



# The St. James' Journal Newsletter

15th December 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last newsletter of the term and what a great term it has been!

Some of our recent highlights include our exciting **Year 6 residential trip to Robin Wood** (see pg 4 & 5) and our fabulous **infant nativity**. Our amazing **school choir** have been in demand; it was wonderful to see the smiles on the faces of the patrons of Pendle Club this week as they were regaled with a medley of Christmas Carols sung with gusto. Today our school kitchen have served **208 Christmas meals** to our pupils that were waited on by staff and enjoyed Christmas song accompaniment. Thank you for supporting the **Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal**. The school has raised **£191**. A huge thanks also to our team of parent volunteers who work so hard on **Friends** to raise money for the school and provide exciting activities for our pupils (see page 3).

Christmas parties will be taking place next week. See diary dates for your child's party date.

We would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. As I always say, please try to make time to **read** with your children over the holiday.

We look forward to seeing you at the **start of term on Monday 8th January 2024** at 8:40am!

## Jimmy's Out of School Club

**Thursday 21st December after school**

**WILL NOT be open**, alternative childcare needs to be in place.

Thank you

## Collective Worship

This week's BIG question is "How is the Christmas story relevant today?"

We have been looking at Mary and how humble, brave and resilient she was.



### 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:



**ASH**



## Dates for the Diary



Mon 18th Dec	Infant classes and Birch, Hawthorn & Chestnut (Y3 & Y4) classes Christmas parties
Tues 19th Dec	Alder, Rowan and Sycamore (Y5 & Y6) classes Christmas parties
Thurs 21st Dec	Christmas Service @ 9:30am, all welcome 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>
Mon 19th Feb	Term starts



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Acorn

William & Ashton

### Ash

Whole Class

### Birch

Cora & Leo

### Chestnut

Isla & Sienna

### Rowan

Molly-Mae & Ellie

### Oak

Ruby & Arlo

### Willow

Whole Class

### Hawthorn

Finley, Lucy & William

### Alder

Logan, Martyna & Imogen

### Sycamore

Alex & Ellie-Mae



# Friends of St. James'



**Thank you to all that attended and volunteered for the tea with Santa. We raised over £200 which will go towards the school Christmas parties and gifts to the children.**



**Special thank you to Clitheroe Rotary, Ribblesdale Rotary, Clitheroe lions, Clitheroe round table and all the volunteers at Clitheroe Bonfire. A few of the PTA committee members were presented with a cheque to go towards a school interactive workshop and play for world book day.**

# ROBIN WOOD

## 2023



A few snaps from Sycamore & Rowan classes enjoying their residential at Robin wood last week.





# POPCORN



A space for families to explore faith together.

## Friday 15th December

Popcorn Cafe with drinks and after school snacks from 3.30pm

Songs, Bible stories, craft and fun activities from 3.50pm

St James Church, Clitheroe

[www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/popcorn](http://www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/popcorn)