



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year here at St James', it is an opportunity to pause and reflect on all that we have shared and achieved together as a school. It has been a year filled with learning, laughter, friendship, faith and countless opportunities for our children to grow and flourish.

Looking back, there is so much to celebrate. Our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits, through sporting events, collective worship, phenomenal performances or the many enrichment activities that have taken place throughout the year, they have consistently demonstrated the values that make our school so special. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

As a Church of England school, we believe that every child is uniquely created in the image of God, deeply loved by Him and gifted with their own special talents and strengths. Throughout the year, we have been privileged to witness these gifts shining brightly as our children have grown in confidence, character and faith. It has been wonderful to see them recognising their own worth, encouraging one another and beginning to understand the positive difference they can make to the world around them.

This year has brought many memorable moments for our children. From exciting trips and special events to sporting successes, charitable fundraising and opportunities to serve our community, our children have shown kindness, courage and determination in abundance. It has been a true privilege to watch them grow both academically and personally, developing the confidence, compassion and resilience that will serve them well throughout their lives.

The publication of our Ofsted report was a particular highlight this year and a source of immense pride for our entire school. The report recognised the dedication of our staff, the positive attitudes of our children and the strong Christian ethos that underpins everything we do. This success belongs to all of us and reflects the strength of the partnership between home and school that enables every child to thrive and fulfil their potential.

Our Christian vision continues to guide and inspire all that we do. Throughout the year, we have seen it brought to life through the compassion, respect and encouragement shown by our children each day. Whether supporting one another in the classroom, leading worship, serving the community or celebrating each other's achievements, they have demonstrated what it truly means to live out our Christian values. We are proud of the caring and inclusive community we have built together, where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish as the person God created them to be.

For our Year 6 pupils, this marks the end of a very special chapter. They leave us with many happy memories and much to be proud of. We thank them for the contributions they have made to our school and for the wonderful example they have set for younger children. Whilst we will miss them greatly, we know they are ready for the next stage of their educational journey. As they move on to high school, we pray that they carry with them the confidence of knowing they are loved by God, blessed with unique gifts and capable of achieving great things. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our amazing staff. Their unwavering commitment, professionalism and care ensure that our children receive the very best education, support and opportunities each day. They continually go above and beyond, and I feel privileged to work alongside such dedicated colleagues.

My sincere thanks also go to our parents, carers, governors, PTFA members and wider community for your continued support. Your encouragement, generosity and partnership play a vital role in the success of our school, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.

As we look forward to the summer holidays, we are reminded of the words from Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

As our children continue their journey, we pray that they embrace every opportunity with confidence, knowing that they are special in God's eyes and that He walks alongside them every step of the way. May they continue to grow in wisdom, faith and understanding, using their God-given gifts to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

May this summer be a time of rest, joy and precious family moments. Thank you for your continued support throughout another successful year at St James'. We wish you a happy, safe and blessed summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Warm regards,

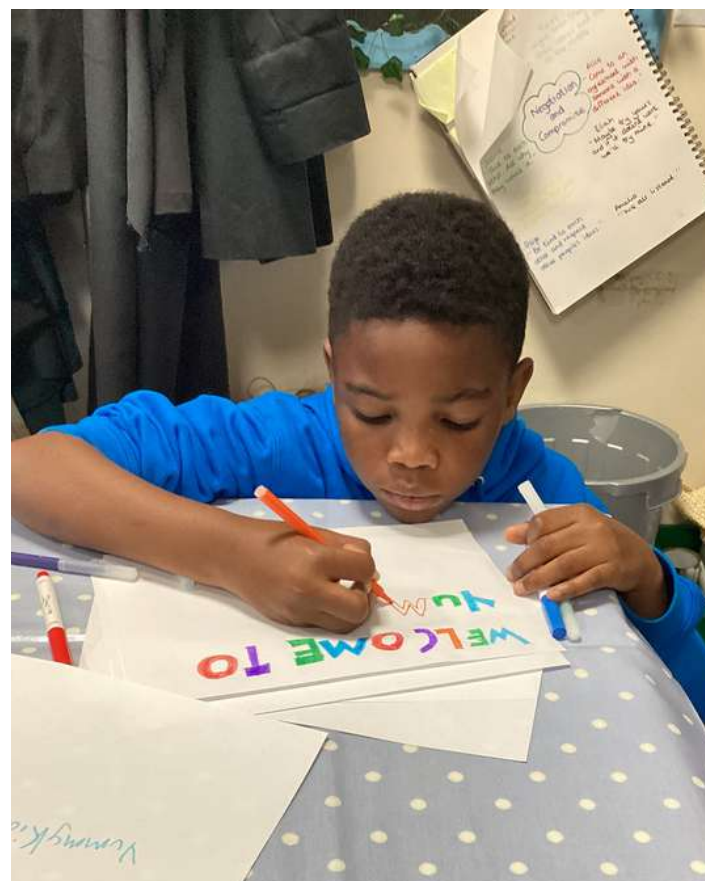
Mr Elliott



Year 6 Enterprise

Year 6 were tasked with making a profit from £5! We were all very impressed how the children worked together to decide on and create their products to sell to the rest of the school. Thank you to all the children who brought money to spend and the staff who helped to purchase or donated the items needed for the products. We are pleased to announce that £301.26 was made in profit! Well done Year 6, we are very proud of you! Now just the decision of what to buy to leave as a legacy for our school from the

'Class of 2026!'





Year 6 Production

We are beyond proud of the performance of 'Olivia' our Year 6 children treated us and their parents to! You were all so wonderful, learnt your lines and found the confidence to play your parts so well. A massive thank you to the staff who help to prepare costumes, props and scenery - you helped so much to make the show the success it was! Well done Year 6, you've made us proud again!



Year 6 - Forest School

Year 6 enjoyed their final Forest School this week. They enjoyed the 'Shark Game', smores round the campfire, a final climb on Timothy and of course our 'Slip n Slide'. A great time was had by all, including some of our staff! Thank you to Mrs Dallison for organising, we loved it!





London 2026

What a wonderful few days we had in London and it was an absolute pleasure to accompany the group. We enjoyed our experiences including: the Tower of London, cruise on the River Thames, Imperial War Museum, London Eye, Buckingham Palace, 'Oliver' and Harry Potter Studio Tour. Evening meals at Hard Rock Cafe and Pizza Express, with a quick trip to the M&M and Lego shop completed our few days. The children were an absolute delight and represented our school so well. As always, we are very proud of you all and a massive thank you to Mrs Gregory, Mr Playfer, Mrs Dallison and Mrs Hargreaves for accompanying the children.





Summer Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and supported our Summer Fair this term. We are pleased to share that we raised a fantastic £1,398.63. This achievement would not have been possible without the support of our parents, the PTFA, and our school staff. Thank you for helping to make the event such a success.



Staff - Inflata Race

🎉 Staff Inflata Race! 🎉

We had a fantastic afternoon today watching some of our teachers battle it out to be crowned the champion of our Inflata Race! 🏃💨 There was plenty of laughter, determination, and friendly competition all round.

A huge congratulations to Mr Playfer, who raced his way to victory and is now our reigning Inflata Race Champion! 🏆👏





Important Dates 2026/2027

Class Worship

All class worships will be taking place at St James' Church at 2.30pm

Oak Class - Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Hawthorn Class - Monday 16th November 2026

Sycamore Class - Tuesday 13th October 2026

Rowan Class - Tuesday 26th January 2027

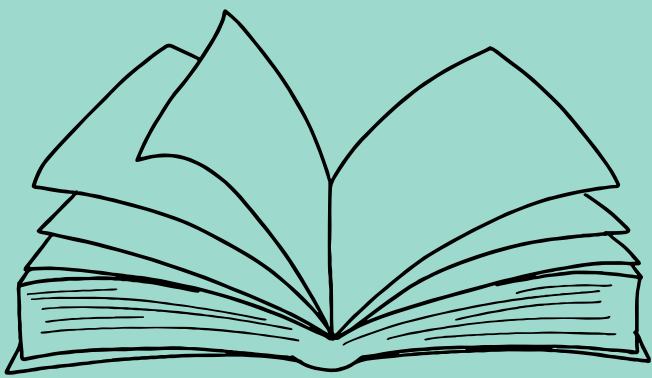
Hazel Class - Tuesday 9th February 2027

Willow Class - Tuesday 9th March 2027

Beech Class - Tuesday 11th May 2027

Elm Class - Tuesday 22nd June 2027

Ash Class - Tuesday 6th July 2027 (In School)



Parents Evenings

Autumn Term

Wednesday 11th November & Wednesday 18th November

Spring Term

Wednesday 17th March & Wednesday 24th March

December Events

EYFS Nativity - Thursday 3rd December

10.00am & 2.00pm

KS1 Nativity - Thursday 10th December

10.00am & 2.00pm

KS2 Carol Service - Wednesday 16th December

10.00am & 1.00pm (St James' Church)





Important Dates 2026/2027

Sports Day

Wednesday 19th May 2027



Class Family Fridays

All Family Fridays run from 2.30pm in school



EYFS - Friday 11th September 2026

Willow Class - Friday 9th October 2026

Hazel Class - Friday 6th November 2026

Rowan Class - Friday 20th November 2026

Beech Class- Friday 22nd January 2027

Sycamore Class- Friday 5th February 2027

Hawthorn Class - Friday 26th February 2027

Elm Class - Friday 23rd April 2027

Ash Class - Friday 2nd July 2027

Whole School Family Fridays

Mother's Day - Coffee and Cake

- Friday 5th March 2027
- Friday 12th March 2027

Easter Celebrarion - Friday 19th March 2027

Eid Celebration - Friday 11th June 2027

Fathers Day - Coffee and Cake

- Friday 18th June 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027





Awards Service

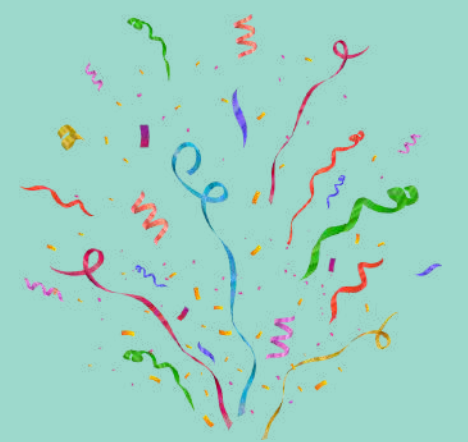
An Awards service was held in school on Wednesday 15th July , to celebrate the pupils and all their amazing achievements this year.

We would like to say a huge well done to all the winners, you should be very proud!
Also, a big well done to all our Year 5 pupils who have been selected to be part of the Pupil Leadership Team in September.

We are sure that you will all be amazing in your new roles!



Congratulations!



PTFA

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our PTFA members who have worked so hard this year.

The children would not be able to take part in such wonderful activities and experiences if it wasn't for your dedication.

We can't wait to see what fantastic events will be taking place throughout the next academic year.

School Lottery



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>





PE and Forest School Timetable

PE Timetable - September 2026

Ash Class - Friday

Elm Class - Wednesday & Friday

Beech Class - Wednesday & Thursday

Willow Class - Wednesday & Thursday

Hazel Class - Monday & Thursday

Rowan Class - Tuesday & Thursday (Year 3 Only)

Sycamore Class - Thursday (Year 5 Only) & Friday

Hawthorn Class - Monday & Tuesday

Oak Class - Monday & Tuesday



Forest School Timetable - September 2026

Autumn term



Date	Class
3/9/26	Hawthorn
10/9/26	Sycamore
17/9/26	Oak
24/9/26	Hawthorn
01/10/26	Sycamore
08/10/26	Oak
15/10/26	Hawthorn
22/10/26	Sycamore
05/11/26	Oak
12/11/26	Hawthorn
19/11/26	Sycamore
26/11/26	Oak
03/12/26	Hawthorn
10/12/26	Sycamore
17/12/26	Oak



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Thank you!

We would like to wish all our year 6 pupils the best of luck as they start their new adventures at high school.

We hope you keep in touch!



A huge thank you to you, our families, for your continued support this year!

From all the staff at St James', we hope you all have a lovely break over the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back in September

Operation Encompass

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



2026/2027 Calendar



School Term & Holiday Patterns 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026

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

Spring Term 2027

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

Summer Term 2027

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