



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the first half of the summer term, it is a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate all that has been achieved across our school. It has been a busy, productive, and uplifting half term, filled with fun, learning, growth, and many memorable experiences for our children.

I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils, who have recently completed their SATs. They have shown fantastic determination, resilience, and maturity throughout, and I could not be more impressed with their attitude. The children approached each test with focus and positivity and supported one another, demonstrating just how much progress they have made during their time with us at St James'.

As you will remember, our summer term commenced with an Ofsted inspection. Unfortunately, we have not yet received our final published Ofsted report, but we look forward to sharing this with you as soon as we can.

Our children have continued to enjoy a wide range of enrichment events in school this month, with the highlight being our spectacular 'Colour Run'. Thank you to everyone who participated, as well as our amazing PTFA and staff for organising it. We also have our 'St James' Got Talent' showcase after half term, and the staff cannot wait to see the vast array of talents our children have to offer—we hope you will all join us.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our dedicated staff team, who continue to work tirelessly to provide the very best teaching and learning provision for our children. I would also like to thank our parents for your continued encouragement at home—it truly makes a difference.

We have an exciting opportunity for a new parent governor. If you would like to be involved in the strategic development of our school, please contact the school office for further details.

As we close this half term, we are reminded of the importance of love, community, and encouragement:

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)

We hope that you all enjoy a restful, safe, and happy half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final part of the school year.

Warm regards,
Mr M Elliott

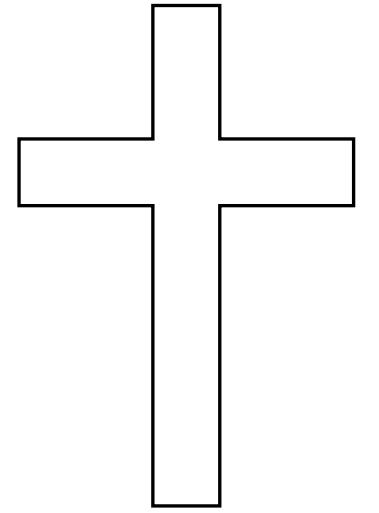


Collective Worship

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 Creator King
- Don't Be a Grumbler, Be An Encourager!
- Hear The Words and Put Them Into Action
- St Genevieve
- Meet Jane



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:

2nd May Mrs. K £9.00

9th May Mrs. M £9.00

16th May Mrs. G £9.00

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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Colour Run

What a fabulous few days we have had celebrating our Colour Run! The children had an absolutely fantastic time – and so did the staff! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the fun and the vibrant atmosphere.

A huge thank you to all the children who returned their sponsorship forms. Thanks to your amazing efforts, we raised an incredible £2245.78 – what a fantastic achievement!

Take a look at some of the photos to see all the fun in action! 📸

Finally, a big thank you to the PTFA and Mrs Dallison for helping to organise such a brilliant and memorable event.





Sports Events

This week we had a record-breaking event for St James – we've never had so many children attend an event before! It was fantastic to see such a great turnout for the Year 3 and 4 cross country event at Towneley.

Our children did incredibly well, giving their very best on a very challenging course. As always, we are extremely proud of each and every one of them.



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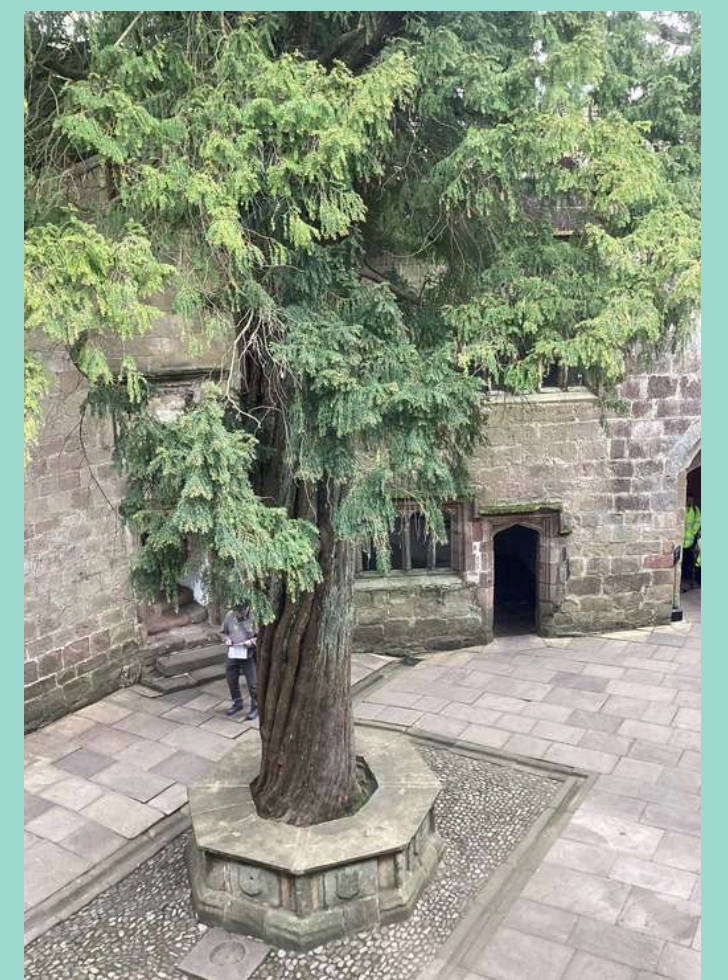
We had a fantastic time at a recent netball event! Our children worked incredibly hard to learn new rules and showed great enthusiasm while representing our school and competing against others.

We are, immensely proud of them all for the way they represented our school.



Skipton Castle

Elm Class had a fabulous trip to Skipton Castle. We enjoyed our journey with an extremely knowledgeable coach driver. Once we had arrived, we learnt all about the history of the castle. Being trapped in the dungeon was our favourite part! After we had our dinner, there was a chance to explore and play in the castle grounds. We had an amazing day, and all the children were fabulous representatives for St James, their behaviour was impeccable!





Year 6

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for completing their

SATs! 🎉

The children have worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to these tests, showing great determination, focus, and resilience. We are so proud of their positive attitude throughout—it really has been fantastic to see!



PE & Forest School Timetable

PE DAYS:

Ash Class: Friday

Elm Class: Monday & Thursday

Beech Class: Wednesday & Thursday

Willow Class: Tuesday & Friday

Hazel Class: Monday & Thursday

Rowan Class: Tuesday & Wednesday

Sycamore Class: Wednesday & Thursday

Hawthorn Class: Monday & Tuesday

Oak Class: Monday & Tuesday

Reminder - Year 4
will not be
swimming after
half term.

Forest School:

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



Raise the Roof - St James' Church

RAISE THE ROOF

ST JAMES' CHURCH, BRIERCLIFFE

*Protecting our church.
Preserving our heritage.
Building for the future.*

WORKS REQUIRED:
£250,000
Our priority is the essential repair of the spire, along with the roof and wider building fabric.

HOW WE'RE RAISING SUPPORT

- Fundraising activities and community events
- Congregation support and donations
- PCC applications for grants and further funding

FIRST STEP: SPONSORED WALK 11th June 2026

WHY THE WORK IS NEEDED

- Essential repairs are needed to the spire.
- Roof and fabric repairs are also required.
- These works will help protect the building and preserve St James' for future generations.

Our campaign begins with a sponsored walk on 11th June 2026, followed by other fundraising activities and community events. The PCC will also be applying for grants and further funding to support the project.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
Thank you for your generosity, prayers and support.

PROTECTING OUR CHURCH | PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE | SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY | BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

St James' Church is launching their Raise the Roof campaign to help fund essential work needed to preserve and maintain the building.

The campaign begins on Thursday 11th June with a Sponsored Treasure Hunt at 6.00pm – a fun way for families to get involved while supporting a great cause!

If you would like to take part and help raise money, sponsorship forms are available from the school office.

Your support would be greatly appreciated in helping to ensure the church remains a valued part of our community for years to come.

Operation Encompass

**We take part in
Operation Encompass**

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Supporting children affected by domestic abuse



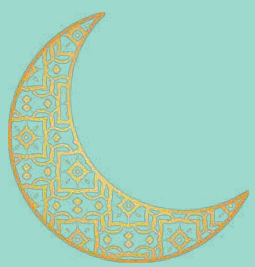
"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."



Upcoming Events:

Monday 8th June
School Reopens

Wednesday 10th June
St James' Got Talent @ 6.00pm



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



Tuesday 23rd June
Elm Class Worship @ 2.30pm St James' Church

Friday 26th June
Fathers Day - Coffee and Cake Event 1 of 2
Sittings at 10.00am & 2.00pm



Monday 29th June
Ash Class Trip - St Anne's Beach

Wednesday 1st July
London Residential - Year 6



Friday 3rd July
Ash Class Family Friday

Tuesday 7th July
Ash Class Worship @ 2.30pm St James' Church