to the lottery and help our school.

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





## Remembrance Display

Here are some photographs of the Remembrance Wreaths our children created for our Remembrance display in school. We held a Remembrance Day Worship and all the staff were very proud of the respect shown by pupils when taking part in the 2 minutes silence. In the afternoon family members were invited into school for a Remembrance Day Family Friday.



## Owl Visit

What an exciting day Elm, Beech and Willow Class had this month. As part of our English work, we have read *The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark*.

We had a visit from the owl sanctuary and had a hands-on experience with three beautiful owls.





## Children In Need

Thank you to everybody who brought in 'Pennies for Pudsey' this month for our Spotacular Children in Need event. In total we raised £324.09 which is fantastic!





## Christmas Fair



December 8th 3.45-5.15pm

An event for the whole family to enjoy!

# CHRISTMAS FAIR AND MARKET

The children will be selling their enterprise projects outside their classrooms. We will also have a variety of stalls ran by our school leadership team and PTFA

Interactive Games    Chocolate Tombola  
Raffle                    Toy/Bric-a-brac tombola  
Water or wine

We are looking for donations of old toys / teddies , which can be brought into the school office.

If you have a company which could donate a raffle prize please let the school office know

Entry by  
Donation





## Eyfs & KS1 Nativity



# KS1 Nativity



Wednesday 13th December



**Our EYFS & KS1 children will be performing 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All' on Wednesday 13th December at St Cuthbert's Church Hall.**

**Tickets are available to purchase on the school spider app.**

**Morning Performance - 11.00am**

**Afternoon Performance - 2.00pm**

**Tickets will be sent home at the beginning of December.**

**Please can all EYFS & KS1 children be dropped off at St Cuthbert's Church Hall at 9am on both Tuesday 12th (Nativity Rehearsal) and Wednesday 13th December. Children can be collected from St Cuthbert's Church Hall at 3.00pm on these days.**

**If your child usually has a school dinner, a packed lunch will be provided for them.**





## KS2 Carol Concert



# KS2 Carol Service

Tuesday 19th December



**All of our KS2 Pupils will be taking part in a Carol Service on Tuesday 19th December at St James' Church.**

**There will be both a morning and afternoon service.**

**Morning Service - 11.00am**

**Afternoon Service - 1.30pm**

**To secure your tickets, please complete the form on the school app letting us know which service you are attending.**

**There is no charge to attend the service, however there will be a collection at church for those of you wishing to give a donation. Please note: due to space in church we can only offer 2 tickets per family.**

**Tickets will be sent home at the beginning of December.**

**Please can all KS2 children be dropped off at St James' Church at 9am on Tuesday 19th December. Children can be collected at 3.00pm or when the performance finishes if you are attending.**

**If your child usually has a school dinner, a packed lunch will be provided for them.**



## Upcoming Events



### Tuesday 5th December

Rowan Class - Christmas Pantomime



### Friday 8th December

Christmas Fair - 3.45pm



### Tuesday 12th December

EYFS & KS1 Natvity Rehearsal - St Cuthbert's Church Hall



### Wednesday 13th December

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance - St Cuthbert's Church Hall  
Tickets available to purchase through the school app.

### Tuesday 19th December

KS2 Carol Service - St James' Church  
Please fill in the form on the school app regarding which performance you will be attending.



### Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Jumper Day  
PTFA Christmas Visitor

### Thursday 21st December

School Closes at 1.30pm

### Monday 8th January

School Re-Open to Pupils





## *St James' Church Events*

**Please see below the upcoming events at St James' Church over the Christmas period.**

*Sunday 17th December* - Christingle - 3pm



*Sunday 24th December* - Blessing of the Crib - 3pm  
Midnight Mass - 11.30pm



## *Governing Board*

**Let us introduce you to our Governing Board:**

**Janet Hartley**—Chair of Governing Board

**Ryan Catlow** —Vice Chair of Governing Board and Parent Governor

**Michelle Dugdale**—Ex-Officio Governor/Headteacher

**Anna Dickinson**—Parent Governor

**Clare Madbouli**—Foundation Governor

**Russel Hawkes** - Foundation Governor

**Kathryn Ellidge**—Foundation Governor

**Barbara Hanson**—Foundation Governor

**Naomi Healey**—Foundation Governor

**Christopher Holdsworth**—Foundation Governor

**Lucy Hargreaves**—Staff Governor

We will post a little message from a Governor every month to help you get to know them.

MEET OUR GOVERNORS

**ANNA DICKINSON**

PARENT GOVERNOR



My name is Anna Dickinson and I am a Parent Governor. I am married to Andrew, we have 3 children (2 boys and a girl). Our youngest 2 children attend St James' Lanehead. I live and work within the local community and we are regular attendees at St James' Church. I feel privileged to be able to send my children to St James' Lanehead and I am looking forward to contributing to the successful running of the school. With 3 children and working part time for the NHS family time is precious. We enjoy exploring the local area- there is always an adventure to be had!



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

#### **Spring Term 2025**

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

#### **Summer Term 2025**

INSET (Closed to pupils)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025
Re-open to pupils	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Polling Day	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 – TBC ( <b>REMOTE LEARNING</b> )
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>st</sup> May 2025 (inclusive)
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025
Closure after school	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July at 1.30pm