



## *Message from the Headteacher*

Dear Families,

We have enjoyed another very productive month here at St James Lanehead, with the children taking part in a wide range of activities, from sporting events to Bikeability and Family Fridays. It was wonderful to see so many families join the staff for the PTFA's Bingo Night. I am looking forward to working with the PTFA to arrange more of these wonderful events.

At St James Lanehead, we truly believe that everyone is special in God's eyes and that the children should have ownership of their school. Following a request from our School Council, we have installed Worry Boxes throughout school so that children can share any worries they may have. These boxes are secure and Mrs Dallison regularly checks them and speaks to any child who needs a moment to discuss their concerns – our children's mental health and wellbeing are paramount.

Our Worship Committee have worked with Father Michael to create a wonderful new whole-school prayer:

Loving God,

Bless our school.

Help us to flourish and grow in kindness and courage.

Inspire us to work hard and help one another,  
and to show respect in all we do.

Remind us that we are all special in your eyes.

Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions,  
and help us to use our gifts wisely.

Let us remember, that as many hands build a building,  
so many hearts make our school.

Keep us safe, happy, and full of hope,  
and help us to shine your light wherever we go.

Amen

(Worship Committee – February 2026)

I am certain you will agree that they have created a phenomenal prayer, which beautifully illustrates how our Christian ethos permeates every aspect of school life. The staff, Governors, and children work tirelessly to ensure every member of our school family flourishes, with Jesus at the heart of everything we do.

Warm regards,

*Mr M Elliott*

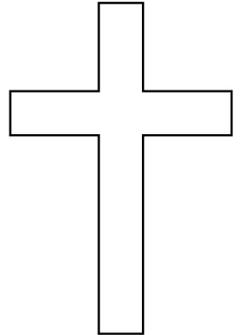


## Collective Worship

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:

- All For Jesus - Lent 2
- All For Jesus - Lent 3
- All For Jesus - Lent 4
- All For Jesus - Lent 5



## 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:

21 Feb Miss N £10.25

14 Feb Mr I £10.25

7 Feb Mx S £10.25

31 Jan Mr W £13.50



## Easyfundraising

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## Knowsley Safari Park

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Knowsley Safari Park, to learn more about habitats and extend our knowledge on different animals. Our day included a Sealion Display, a Bird of Prey Display, an African Adventure Foot Safari and the Baboon Bus, which took us around the park to see and hear about the different animals and resulted in a number of baboons climbing all over the bus! A great day was had by all and it was a pleasure to share the experience with the children.





## Bikeability



Our Year 5 children took part in their Bikeability training this month and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. For some, it was their very first time on a bike. With determination and support they not only learned to ride but successfully achieved their Level 1 award. Many others went on to complete Level 2, confidently demonstrating their skills out on the roads.

Throughout the sessions, the instructors commented on how wonderfully behaved, polite and enthusiastic the children were. They showed resilience, teamwork and a real willingness to learn. A huge well done to all of Year 5 for their hard work and brilliant attitude!





## Sporting Events

Some of our Key Stage One children were invited to take part in the Key Stage One Panathlon event recently, organised by BSSP. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a range of activities, including running, jumping, throwing, balancing and kicking.

As always, they showed great enthusiasm, tried their very best and supported one another throughout the event. We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, determination and positive attitude.



Our Year 5 and 6 pupils did brilliantly at the Indoor Athletics Town Qualifiers. They showed great effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout. It was especially lovely to see some children taking part in their first ever school sports event - and cheering each other on all the way.

Well done, everyone!

We were so proud to take part in a fantastic Speed Stacking event organised by Burnley School Sports Partnership last week! Our children had an amazing time — they never stopped smiling, challenging themselves, and trying to beat their previous times.



Throughout the morning, we took part in a range of fun activities to help us prepare for the big competition in the afternoon. As always, our children were exemplary. They showed incredible resilience, perseverance, teamwork, and effort from start to finish. We couldn't be prouder!





## Bingo Night

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising this month's Bingo Night — your hard work made the evening run so smoothly.

We're also incredibly grateful to our wonderful parents for their generous donations. We received so many that we were able to offer extra raffle prizes as well as all the fabulous hampers!

And of course, thank you to everyone who came along on the night. Your support helped make the event a fantastic success. ❤️



## Family Friday

This half term, both Beech and Sycamore Classes enjoyed fantastic Family Friday afternoons. Both classes began by proudly performing a dance they have been working on during their PE lessons. Their confidence shone through — and the highlight of the moment was when they invited parents and carers to join in the fun and dance along with them!

Following the performance, families spent the rest of the afternoon taking part in a range of engaging activities linked to the children's current learning in class.





## Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents Evening 1 of 2

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
World Book Day



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Willow Class Worship - St James Church @ 2.30pm



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Parents Evening 2 of 2

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Mother's Day Coffee and Cake - 1 of 2

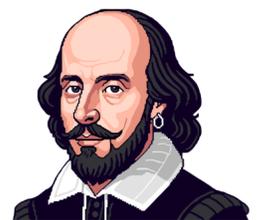


Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Choir - Lets Go Sing Concert - Blackburn Ice Arena



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Mother's Day Coffee and Cake - 2 of 2

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Oak Class - Gawthorpe Hall

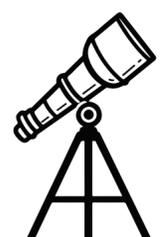


Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Epilepsy Awareness Day - 'Purple Day'



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Hazel and Rowan Class - Jodrell Bank

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Sycamore and Hawthorn - Jodrell Bank





## *School Term Dates 2026/2027*



### **School Term & Holiday Patterns 2026-27**

#### **Autumn Term 2026**

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

#### **Spring Term 2027**

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

#### **Summer Term 2027**

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



## PE & Forest School Timetable

### Forest School Timetable - 2025/2026

#### 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

### PE Timetable - Spring 2

Ash Class - Friday

Elm Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Beech Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Willow Class - Monday & Wednesday

Hazel Class - Monday & Thursday

Rowan Class - Wednesday & Friday

Sycamore Class - Monday & Thursday (Year 5 Only)

Hawthorn Class - Monday & Wednesday

Oak Class - Tuesday & Wednesday

Swimming will continue on a Thursday morning for Year 4 pupils.

