



# The St. James' Journal Newsletter

20th October 2023



## MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

### Reading, Reading, Reading

I wonder what your experiences of reading at primary school were? Our pupils are much more privileged than I was because of the wonderful reading books that are available. Reading is something that we are promoting across school. You will have received our half-termly reading newsletter which details some of the exciting reading initiatives that we have underway across school. There is nothing better for our children academically than reading to and with a parent. As I regularly say to your children, "Reading makes you brainy". Try to make time over the half-term holiday to read with your child.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 31st October at 8:40am.

Enjoy the break!

## Jimmy's Out of School Club

Jimmy's out of school club is open for morning sessions from 7:30am to the start of school.

& afternoon sessions from end of school to 6pm.

The cost of a session is £4 in a morning & £7 in an afternoon. Breakfast and afternoon snacks are included.

Bookings can be made on an ad hoc basis as required. To register, please go to:

<https://jimmysatstjames.kidsclubhq.co.uk/cust#/auth>

Bookings must be paid for in advance.

### Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

Please inform the office asap.

### Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day.

The class with the best attendance this week was:



**WILLOW**



## Dates for the Diary



<b>HALF TERM WEEK (Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>h</sup> Oct)</b>	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>INSET</b>
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	School opens after half term break Coffee morning for parents from 8:50am in the Infant Hall, all welcome. Toasty Tuesday for the children
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Whole school book week
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Immunisations
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents' Evening : 2-5.30pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents' Evening : 3.30-6.00pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	The Grand Xmas Panto—Red Riding Hood of the Ribble Valley
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Friends Christmas Fair – 3.30pm
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Friends – Tea with Santa sessions
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Robinwood Residential Trip Y6
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Performance @ 2pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity Performance @ 4pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec (tbc)	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service @ 2pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Term ends
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan)</b>	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Term starts



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### **Acorn**

River & Harry B

### **Ash**

Eddie & Archie

### **Birch**

Franki & Beatrix

### **Chestnut**

Rose & Sienna

### **Rowan**

Arry & Courtney

### **Oak**

Tyler & Mila

### **Willow**

Ollie B & Lena

### **Hawthorn**

Abu Bakr & Hector

### **Alder**

Harry K & Isaac

### **Sycamore**

Gracie-Rae & Isla



In PE, we are concentrating on the school games values which are: determination, self-belief, passion, respect, teamwork and honesty.

Well done to all the children for showing respect in their PE lessons.

**SCHOOL GAMES VALUES this week = BELIEF**

**Acorn**

Toby

**Ash**

Freddie H

**Birch**

Reece

**Chestnut**

Harlow

**Rowan**

Charlie

**Oak**

Amelia

**Willow**

Pedro

**Hawthorn**

Logan

**Alder**

Harry K

**Sycamore**

Sofia

**CLITHEROE LIBRARY— HISTORY HUNTER SESSIONS**

Do you think you know your Romans from your Normans? Your Tudors from your Stuarts?

Where did History begin and what followed what?

A box of artefacts has been discovered in a basement but what part of our history do they fit into?

That's for you to decide.

Interactive, entertaining and amusing

Be prepared to be involved, very involved!

The sessions will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> October at 11am, 12.30pm and 2.00pm. It will be a first come first served basis but we would love to see as many young people in the library as possible.

**Year 6 parents**

Don't forget to apply for your child's secondary school place before 31 October 2023

at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

For guidance and eligibility for school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

There has been a lot of exciting learning going on this week.....

# CLASS NEWS



Birch Class used their history knowledge to make the den into a Stone Age tent!

Acorn Class have enjoyed creating repeating 'AB' patterns!



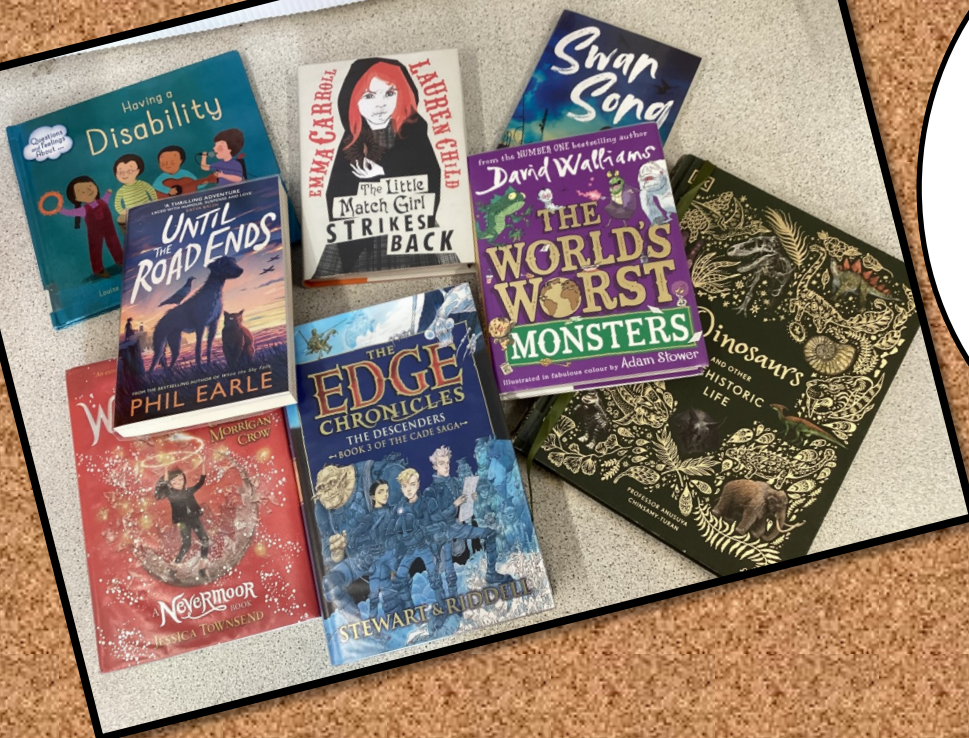


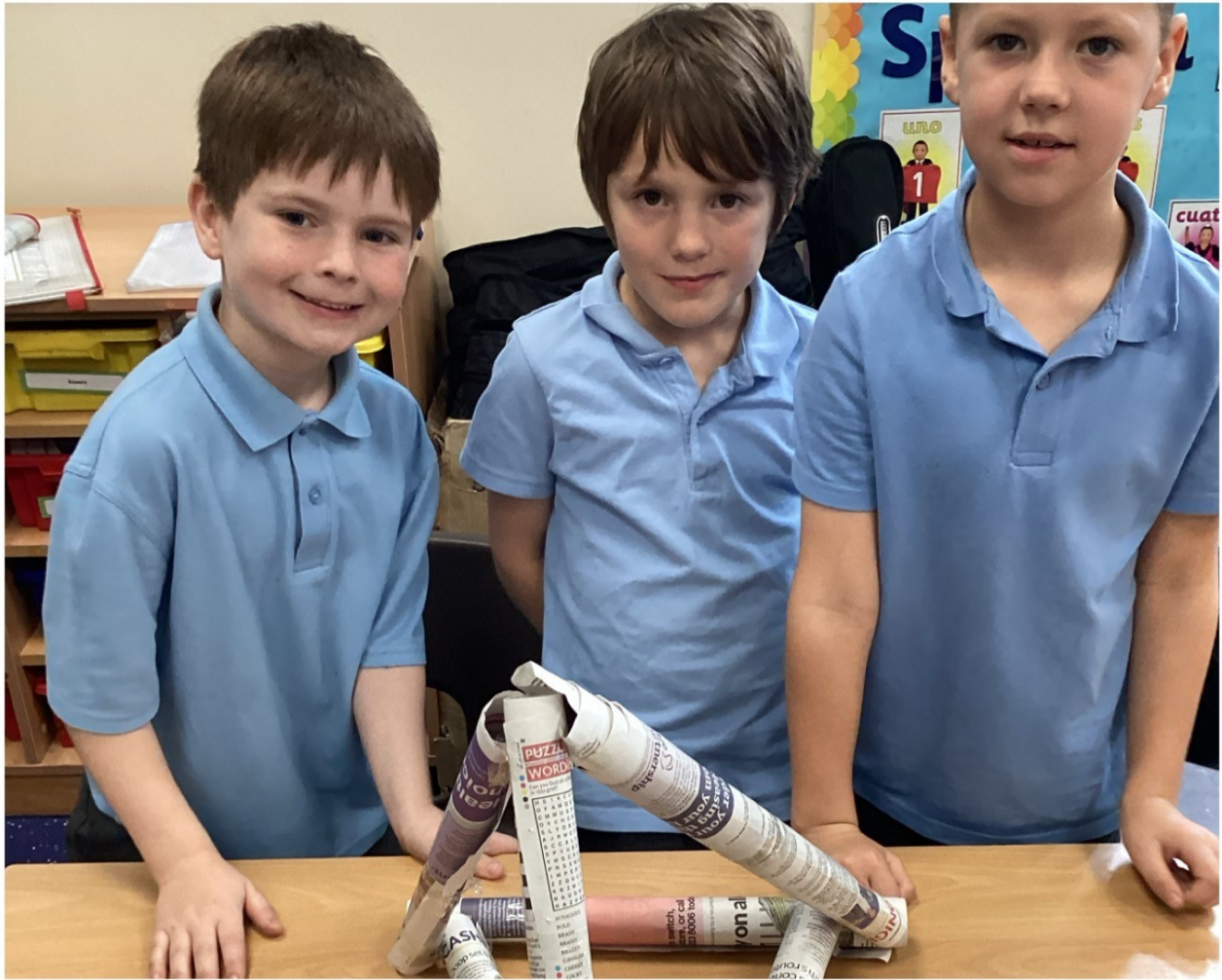
Ash Class enjoyed using autumn leaves to create lovely pieces of art work.

Alder Class enjoyed their art lesson this week-printing.



Alder Class went to the library this week. They enjoyed exploring the building, listening to James and the giant peach and learning about the history of our school. The children then got the opportunity to borrow a book if they had a library card.





Hawthorn have enjoyed making 3D shapes out of newspaper in their art lesson



In Science this week Willow Class have been learning about the importance of good hygiene. We did an experiment and learnt that we need warm water and soap to get rid of the dirt and germs.

Rowan class designed tiles using lines and patterns, then printed them.





Chestnut Class completing their IT quiz about digital devices.

Oak Class have been reading and performing poetry this week.





**Sycamore Class: We have  
been exploring how we  
communicate with others in  
Computing.**