



Message from the Headteacher

Dear St James' Lanehead CE Primary School Family,

As we approach the festive season, I wanted to share some important updates and celebrations from our school community.

First and foremost, I am pleased to announce that I will be starting my maternity leave and during my absence, Mr Elliott will be stepping into the role of Acting Headteacher, commencing on 1st December. I am deeply grateful for the incredible support and warm wishes I have received from the Governing Board, parents, children and staff during this transition. The school will be in very good hands and continue to thrive.

I am thrilled to celebrate some wonderful recent achievements. Our school has been fortunate to receive sponsorship from Pro Print Solutions for our new football kit - a fantastic contribution that supports our pupils' sporting endeavours.

Additionally, our entire Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed a magical trip to the Pantomime in Blackpool. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Hargreaves and Mrs Ormerod for their exceptional organisation of this delightful experience. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who made this possible.

As we move deeper into the festive period, our school is buzzing with excitement. Nativity practises are in full swing, and preparations for our Carol Services are well underway. These cherished traditions bring our school community together and capture the true spirit of the season. I look forward to the continued success and joy of our school, even as I prepare for my upcoming maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2026.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Pugdale

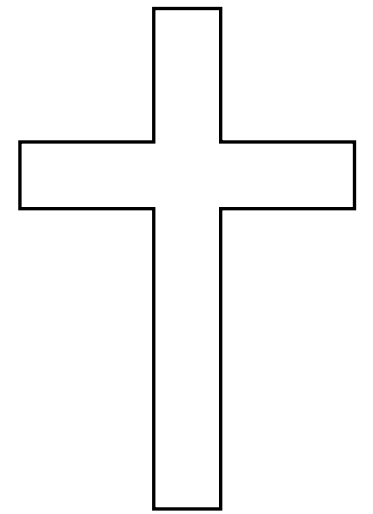


Collective Worship

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:

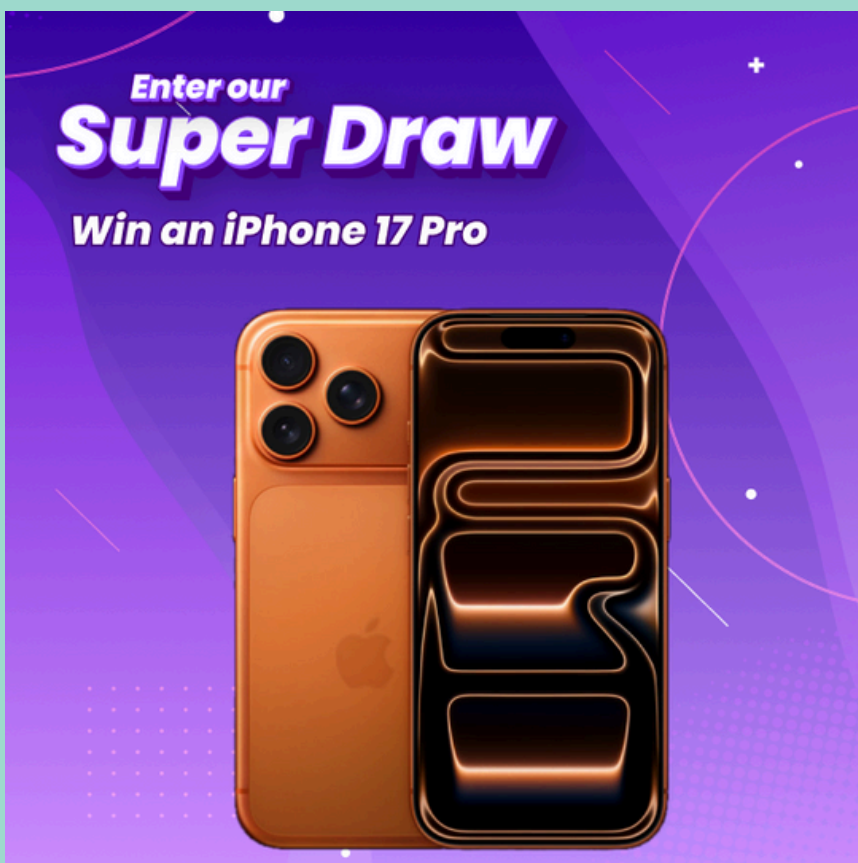
- Advent 1 The Prophets
- Advent 2 John the Baptist
- Advent 3 Mary



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:

18th October Mrs D £10.20
25th October Mx S £11.70
1st November Mr I £11.10
8th November Mrs D £11.10
15th November Mx G £11.10
22nd November Mx N £11.70

Easyfundraising

Support Our School at No Extra Cost!

We've partnered with easyfundraising and Parentkind to make fundraising simple. Every time you shop online with over 8,000 retailers—including Amazon, Tesco, John Lewis, and more—our school receives a free donation. It doesn't cost you a penny extra! Just sign up, shop as usual, and help us raise vital funds for resources and activities. Join today at easyfundraising.org.uk/parentkind and select 'St James' Lanehead Primary PTFA' make a big difference with your everyday shopping.

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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

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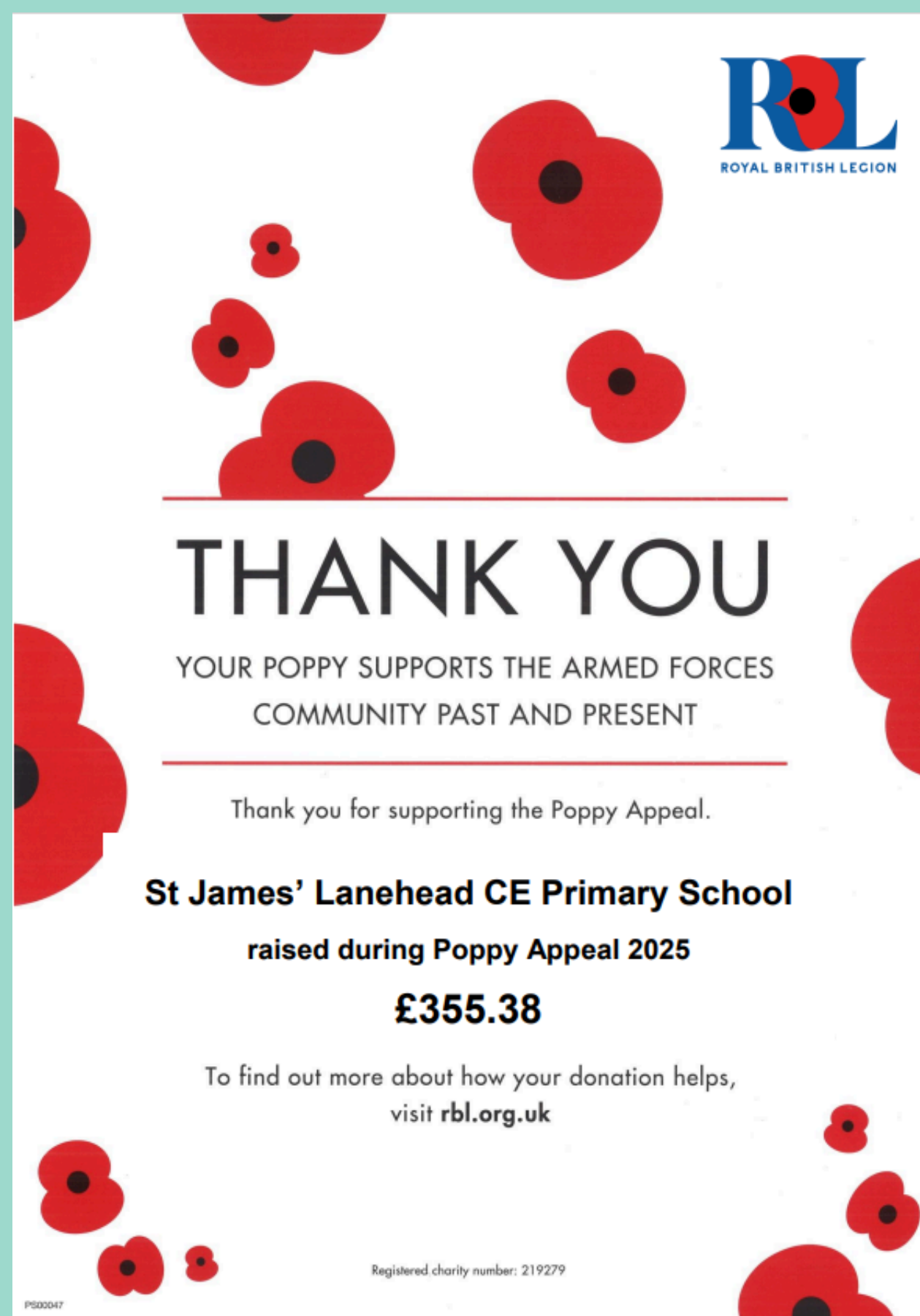


Remembrance Day

Honouring Remembrance Day

Our school came together to pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our freedom. We held a Remembrance Service in school where each class created a beautiful wreath to show respect and remembrance.

At 11:00 a.m., our Head Boys and Girls, along with the school council executives, walked to the local cenotaph to lay wreaths on behalf of our school and observe the two-minute silence. We are proud of our students for their thoughtfulness and understanding of this important day. Lest we forget.





Children In Need

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in their pennies for Pudsey!
We're thrilled to announce that together we've raised £306.39 for Children
in Need – which is fantastic!
Your generosity will make a real difference.



KS2 Carol Service

Our KS2 Carol Service will be held at **St James' Church on Wednesday 17th December** with two services at **10:00am** and **1:00pm**. Due to limited seating, each family will be given two tickets in total.

Thank you to all those who have requested tickets. If you did not request any tickets, you will automatically be given two tickets for the 10.00am service as the afternoon service is fully booked.

Tickets are free of charge and will be sent home on Monday 15th December.

There will be a voluntary collection on the day for anyone who wishes to donate to the church.





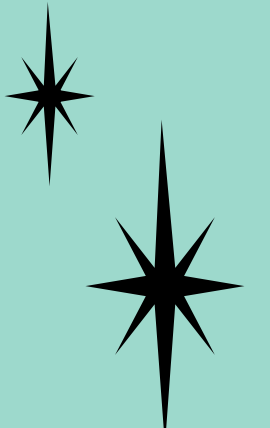
Nativities

EYFS Nativity - Thursday 4th December

The EYFS Nativity will take place on Thursday 4th December, with two performances at 10:00am and 2:00pm.

As this show involves only one year group, we are able to offer two tickets per family for each performance. Tickets will be sent home with your child on Monday 1st December—please keep them safe, as we are unable to provide replacements.

Tickets are free of charge, but there will be a voluntary collection on the day for anyone who would like to make a donation towards set and costumes.



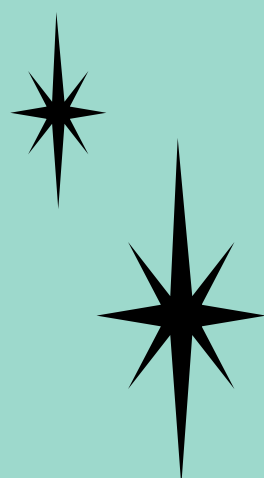
Year 1 & 2 Nativity - Thursday 11th December

We are now fully booked for the afternoon performance of the Year 1 & 2 Nativity on Thursday 11th December.

If you have requested tickets through the app, you will be given tickets for the performance you have requested.

If you have not yet requested tickets through the school app, your child will be sent home with 2 tickets for the morning performance at 10.00am.

All tickets will be sent home on Monday 8th December



Tickets are free of charge, but there will be a voluntary collection on the day for anyone who would like to make a donation towards set and costumes..

Football Tournament

This month, our football team delivered an outstanding performance in the Lancashire Schools Football Association Tournament. We played three group-stage matches, winning two and drawing one—finishing top of the group!

This incredible achievement secured our place in the semi-finals, where we faced the other top seven teams in Burnley. Our players showed great skill and determination, winning one match, drawing another, and narrowly losing the remaining games by just a single goal.

As always, the team played with the right spirit and sportsmanship, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. Well done to everyone involved!





Christmas Disco

Christmas Disco Celebration!

We are excited to announce that the PTFA have very kindly offered to fund a DJ to host our Christmas Discos on Thursday, 18th December!

The discos will take place during the school day, with plenty of music, party games, and dancing competitions– it's going to be a fantastic festive event!

Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes on this day to join in the fun.

Thank you to the PTFA for making this special celebration possible!

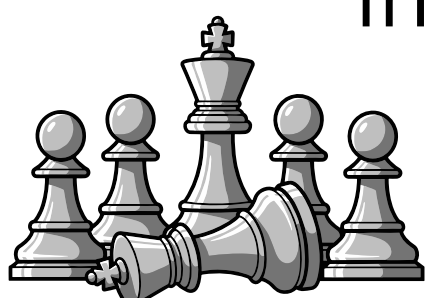


Chessmas

Chess Club Christmas Party!

If your child attends Chess Club on Monday lunchtimes, they are invited to join us for a special “Chessmas” Christmas Party on Monday, 15th December.

The celebration will take place during lunchtime, and will include festive fun for all our chess enthusiasts!





Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 2nd December

Elm Class Trip - Brockholes

Thursday 4th December

EYFS Nativity - 10.00am & 2.00pm



Thursday 11th December

Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 10.00am & 2.00pm

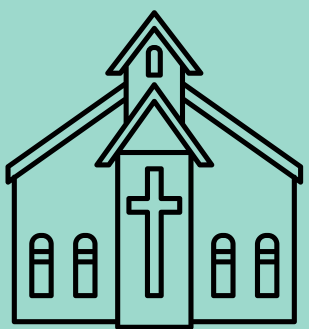
Monday 15th December

Choir Visiting Oaklands
Chessmas Christmas Party



Tuesday 16th December

Special Visitor in school



Wednesday 17th December

KS2 Carol Service @ St James' Church- 10.00am & 1.00pm

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Disco in school - children can wear party clothes



Friday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
School Closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas Holidays



Monday 5th January
School reopens

*Happy
New Year*



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