



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As we move closer to the end of what has been a truly productive, joyful and successful year at St James', I am delighted to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the many highlights that have made our school community so special in recent weeks.

First and foremost, I want to share how incredibly proud we are of our recent Ofsted report. The inspectors recognised not only the high standards of teaching and learning across the school, but also the nurturing, inclusive and values-driven ethos that sits at the heart of everything we do. They spoke warmly about our caring relationships, our ambitious curriculum, and the way our Christian vision is lived out each day. This truly is a great achievement, which belongs to every member of our school family—staff, pupils, governors and, of course, you as parents and carers—thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

We were treated to a truly phenomenal 'St James' Got Talent' show. Our pupils showcased an incredible range of talents—from singing and dancing to comedy—and displayed immense confidence, creativity and courage. It was a wonderful celebration of individuality and joy, reminding us that we are 'All special in God's eyes'. Thank you to everyone who supported and attended this memorable event.

Another standout moment was our fantastic Sports Day, organised by Mrs Wren, Mr Player and our fantastic Sports Leaders. The day was filled with enthusiasm, perseverance and excellent sportsmanship. It was a joy to see our children supporting one another, celebrating effort as much as achievement, and demonstrating the importance of kindness and teamwork—values rooted firmly in our Christian ethos.

This term has also been an important time of transition. Our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed visits from staff from their new high schools, preparing them for the next exciting step in their educational journey. While we will certainly miss them, we are incredibly proud of the young people they have become and know they will go on to flourish. At the same time, we have welcomed our September Reception children and their families to school during their transition sessions. It has been a pleasure to see them begin to settle into life here at St James', and we look forward to them joining our school family fully in September. In July all our children will enjoy transition sessions with their new classes in preparation for September.

We were delighted to celebrate Eid together, reflecting our commitment to understanding, respect and unity. By learning about and celebrating special times from different faiths, we deepen our appreciation of one another and strengthen our sense of belonging as God's diverse family.

Another exciting highlight was filming an episode of "God's Big Story" for the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education. This gave us a wonderful opportunity to share how our faith shapes daily life here at St James', and how our children grow in understanding that they each have a special place within God's story.

As we look ahead, there are still many exciting events to come before the end of term. From our eagerly anticipated end-of-year performance and special services, the coming weeks promise to be filled with opportunities to come together, reflect and celebrate all that has been achieved this year. These moments are so important in helping our children recognise their growth and successes, and in strengthening the bonds within our school community.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we have ensured that this has been a year filled with learning, laughter, faith and achievement. As we move towards the summer holiday, let us continue to encourage our children to do all things with kindness, courage and God's love.

Warm regards,
Mr Elliott

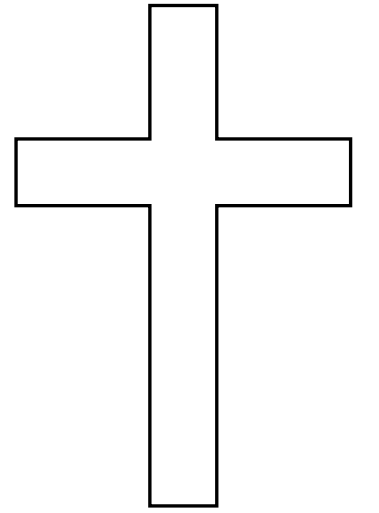


Collective Worship

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:

- Behind the Camera
- Hurray for Holidays



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>



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Sports Day

What a brilliant Sports Day! : 🏆

Thank you to everyone who came along to support and encourage our children throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many families cheering from the sidelines.

We couldn't be prouder of our children, who showed resilience, determination, teamwork and great sportsmanship in every event. Special thank you to our Sports Leaders and House Captains for their help with organising, explaining and running with the younger children!

Congratulations to Thompson who were crowned this year's Sports Day champions! 🏆

Finally, a huge thank you to our incredible staff team whose hard work, dedication and enthusiasm helped make the day such a success.





Forest School

Ash, Elm and Beech Classes have had an amazing time at Forest School so far this term! 🌿 The children got creative making clay faces on tree trunks, using natural materials to add eyes, hair and big smiles 🍁. They've also loved climbing trees and showing off their bravery 🌳.

During the hot weather last week, they took on a tricky challenge – working in groups to keep a cup of ice from melting! ❄️☀️ The children showed great teamwork and had lots of fun!





St Anne's Beach

☀️🏖️ Ash Class Beach Trip 🏖️☀️

Ash Class had a fantastic time at St Anne's Beach yesterday! The children enjoyed a wonderful day building sandcastles, exploring the beach, and spending time together.

After working up an appetite, everyone enjoyed their lunch, followed by a well-deserved ice cream! 🍦
The children as always were a credit to the school and had a brilliant day making special memories. 😊





Tri Golf

We had a fantastic time at a recent golf event, learning new skills and competing against other schools. It was especially lovely to see some of our children trying golf for the very first time and doing so well as they picked up new skills. A highlight of the evening was having a go at the exciting Jurassic Village golf course!

As always, our children were amazing and represented the school brilliantly.



Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge!

Seth, one of our Year 4 pupils is taking on the Yorkshire 3 Peaks challenge with his family, to raise money for Manchester Children's Hospital Rheumatology Department.

Seth is taking on this challenge to help raise money and awareness of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, something his older brother has been diagnosed with.

We are so proud of you Seth, what a fantastic thing you are doing for your big brother! We wish you lots of luck!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sheldon3peakschallenge>





Sandersons

Holiday Club Details:

Monday - Friday 20th July- 10th
Aug (4 weeks)

9:00am – 3:00pm

Early drop-off and late pick-up
available (8:30am/3:30pm)

£22.50 per day

£95 for the full week

🎉 Special Offer: Bookings
before the end of Sunday 5th
July will receive 10% OFF.

Booking Link:

<https://sandersondance.bookwhenn.com/schedules/lf3fl8el4al7>

Summer
Holiday
Club

Nelson Studio

Early drop off from 8:30am and late pick up until 3:30pm

Ages 5-11

Book Online at
www.sandersondance.co.uk

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St James' Lanehead - Raise the Roof Campaign

HYMNS & PIMMS

An Evening of Singing, Fellowship & Refreshments

Come and lift your spirits with music, friendship, and a taste of summer cheer!

 **Date:** 26th July 2026

 **Time:** 6:30 pm

 **Venue:** St James Church, Briercliffe

All ages welcome!

Donations towards
"Raise The Roof" funds


Raise the Roof

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Upcoming Events:



Wednesday 1st July
London Residential - Year 6

Friday 3rd July
Ash Class - Family Friday

Tuesday 7th July
Ash Class Worship @ 2.30pm in School



Wednesday 8th July
Moving Up Morning



Thursday 9th July
Year 6 Production @ 10.00am & 2.00pm

Tuesday 14th July
Year 6 Leaver's Service @ 10.30am St James' Church

Friday 17th July
Year 6 Leavers' Lunch
Art Showcase



Monday 20th July
School closes @ 1.30pm for Summer

*Summer
Holidays*

Tuesday 1st September
School re-open to pupils