



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

8th December 2023



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you!



I feel very privileged to be part of the community of St James' and wanted to **thank you**, our parents, for being supportive, respectful and helpful. I am touched by the enormous work that those of you who are part of "Friends" invest in putting on special events for our pupils and parents and in doing so raise important funds for our school. I am grateful for the strategic direction provided by our Parent Governors. I am thankful for all of the kind and encouraging words offered and time given to support events including walking pupils to the Christmas pantomime last week.

Strong relationships between school and families are proven to improve outcomes for pupils. Let's continue to build these together.



On Monday 11th, tickets for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 School Nativity Production 'The BIG little Nativity' will be brought home by your child.

All parents have been allocated their initial ticket request, however, additional ticket availability has been limited. If you no longer require any of your allocated tickets, please return these to the school office.

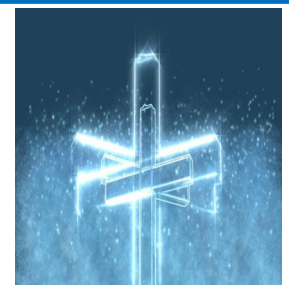
The production will take place at St James Church.

Collective Worship

This week's BIG question is "How do you prepare for Christmas?"

We have been looking at advent and linking this with our school value of Hope.

I wonder what you are hopeful for this Christmas!



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:



BIRCH



Dates for the Diary



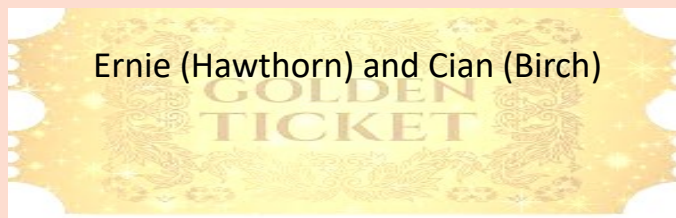
Tues 12th Dec	Friends toast—Toasty Tuesday—CANCELLED
Wed 13th Dec	Nativity Performance @ 2pm
Thurs 14th Dec	Nativity Performance @ 4pm
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children & Christmas lunch
Thurs 21st Dec	Christmas Service @ 9:30am, all welcome Term ends
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (Fri 22nd Dec – Fri 5th Jan)	
Mon 8th Jan	Term starts
Thurs 8th Feb	School Disco HALF TERM (Mon 12th—16th Feb)

Proposed Admissions Arrangements 2025

Our Proposed Admissions Arrangements remain unchanged but in line with government policy we have to consult every 7 years. Here are our proposed arrangements [Clitheroe-St-James-Proposed-Admissions-Arrangements-2025.pdf](#) If you would like to discuss these please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Mr. Leeming.

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

Stanley B & Etty

Ash

Mabel & Luke

Birch

Jerald & Judit

Chestnut

Harlow & Sam

Rowan

All of Rowan Class in School all week

Oak

Zach J & Zain A

Willow

Macie & Pedro

Hawthorn

Ernie & Jack T

Alder

Lewis & Lydia

Sporting Achievements

Well done to our wonderful and excitable year 2 children who won lots of games at the Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Schools Kurling competition.



Well done to these artistic children who created our school Christmas cards which are being sent out to lots of different people and businesses who we have worked with over the year.



Friday 15th December is our **Christmas dinner** and **Christmas jumper day**. The festive jumper replaces sweatshirts only and children should remain in full uniform with it.

Please bring £1 to help support Save the Children charity.

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

CLASS NEWS

Rowan Class have been making guacamole and salsa as part of their DT project on Mayan food.





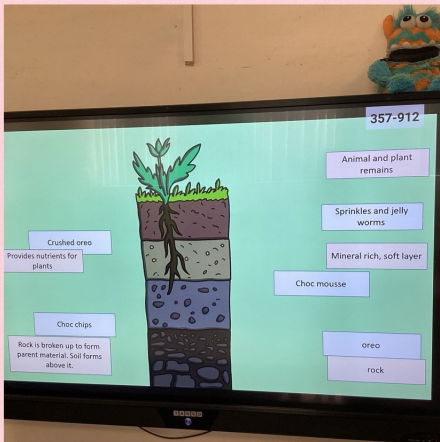
Hawthorn class are really enjoying their computing lessons. We are learning how to create an animation.



Alder Class enjoyed acting out a scene from A Christmas Carol



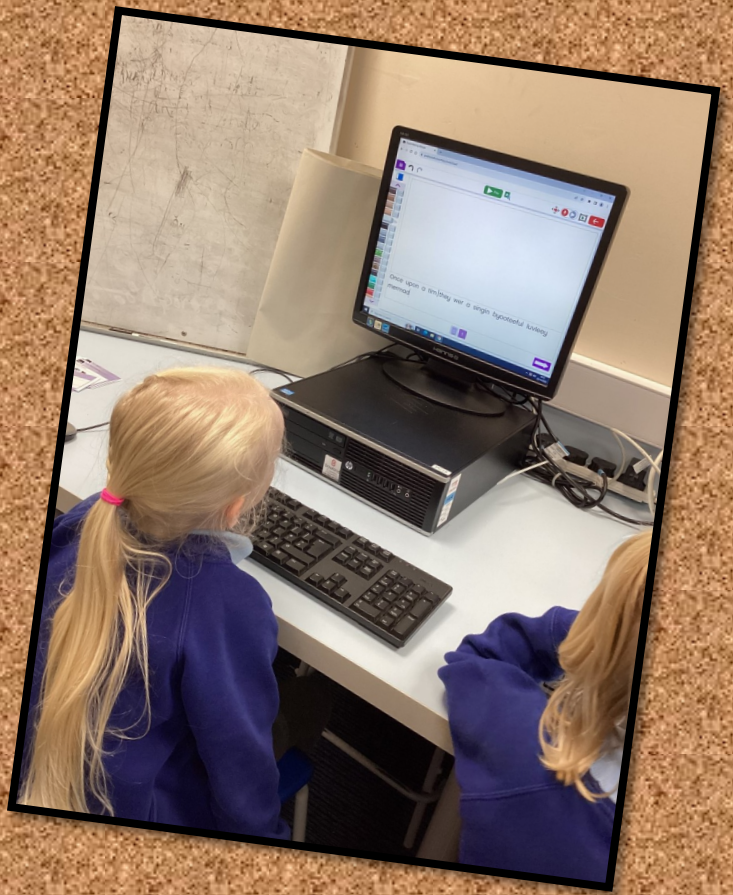
Birch Class made edible soil which showed its different layers.





Ash Class have been looking at the features of instructions and reading them to make jelly, but this was no ordinary jelly, this was jelly to trap the Evil Pea!

The children are now writing their own instructions of how to make Evil Pea jelly!

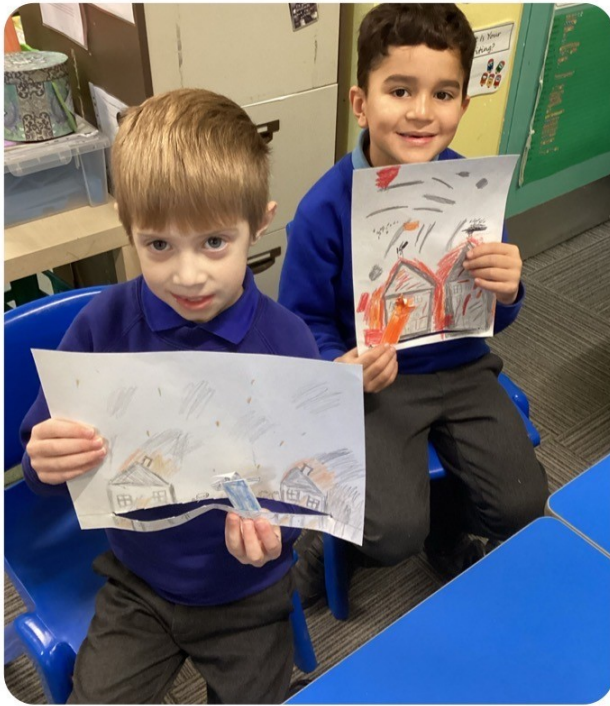


Oak class have been creating their own digital pictures and traditional tales in computing.



Chestnut Class DT work on strengthening paper to make structures.





Willow Class have been busy creating Moving Pictures in their DT lesson. We created a scene from the Fire of London, as we have been learning about this in our History lessons.