



Welcome Back!

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

A very warm welcome back to the start of a new school year. I hope that have enjoyed a restful and happy summer break, filled with opportunities to spend precious quality time together and create special memories.

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school and to see their smiling faces as they reconnect with friends, meet their new teachers and embark upon the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. There has already been a real sense of enthusiasm, positivity and purpose throughout school, and we are looking forward to another year filled with learning, growth, faith and success.

At St James' Lanehead, we firmly believe that every child is uniquely created in the image of God, blessed with their own gifts and talents, and capable of achieving great things – 'All special in God's Eyes'. As we begin this new academic year, our commitment remains the same: Our church school seeks to inspire each individual to flourish, grow and learn with Jesus at the heart of all we do.

We extend a particularly warm welcome to the newest members of our school family as they begin their journey with us. Starting a new school can be both exciting and daunting, but we are delighted to have them join our caring school community and look forward to helping them settle into school life.

The start of a new year always brings fresh opportunities. Over the coming months, our pupils will experience engaging learning, exciting enrichment activities, opportunities for leadership and service, sporting events, educational visits and moments of reflection through worship. We encourage our children to approach these opportunities with curiosity, courage and confidence, knowing that they are supported every step of the way.

Our Christian vision continues to guide everything we do here at St James' Lanehead. Through our daily interactions, learning and worship, we will continue to encourage our children to demonstrate kindness, respect, perseverance and compassion, helping them to become the very best versions of themselves and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, carers, governors and wider community for your continued partnership and support. The strong relationships between home and school are one of our greatest strengths, and together we can ensure that every child enjoys a happy, successful and fulfilling year ahead.

As we begin this new chapter together, let us remember the words from Isaiah 40:31:

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint."

May God bless each member of our school family as we start this exciting new academic year. We look forward to all that we will learn, achieve and celebrate together, trusting in God's guidance and strength throughout the months ahead.

With every blessing,

Mr M Elliott



**St James' Lanehead
C of E (VA) Primary School**

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Open Events 2026



St James' Lanehead Primary School



Reception Open Days 2026



Is your child starting school in September 2027?

We would like to invite you in to see our wonderful school.

Tours are available on the dates below. This is an opportunity to meet our staff and find out about all the things we have to offer here at St James' Lanehead. Our staff would be delighted to show you round and answer all of your questions.



Wednesday 30th September - 9.30am
Thursday 1st October - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 8th October - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 15th October - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 22nd October - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 5th November - 9.30am & 1.30pm

Please call the school office on
01282 426833 to book.

The deadline for primary school admissions is

15th January 2021





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





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St James' Church, Briercliffe

ST. JAMES CHURCH
MISSION WEEKEND
COFFEE & CRAFT Morning

A morning to come together, create, and celebrate our community in Christ.

Everyone Welcome!

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BLACKBURN DIOCESE
All for Jesus

GREAT COFFEE
Hot drinks & treats

CREATIVE FUN
Crafts for all ages

GOOD COMPANY
Chat, laugh, connect

EVERYONE WELCOME
All ages, all backgrounds

AND THERE'S MORE...
★ Fun for kids | ★ Make new friends
★ Learn more about our church

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER | **10AM - 12PM**

ST JAMES' LANEHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Briercliffe Road, Burnley BB10 2NH

*All for Jesus.
All for our community.
All welcome.*

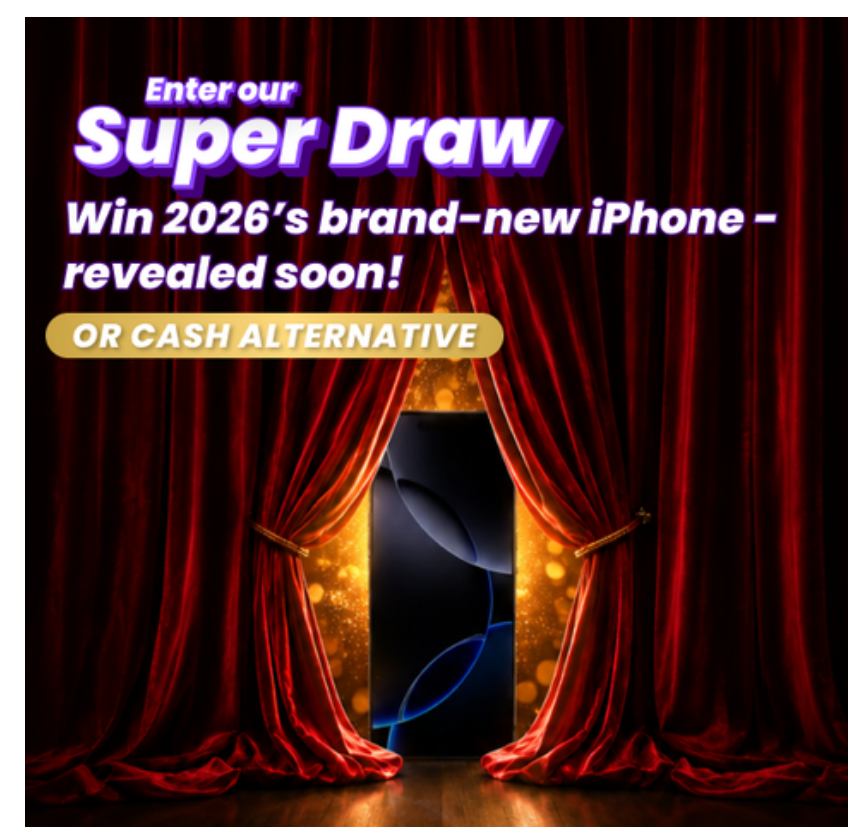
THE DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

School Lottery

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>



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."



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



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