



# The St. James' Journal Newsletter

17th November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is that time of year when things start getting even busier and the children have lots of festive things to look forward to.

On Friday 24th November we are holding a **non-uniform day**, in exchange for a Jarbola (a clean, washed out jar filled with wrapped sweets or small toys or gifts). These will be then used at the Friends Christmas Fair on the 1st December.

If any Year 6 children would like to help at the Fair, please let the office know.

On Friday 15th December it is Christmas dinner and **Christmas jumper day**. Please bring £1 to help support a very worthy charity— Save the Children.



**Save the Children**

Please keep up to date with diary dates.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning at 8:40am.



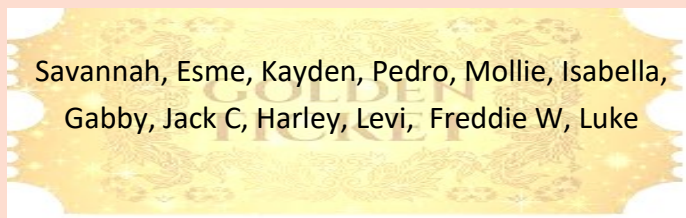
## Well done!

Well done to all the children that have been completing fund raising activities for Children In Need, as well as all the many other wonderful charities that are close to our hearts.

## Golden Ticket

Pupils who go **over and above** to demonstrate our school values will be awarded a 'Golden Ticket' and will be placed in the draw for prizes at the end of term. The following children have been awarded a Golden Ticket:

Savannah, Esme, Kayden, Pedro, Mollie, Isabella,  
Gabby, Jack C, Harley, Levi, Freddie W, Luke



## 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 & Birch**



## Dates for the Diary



Fri 24th Nov	Non– uniform day in exchange for a Jarbola
Mon 27th Nov	The Grand Xmas Panto—Red Riding Hood of the Ribble Valley
Tues 28th Nov	Friends toast & coffee morning
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	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children & Christmas lunch
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas Service @ 2pm
Thurs 21st 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
Thurs 8th Feb	School Disco
<b>HALF TERM (Mon 12th—16th Feb)</b>	
Mon 19th Feb	Term starts

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR HOLIDAY DATES & INSETS FOR SCHOOL YEAR  
2024/2025**



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### **Acorn**

Franklin & Penny

### **Ash**

Elsie & Oliver

### **Birch**

Esemae & Cali

### **Chestnut**

Milo & Anghelina

### **Rowan**

Sophia & Archie

### **Oak**

Jessica & Bobby

### **Willow**

Otis & Jacob

### **Hawthorn**

Ted & Axel

### **Alder**

Amelia, Ava & Theo

### **Sycamore**

Jackson & Finley



## Let's Go Sing – Remembrance Concert



Our choir had a wonderful time last Thursday at the King Georges Hall in Blackburn as we participated in the Let's Go Sing Remembrance Concert with a select group of schools.

Thank you to our pupils that sang beautifully and behaved impeccably.

Thank you to Mrs Longhi for organising an event that our children will treasure.



### **Pantomime**

#### **We are still needing more volunteers!**

Are you able to assist walking the children up to the Grand (and back), when we go to the pantomime on Monday 27th November? If so, please leave your name at the Office.

You are welcome to stay and watch - or to just accompany us there and/or back. We will leave school approx. 9.20am and we are back in school for 12.00pm (leave Grand approx. 11.30am).

**If you haven't yet paid for the panto, please do so by Friday 24th November, thank you.**





## HOLIDAY DATES AND INSET SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

*INSET Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September*

*INSET Day Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

**Starts for pupils:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Half term:** Monday 21 October - Friday 25 October 2024

*INSET Day Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October*

*INSET Day Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October*

**Starts for pupils:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Ends:** Friday 20 December 2024

### SPRING TERM 2025

**Starts:** Monday 6 January 2025

**Half term:** Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2025

**Ends:** Friday 4 April 2025

### SUMMER TERM 2025

**Starts:** Tuesday 22 April 2025

**May Day:** Monday 5 May 2025

*INSET Day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May*

**Half term:** Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025

**Ends:** Tuesday 22 July 2025

If you are able to help with this worthy cause, all boxes must be received by  
Monday 27th November

### Shoebox Guidelines:

- Gift wrap the box and lid separately so lid can be lifted off, don't wrap individual items, use an elastic band to hold the box together.
- Choose the age and gender of the person you want to receive your shoe box and fill the box with suitable items. We deliver shoe boxes to all ages from babies to adults.
- Label the box with who it is for e.g: Girl aged 2- 4, Boy aged 8-10, Adult Female aged 60+ etc.



**International  
Aid Trust**  
*Christian Compassion For A Hurting World*

### Things you could include:

- **Toiletries:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel or sponge, comb, hair bobbles, roll on deodorant *No sprays, medicines, vitamins, tablets, matches or perishables.*
- **Toys:** Small toys, cuddly toys, balls, skipping rope, games, small jigsaws etc. *No guns or war toys.*
- **Clothes:** Socks, T-shirts, hats, scarves, gloves, underwear, socks, Babygro for little ones.
- **Stationery:** pens, pencils, crayons, eraser, sharpener, notebooks, colouring books, *if sending scissors to children, please ensure they are round ended safety type.*
- **Practical items:** plastic bowl, cup, cutlery. For teens and adults: a small sewing kit, string, safety pins, a wind up torch or plasters are all helpful.
- **Personal :** a gift like a friendship bracelet, a greetings card, *please don't include your contact details.*

### Transport:

We suggest a donation of £2 per box and are very grateful for all donations towards shoebox transport. Please do not put any money inside or attached to boxes, if possible pay donations directly into our bank account: Royal Bank of Scotland; Sort Code 16 28 16, Account 10075885, and email [office@internationalaidtrust.org.uk](mailto:office@internationalaidtrust.org.uk) to let us know who the donation is from e.g church /group. Or alternatively please send a cheque payable to International Aid Trust.

Please email [office@internationalaidtrust.org.uk](mailto:office@internationalaidtrust.org.uk)  
to arrange your shoebox drop off or collection.

**Thank you very much for your support and taking part in our shoebox scheme!**

Patron: The Lord Shuttleworth KG KCVO Patron: Baroness Cox of Queensbury  
Registered office : The Galleries, Croft Mill, Pall Mall, Chorley, PR7 3LT  
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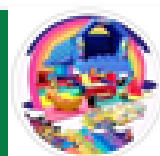


INVITES YOU TO A

# Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER 23rd  
10am – 2pm

At Roefield Leisure



SCAN FOR TICKETS



Free to ALL

\*Every child must be supervised by a parent  
/Guardian

Book NOW!

