



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

What a blessing it has been to enjoy such a wonderful and busy start to our Summer Term. The children have embraced their new learning with enthusiasm and joy, taking part in a wide range of engaging teaching and learning activities. It has been a pleasure to see them so fully immersed in their new topics.

At the start of term we welcomed Ofsted inspectors into our school. While we are unable to share the full outcome of their inspection until the official report is published, we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of our children and staff during this time. Throughout the inspection, our school community shone brightly.

The inspectors saw children who were polite, confident, and eager to learn, living out our Christian values each day. They also witnessed staff who work tirelessly to provide a caring, nurturing, and ambitious education, guided by faith and rooted firmly in our Christian ethos. We are truly thankful for the dedication of our staff and for the continued support and encouragement shown by our families. Your kind words and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Once the official Ofsted report is released, we will, of course, share it with you and outline our next steps as we continue to reflect, improve, and grow together, ensuring that every child is supported to flourish and fulfil their God-given potential at St James'.

Our children have also been fortunate to enjoy a variety of school trips this month, enriching their learning experiences beyond the classroom. We are looking forward to many more opportunities ahead, including our upcoming Colour Run events and Sports Day in May, which promise to be joyful celebrations of teamwork and community.

Finally, thank you once again to all our families for your ongoing support. Our strong home-school partnership is a true blessing and a vital part of our school's success. We are grateful for all that we share together as a faithful and caring Christian community.

Warm regards,
Mr M Elliott

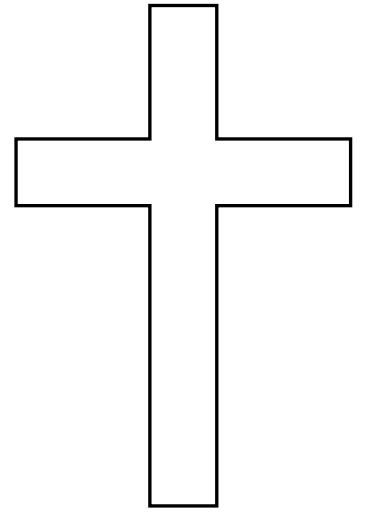


Collective Worship

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:

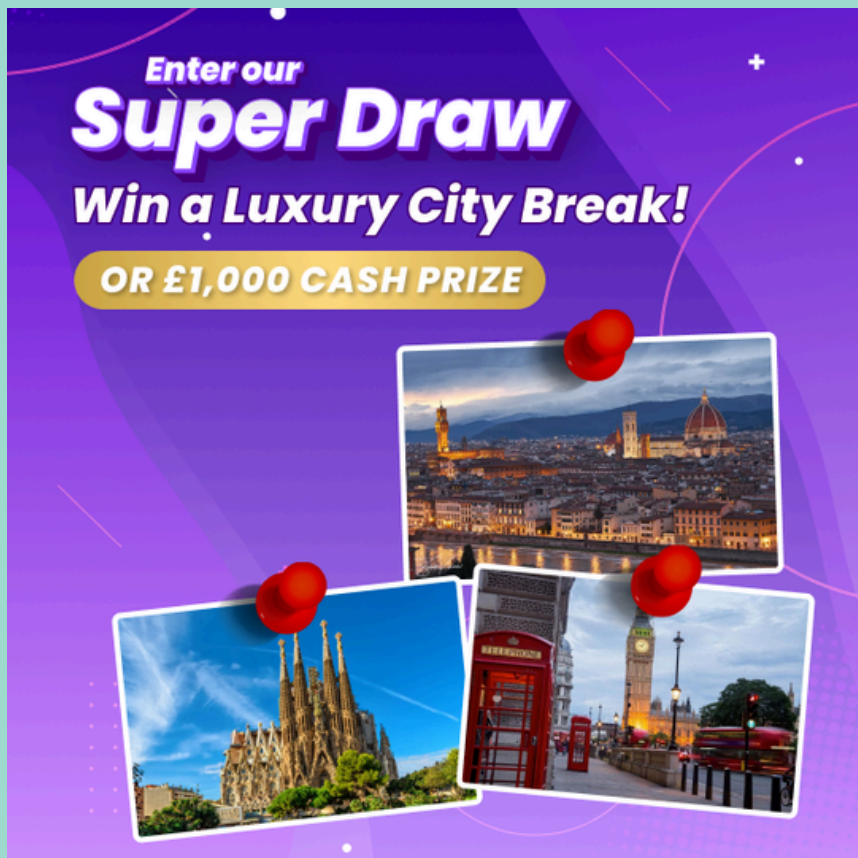
- The Message Spreads Far and Wide
- Ini Kopuria
- The Holy Spirit Comes



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:

4th April Mx. M £10.00
11th April Mx. C £10.25
18th April Mx. C £10.25
25th April Ms. D £14.00

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Thornton Hall Farm

🌿🐑 Ash Class Farm Visit 🐷🌿

Ash Class had the best time on their recent visit to the farm! As our very first school trip, the children behaved impeccably and had so much fun from start to finish.

We began with a safari adventure, travelling over the hills to see reindeer, geese and cows. Next, it was time to feed the animals – everyone was incredibly brave! The goats were definitely the funniest, as they tickled our hands when they ate.

In the barns we met llamas, donkeys, calves, goats, chickens, horses, ponies and even a mummy pig with her piglets – they were super cute! We also fed lambs with milk and enjoyed gently stroking chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits.

It was a very busy day and the children loved every minute. We can't wait for our next adventure... the beach!





Skipton Castle

Beech class had a wonderful time on their trip to Skipton Castle. We learnt lots of new information about castle defences and castle life in medieval times. We particularly enjoyed watching for enemies through the arrow slits and shooting at them with our imaginary bow and arrows. We found that it was very dark and unpleasant in the dungeon. We were not very impressed with the medieval toilet facilities, called a garderobe. We were very good at spotting the different masonry marks that had been chiselled into the stone walls.





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Colour Run

Friends Of St James PTA

St James Lanehead Colour Run

KS1 8th May

KS2 15th May

**During school hours, on the dates above the children will
be taking part in an obstacle course colour run!**

**If you can donate your time and help us with these
events, please get in touch
stjameslaneheadpta@gmail.com**





Sports Events

Our children had a fantastic time at the Walking Festival at Rowley Lake this week! They did brilliantly at den building, soft archery, duck rafting and hill climbing, and loved spending time chatting together between activities. A great evening full of fun and teamwork.



Operation Encompass

**We take part in
Operation Encompass**



**Operation
Encompass**

Supporting children affected by domestic abuse



"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."



Upcoming Events:

Thursday 7th May
Elm Class Trip - Skipton Castle



Friday 8th May
EYFS & KS1 Colour Run



Tuesday 12th May
Beech Class Worship @ 2.30pm St James Church



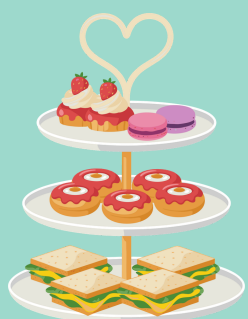
Friday 15th May
KS2 Colour Run



Thursday 21st May
Sports Day

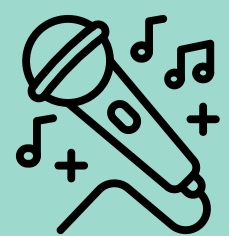


Friday 22nd May
Oak Class - Afternoon Tea
School Closes at 3.30pm for May Half Term



Monday 8th June
School Reopens

Wednesday 10th June
St James' Got Talent



Friday 12th June
Family Friday - Eid Celebration



Friday 19th June
Fathers Day - Coffee and Cake Event 1 of 2
Sittings at 10.00am & 2.00pm