



Message from the Headteacher

Dear families,

A Packed Half Term at St James Lanehead

We have had a wonderfully busy and productive half term here at St James Lanehead CE Primary School. Our pupils have continued to flourish with enthusiasm in their learning, and the school community remains as welcoming and supportive as ever.

Staffing Update

We would like to inform you that Mrs. Hayman will be leaving us in November. She wants to work closer to home, and while we will miss her greatly, we wish her all the very best in this new chapter of her career. We are grateful for her dedication and contribution to our school community.

Social Media Launch

We have launched our Facebook page and we hope that it gives you an insight into the day to day life at St James'.

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA who have been planning lots of activities for you all over the school year.

Mrs Dugdale

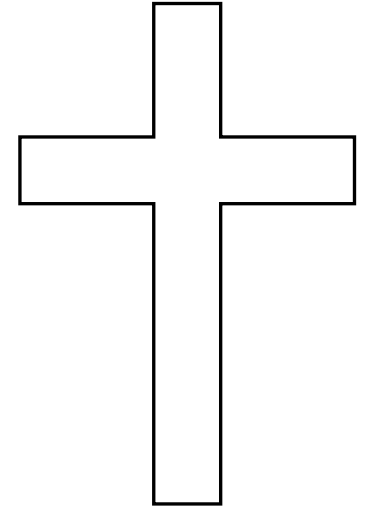


Collective Worship

This year in collective worship we are continuing to learn about Gods Big Story through the Blackburn Diocese Board of Education.

Next month we will be learning all about:

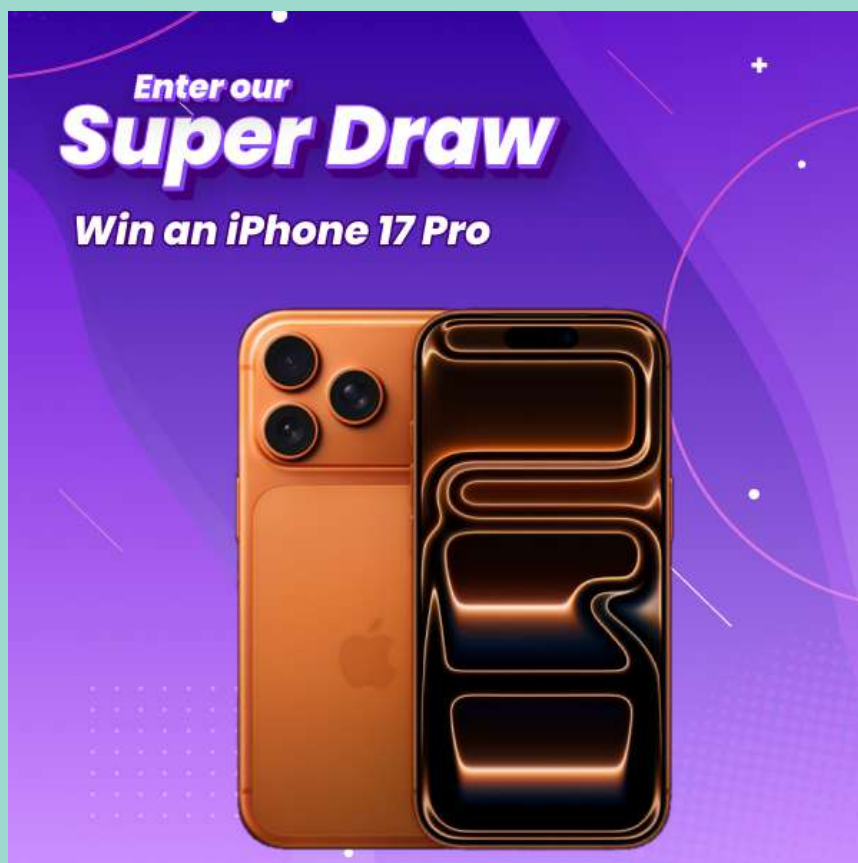
- The Sacrifice of Noel Chavasse
- National Odd Socks Day
- Paul's Journeys and the Spread of Christianity
- The Work of Good News For Everyone



PTFA

The School Lottery is a brilliant resource for parents to sign up to. It provides funds for the PTFA and you can also win prizes weekly! If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-james-lanehead-church-of-england-primary-school>



Congratulations to the lucky winners of our school lottery over the last month:

27th September Mr I £19.80
4th October Mrs G £10.50
11th October Ms M £10.50

Easyfundraising

Download the easyfundraising app before the end of the month & select 'St James' Lanehead Primary PTFA' to donate £2 to our school.

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Earn an App-solutely FREE £2 donation for:
St James' Lanehead Primary PTFA

- 1 Use the QR code right to install the free easyfundraising app
- 2 Use the app to find our PTA and sign up as a supporter
- 3 We get a £2 bonus donation each time this happens before 31st October

Free donations for our PTA when you shop online

TESCO **Argos** **ebay** **JOHN LEWIS & PARTNERS** **8000+ online retailers**



Non-Uniform Day

We are holding a non-uniform day in school on Friday 7th November.

In return, we are asking for donations towards St James' Church's Bingo Event which is taking place on Friday 14th November.

This can be either a bottle, chocolates/sweets or other items suitable for a hamper.



Sporting Events!

Some of our pupils took part in the Burnley School Sport Partnership Cross Country Event this month at Towneley Park.

We are so proud of the children for challenging themselves and representing our school so brilliantly.

A huge well done from us all!





Breaths and Beats

Children from both Hawthorn Class and Sycamore Class enjoyed a great session with 'Breaths and Beats' on Wednesday. This was an engaging session focusing on how breathing can be linked with Mindfulness. The children enjoyed singing Sea Shanty's and learning how to march to a beat whilst focusing on their breathing.



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Festival!
We really appreciate your kindness and support.





Bonkers for Conkers

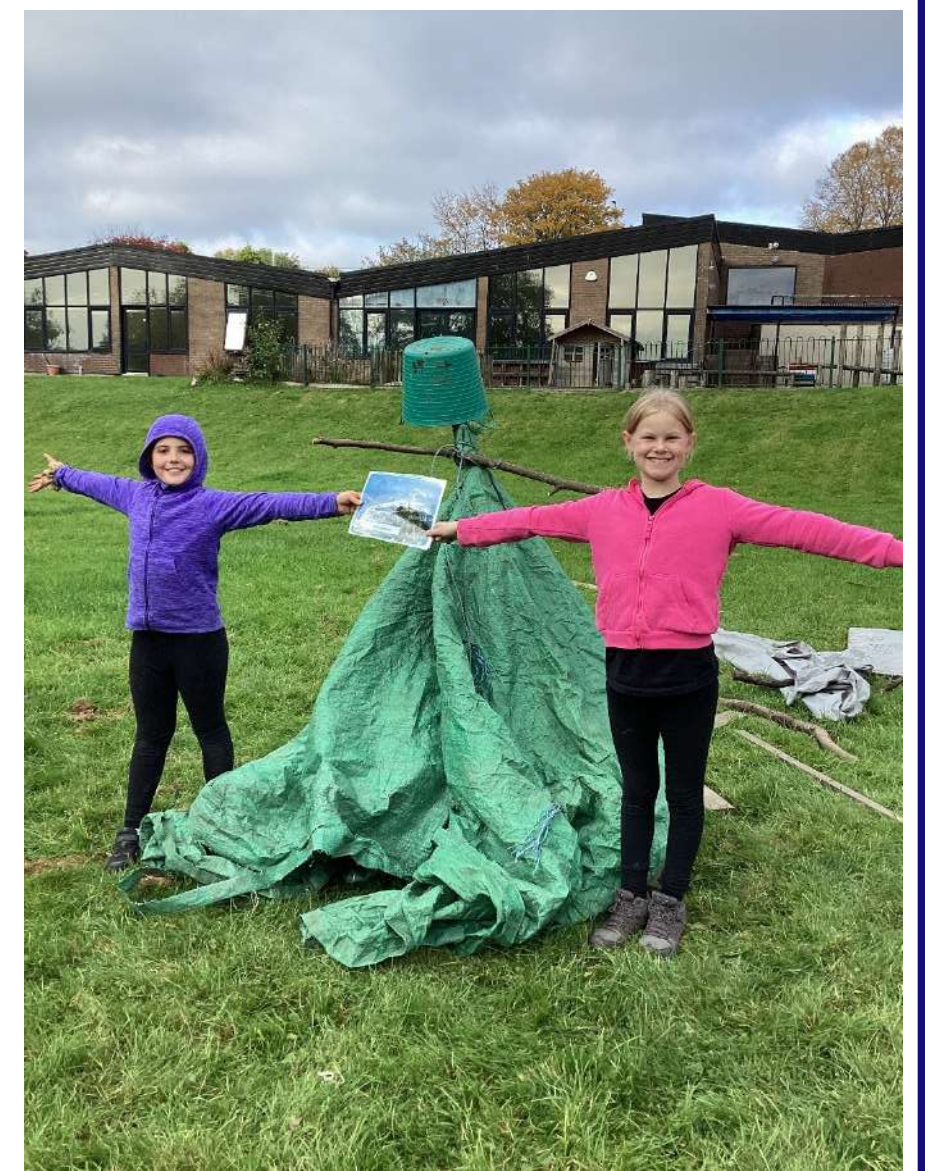
Our children have had a fantastic time this week taking part in conker competitions and getting creative with autumn crafts. It's been a lovely way to kick off the new season and celebrate all the beauty that autumn brings!





Forest School

Forest School is in full swing this term for Sycamore, Hawthorn, and Oak Classes!
The children are absolutely loving their time in our classroom under the sky. It's been a joy to see them explore, learn, and grow in nature.
We can't wait to continue the adventure next half term!





Attendance



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**Good attendance
at school is being
here 97% of the
time**

Pupils who arrive late and/or leave early disrupt lessons, which can be embarrassing for the child and can in turn, encourage absence. It is extremely disruptive for the rest of their class.

**90% attendance
means 1/2 a days
absence each week;
4 weeks over the
year & half a years
absence over 5
years!!**

At St James' Lanehead, we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling and we believe our pupils can be amongst the best.

Attending school every day will help give your child the best possible start in life.

Going to school every day means:

- learning new skills
- making friends
- having lots of fun
- building lasting relationships
- taking part in exciting activities

You can help us to help your child by encouraging regular school attendance.

Regular attendance helps children to develop their confidence and to make and keep lasting friendships.

Your child's education is very important; attendance habits established in the foundation years of education can affect their entire school life.

**If you take your
child on a 2 week
holiday in term
time, attendance
for the year
immediately drops
to 95%.**

*"Education is the most powerful
weapon that you can use to
change the world" Nelson
Mandela*

**Missing just 10
minutes of school a
day is the same as
missing two weeks
over the year.**



Upcoming Events:

Monday 3rd November
School Re-Opens

Tuesday 4th November
Beech Class Trip - Brockholes



Friday 7th November
Non-Uniform Day & Hazel Class - Family Friday

Wednesday 12th November
Parents Evening 1 of 1

Thursday 13th November
Flu Vaccinations in School



Friday 14th November
Elm Class Trip - Brockholes

Tuesday 18th November
Hawthorn Class Worship - 2.30pm @ St James Church

Wednesday 19th November
Parents Evening 2 of 2

Friday 21st November
Rowan Class - Family Friday

Monday 24th November
Willow Class Trip - Brockholes



School Term Dates 2026/2027



School Term & Holiday Patterns 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026

Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026 (inclusive)
Re-open to Pupils	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Closure after school	Friday 18 th December 2026 at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2027

Re-open to pupils	Monday 4 th January 2027
Mid Term Closure	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027 (inclusive)
Re-open to Pupils	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Closure after school	Thursday 25 th March 2027 at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2027

Re-open to pupils	Monday 12 th April 2027
May Day Closure	Monday 3 rd May 2027
Mid Term Closure	Monday 24 th May to Friday 4 th June 2027 (inclusive)
Re-open to pupils	Monday 7 th June 2027
Closure after school	Wednesday 21 st July 2027 at 1.30pm



Forest School Timetable

Forest School Timetable - 2025/2026

Autumn term

Date	Class
2/9/25	Hawthorn
9/9/25	Sycamore
16/9/25	Oak
23/9/25	Hawthorn
30/9/25	Sycamore
7/10/25	Oak
14/10/25	Hawthorn
4/11/25	Oak
11/11/25	Hawthorn
18/11/25	Sycamore
25/11/25	Oak
2/12/25	Hawthorn
9/12/25	Sycamore
16/12/25	Oak

Spring term

Date	Class
6/01/26	Willow
13/01/26	Hazel
20/01/26	Rowan
27/01/26	Willow
3/02/26	Hazel
10/02/26	Rowan
24/02/26	Willow
3/03/26	Hazel
10/03/26	Rowan
17/03/26	Willow
24/03/26	Hazel
31/03/26	Rowan

Summer term

Date	Class
14/04/26	Ash
21/04/26	Elm
28/04/26	Beech
05/05/26	Elm
12/05/26	Ash
19/05/26	Beech
9/06/26	Ash
16/06/26	Elm
23/06/26	Beech
30/06/26	Ash
07/07/26	Elm
14/07/26	Beech