



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

March has been a very busy and wonderful month, with the children enjoying a wide range of exciting events—from trips, Tots on Tyres, a rock concert to numerous sporting activities and many more. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our recent Purple Day. During the day, the children learned about the importance of raising awareness of epilepsy. The school raised a significant amount of money for a very deserving cause. Thank you—your generosity and passion for helping others is indicative of the amazing school family we have here at St James' Lanehead.

Our Worship Committee has worked with Father Michael to create our fabulous end-of-term Easter Service. They will be leading this service on Thursday, and following on from their success in writing our new school prayer last month, they have written two lovely Easter prayers:

Infant Easter Prayer

Dear God,

We thank you for everything you give us.

As we remember Easter and your love for us,

that you died on the cross and rose again to give us new life,

may we never forget the true meaning of Easter and store it in our hearts.

Thank you always for loving and caring for us.

Amen

Junior Easter Prayer

Father God,

Thank you for sending your only Son to save us from our sins.

Thank you for helping us through Lent.

Help us to remember the true meaning of Easter.

Help us to show courage and forgiveness, just like Jesus did.

In your loving name,

Amen

Our Sports Leaders have devised a range of sporting events for our children and staff to enjoy on Thursday 2nd April 2026—please come wearing your House colours.

As we come to the end of a very productive spring term, we would like to wish all our children, families, and staff a very happy and peaceful Easter. This season reminds us of hope, new beginnings, and the joy that comes from kindness and community—values we see every day in the life of our school.

We hope the holiday brings rest, sunshine, and special moments with loved ones. Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and partnership throughout the term.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting summer term ahead!

Warm regards,

Mr M Elliott

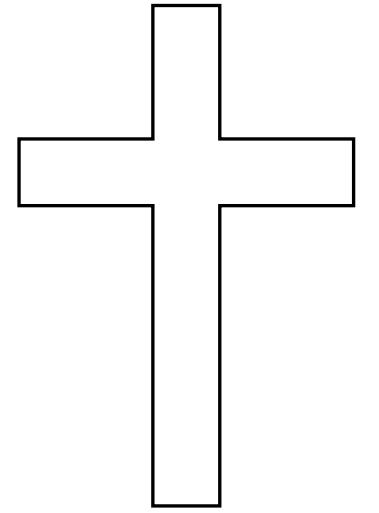


Collective Worship

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:

- Florence Li Tim-Oi
- Sharing God's Love In The Local Community
- Josiah



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:

- 28 Feb Mx M £20.00
- 7 Mar Mrs S £9.25
- 14 Mar Mx S £9.25
- 21 Mar Ms S £9.25
- 28 Mar Mx N £16.00



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Gawthorpe Hall

Last week, Oak Class enjoyed a wonderful visit to Gawthorpe Hall for a special Shakespeare-themed event. The children had a fantastic morning learning all about William Shakespeare and what life was like during the time he lived.

They took part in an exciting sword-handling lesson, discovering the techniques used on stage in Shakespeare's plays. The class also learnt several phrases from Shakespeare's era and explored a fascinating collection of historical objects from the period.

It was a fun, engaging, and educational experience that brought history to life for all of our pupils!





Tots on Tyres

Our reception pupils took part in 'Tots on Tyres' this month.

The Tots on Tyres programme is a fun, engaging balance bike training course designed specifically for reception-aged children. Delivered in small groups over four sessions, it introduces children to the foundations of cycling through play-based learning.

Children have so much fun, they don't even realise they're learning. By the end of the programme, they've gained the confidence and core skills that provide the perfect stepping stone towards riding a pedal bike—setting them up for a lifetime of cycling.

Well done EYFS!





Sporting Events

Our amazing rugby team had a fantastic time at the recent rugby festival. They did a superb job learning new rules and developing new skills throughout the event. As always, they represented our school brilliantly—working hard as a team, showing great sportsmanship, and showing respect to other schools and the referees. Well done once again to our incredible team! We are all so proud of you.



It was a real pleasure to take our amazing girls to a recent football event. They took part in a range of fun and challenging drills to develop their skills, before putting them into action in some small-sided games.

Our girls were fantastic—learning new techniques, supporting one another, showing great respect, and most importantly, having lots of fun throughout. Well done, everyone!





The Daisy Garland

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the children for wearing purple today in support of Epilepsy Awareness Day and The Daisy Garland. Your kindness and enthusiasm made the day truly special.

We're delighted to share that together we've raised £289.85 for this wonderful charity!
Thank you for helping make a difference.

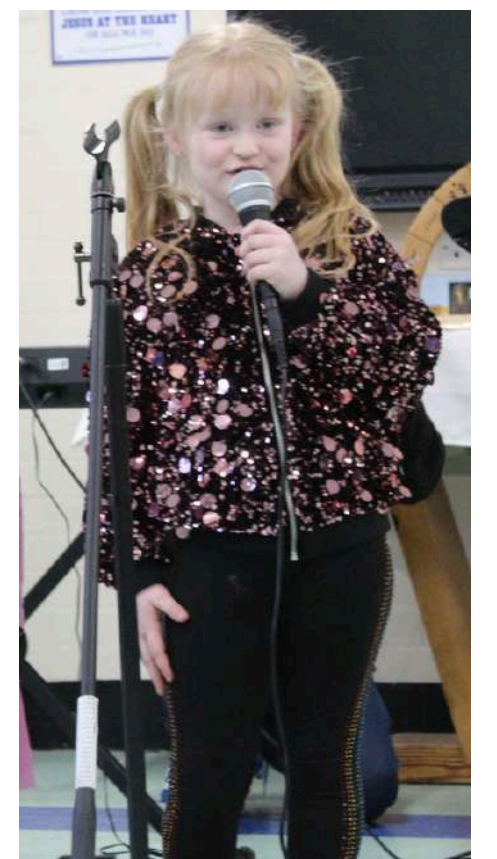


Rocksteady Concert

Well done to all our budding rockstars for their fantastic end-of-term Rocksteady concert last week!

The children were absolutely brilliant, and it was wonderful to see how proud all the family members were who came along to watch.

We can't wait to see what you get up to next half term!





Let's Go Sing

Our school choir had an absolutely fantastic time performing at the Let's Go Sing concert this month. The children sang their hearts out and filled the venue with energy, joy and confidence, even showing off some brilliant dance moves along the way! It was wonderful to see their hard work and enthusiasm shine through in such a special performance. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for representing our school so beautifully and making it such a memorable evening.



PE Timetable - Summer 1

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Ash - Friday

Elm - Monday & Thursday

Beech - Wednesday & Thursday

Willow - Tuesday & Wednesday

Hazel - Monday & Thursday

Rowan - Tuesday & Wednesday

Sycamore - Monday & Thursday (Year 5 Only)

Hawthorn - Monday & Friday

Oak - Tuesday & Wednesday

Forest School Timetable - Summer 1

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

Swimming will continue on a Thursday morning for all year 4 pupils.





Upcoming Events:



Thursday 2nd April

School Closes at 1.30pm for Easter

Monday 13th April

School Re-Open to Pupils

Thursday 23rd April

Ash Class Trip - Thornton Hall Farm



Friday 24th April

Elm Class - Family Friday



Monday 27th April

Beech Class Trip - Skipton Castle



Friday 30th April

Willow Class Trip - The Whitaker Museum

Thursday 7th May

Elm Class Trip - Skipton Castle

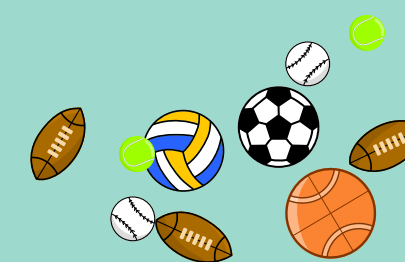


Tuesday 12th May

Beech Class Worship @ 2.30pm St James Church

Thursday 21st May

Sports Day



Friday 22nd May

Oak Class - Afternoon Tea

School Closes at 3.30pm for May Half Term

