



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As September draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share just how proud we are of the fantastic start our children have made to the new academic year. Over the past few weeks, our school has been a hive of activity, learning and enthusiasm, and it has been a pleasure to see our children embracing every opportunity with such positivity and determination.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the new term has been how quickly our children have settled into their classes and daily routines. From our youngest pupils in Reception to our oldest children preparing for the responsibilities of Year 6, there is a real sense of purpose and excitement throughout school. Children have approached new challenges with confidence, shown kindness towards one another and demonstrated the values that make our school such a special place.

The quality of work already being produced across the school has been truly impressive. As I visit classrooms, I am continually amazed by the creativity, thoughtfulness and pride that children are showing in their learning. Whether through imaginative writing, mathematical problem-solving, creative artwork or class discussions, our pupils are demonstrating a genuine love of learning and a desire to do their very best. Staff have been delighted with the effort, presentation and determination they display on a daily basis, and it is wonderful to see children taking such pride in their achievements.

Alongside their academic successes, our children have continued to embody our Christian vision, showing compassion, respect and encouragement towards others. It has been heartening to witness new friendships forming, older children helping younger pupils, and classrooms where everyone feels valued and included. This reminds us that our school is about far more than academic success; it is about nurturing confident, caring children who recognise their own worth and the worth of others.

At St James' Lanehead, we believe that every child is uniquely gifted by God and has the potential to flourish. Already this year, we have seen so many examples of children using their God-given talents and strengths to contribute positively to school life. We are excited to see how these gifts will continue to grow and develop throughout the year ahead.

As we continue our journey together, we are reminded of the words from Philippians 4:13:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that every child continues to thrive, grow and flourish, knowing that they are truly 'All Special in God's Eyes'.

With every blessing,
Mr M Elliott

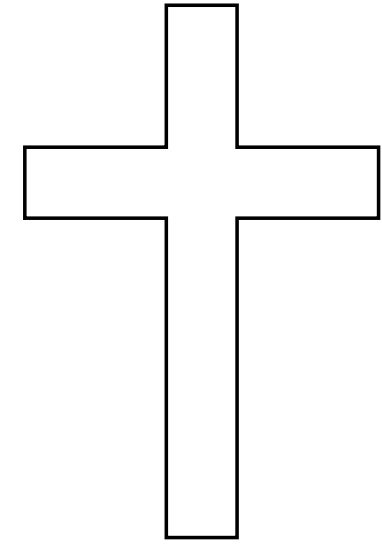


Collective Worship

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 King who Takes Care of His People
- Champion of Hope

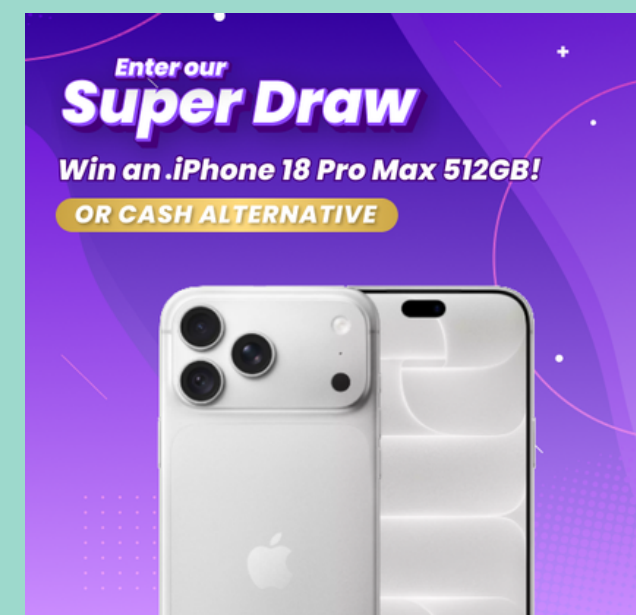


School Lottery

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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>



Well done to this months winners:

5 September Ms M £10.50
12 September Ms G £10.25
19 September Ms G £12.75
26 September Ms H £17.50

Operation Encompass

We take part in
Operation Encompass





Gardeners and Seeds

🌱 🌻 Gardeners and Seeds 2026 🌻 🌱

This morning, our Year 6 Gardeners met their Reception Seeds for the very first time! 😊

Each year, we pair our oldest pupils with our newest members of the school family to help build friendships, confidence and a sense of belonging. Throughout the year, our Gardeners and Seeds will come together for a range of exciting activities.

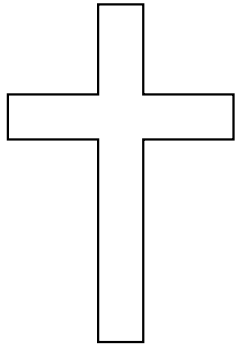
It was wonderful to see the Year 6 children showing such kindness as they welcomed their Seeds, and the Reception children were excited to meet their new buddies. ❤️

We are looking forward to watching these friendships blossom and grow over the coming months!





Oak Class Worship



Oak Class performed their Class Worship to their parents in Church and what a wonderful job they did! The Worship was based around their class value of courage. It was lovely to see how confident everyone was when performing their lines and sharing their examples of courage, along with their fabulous singing! Well done Oak Class, we are all really proud of you and the courage you all showed.





Bonkers for Conkers

This Autumn St James' are going 'Bonkers for Conkers' again as part of our Butterfly Moments.

If you see any conkers on the ground, please collect these if you are out and about.

The St James' Conker Competition will take place during the last week of the half term.

As everyone knows, playing conkers does come with some risks. We have a risk assessment in place and all children will be supervised by our staff, but there is a chance of knuckles being hit. If you would like your child to take part in this, please send their conkers into school on the last week of half term, already drilled with string/lace attached.

Any other conkers the children bring in will be used for Autumn art activities throughout the week. It's so exciting and we can't wait for the Autumn events

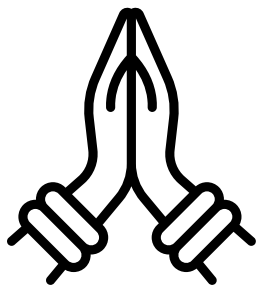
Harvest Festival!

We are collecting tins and dried foods for our Harvest Festival next month. Please can these items be sent into school the week commencing 12th October.





Upcoming Events:



Friday 9th October

Willow Class - Family Friday @ 2.30pm

Tuesday 13th October

Individual/Sibling Photographs

Sycamore Class Worship @ St James' Church 2.30pm

Friday 23rd October

School closes at 3.30pm - October Half Term

Monday 2nd November

School Re-opens to pupils

Friday 6th November

Non-uniform Day

Hazel Class - Family Friday @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 11th November

Parents Evening 1 of 2



Tuesday 17th November

Hawthorn Class Worship @ St James Church 2.30pm

Wednesday 18th November

Parents Evening 2 of 2

Friday 20th November

Rowan Class - Family Friday @ 2.30pm

Friday 27th November

Willow Class - National Museum Liverpool





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



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Monthly Issue No2: 30th September 2026

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

