



# The St. James' Journal Newsletter

24th November 2023



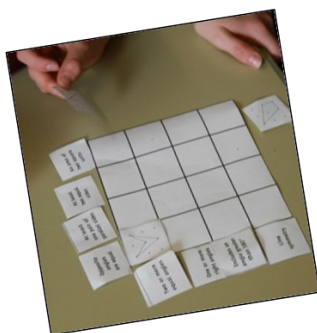
## MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,



This week our school hosted a mathematics competition for Year 5 and 6 pupils from Clitheroe Primary Schools. It was wonderful to see children working collaboratively and systematically to solve a range of challenging mathematical puzzles and problems. Well done to Magnus, Alex, Luke and David from Sycamore class who represented St James' and were joint winners with Grindleton and Bolton by Bowland.

Pupils developing confidence in mathematics is really important. It was wonderful to hear from some of our parents this week that their children are enjoying learning the KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) that are being set for home learning. Please keep practising with your children. It makes a big difference!



## Collective Worship

**We have been learning that our names have meanings. We looked at the meaning of some names and then we looked at some of the names that we use for Jesus and what these mean. "The Good Shepherd" means that he looks after us.**

**I wonder if your children know the meaning of their names?**

### 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**



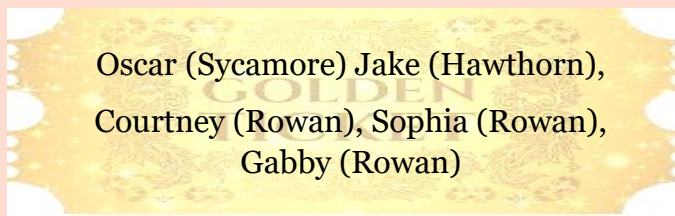
## Dates for the Diary



Mon 27th Nov	The Grand Xmas Panto—Red Riding Hood of the Ribble Valley
Tues 28th Nov	Friends toast - Toasty Tuesday
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
Tues 12th Dec	Friends toast—Toasty Tuesday
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>	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Term starts
Thurs 8th Feb	School Disco
<b>HALF TERM (Mon 12<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> Feb)</b>	

## 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:



### Acorn

Pawel & Vihan

### Ash

Oliver & Freddie

### Birch

Amy C & Freddie W

### Chestnut

Stanley T & Levi

### Rowan

Max H-B & Ellis

### Oak

Bobby & Zain K

### Willow

Macie & Connor

### Hawthorn

Jake & Heidi

### Alder

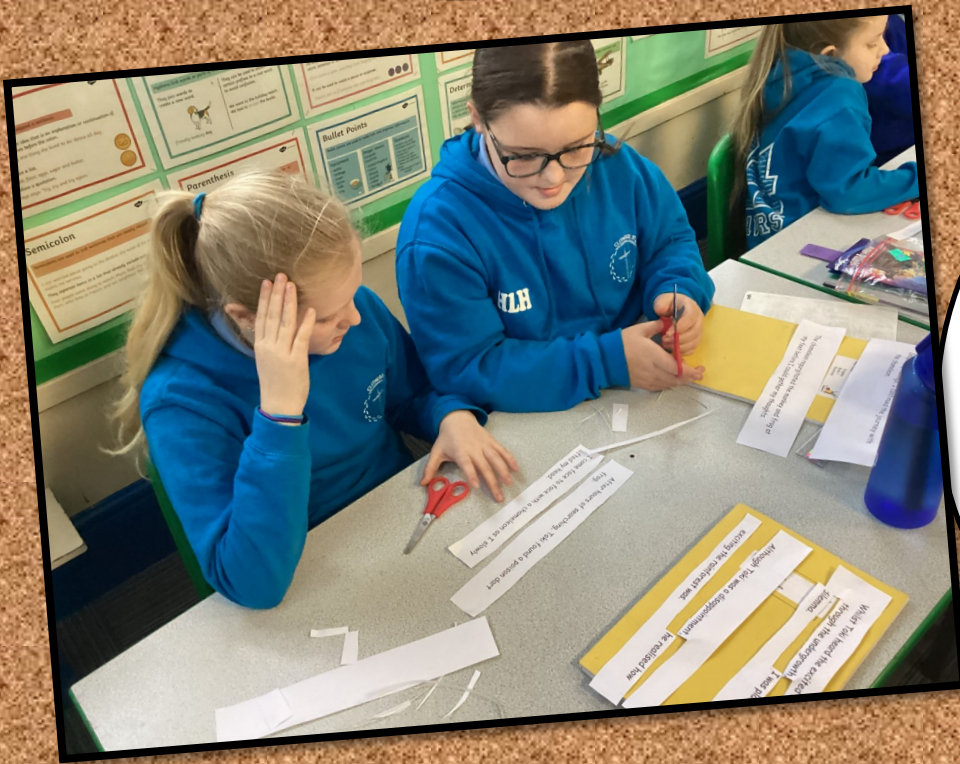
Lily & Jenson

### Sycamore

Natalia B & Lacey S

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

# CLASS NEWS



**Sycamore Class:**  
We have been working hard with Grammar for Writing. Today, we have been manipulating clauses and identifying single and multi clauses.





PIC•COLLAGE

Hawthorn class had a really busy day making their sculptures inspired by playgrounds. Everyone worked really hard and their artwork was fantastic!



Rowan class enjoyed experimenting with different ways to separate materials in their science lesson.

Birch Class enjoyed making large scale abstract sculptures.





## Remembrance Day

Willow Class have been busy with lots of learning in all subjects!

Here is a little peek at the poppies we made in RE for Remembrance Day.



Ash Class were shocked to discover that The Evil Pea from the story *Supertato* had attacked their classroom leaving a carnage of distressed fruits and vegetables. The children wrote speech bubbles for what they thought the characters were saying about it all!





**Acorn Class: We were thrilled to see this group of children playing at "being the phonics teacher" in the reading area.**



**Oak Class: Forest School fun! Creating, exploring and outside learning.**

Alder Class enjoyed looking at the Maya artefact boxes this week.



Chestnut making abstract structures.

