



# The St. James' Journal Newsletter

27th September 2024



## MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

### The Power of Reading Together: A Daily Habit for Lifelong Success

As the school year unfolds, we want to remind you of one of the most impactful things you can do for your child's academic and emotional development—read together every day.

Reading aloud with your child, even for just 10-15 minutes a day, has countless benefits. It helps develop strong language skills, expands their vocabulary, and fosters a love for stories and learning. Beyond that, the time spent reading together strengthens your bond, creating a cozy, shared space for curiosity and conversation.

Here are a few tips to make reading together a joyful habit:

- **Set a Routine:** Make reading part of your daily schedule, whether before bed, after dinner, or any time that works best for your family.
- **Let Your Child Choose:** Encourage your child to pick books that interest them—when they're excited about the story, reading becomes a fun adventure! Listen to your child read their book from school.
- **Engage with the Story:** Ask questions, share thoughts, and explore the illustrations. This helps deepen their understanding and makes the experience interactive.

Let's nurture a love of reading in our children.

## Collective Worship

*"What good is it to gain the world but lose your soul."* Mark 8:36

We have heard about stories that Jesus taught and what we can learn from them. The above bible passage warns us not to put possessions above people.



### 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:



**ALDER & BIRCH**



# Harvest 2024

If you would like to donate items, please bring them into school ready for our Harvest Service on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your support!



## HARVEST DONATIONS APPEAL SEPTEMBER 2024

Please help by donating items from our list.

We have lots of pasta, cereal and beans

Thanks



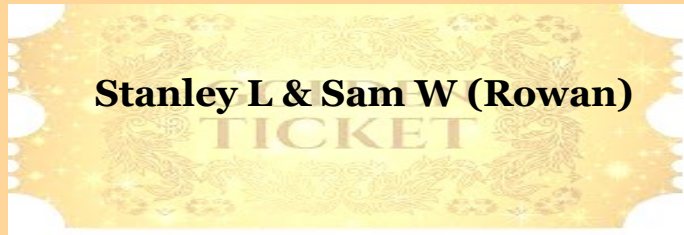
### SHOPPING LIST

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Rice Pudding / Custard
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Washing Up liquid
- Laundry powder / gel
- Tea bags/instant coffee
- Tinned potatoes
- Rice
- Tinned Meat/fish
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Biscuits / Chocolate

## 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:

**Stanley L & Sam W (Rowan)**



## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Acorn

Link & Calix

### Ash

Lily T & Ruby B

### Birch

Jacob & Ollie B

### Chestnut

Cali & Elowyn

### Rowan

Leon P & Imogen S

### Oak

Lily & Louis

### Willow

Roni & Oliver L

### Hawthorn

Savannah & Joey

### Alder

Sanuli & Logan A

### Sycamore

Amelia A & Oliver D

## School Games Values



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

### Determination

These children, this week, have shown the ability to try their best, no matter what and never giving up on their team.

Sycamore	Ava H
Rowan	Katie P
Alder	Layla
Chestnut	Jacob D
Hawthorn	Judit
Birch	Theo
Willow	Archie
Ash	Jessica Rose
Oak	Jack
Acorn	Ella

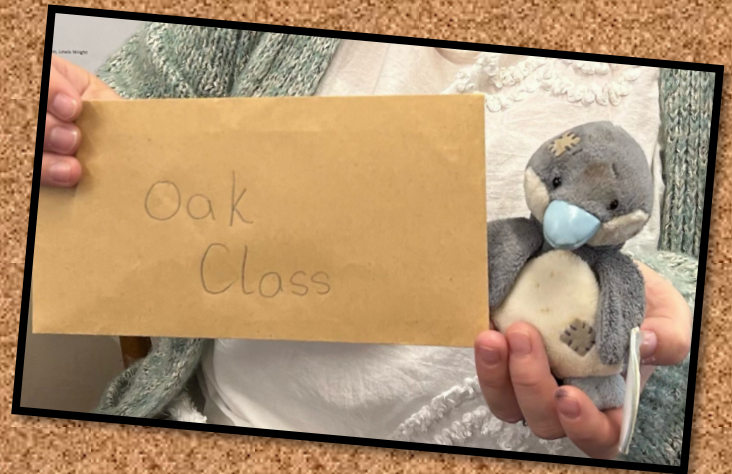


**There has been a lot of exciting learning going on this week.....**

# **CLASS NEWS**



**Willow Class had a special visitor from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. We discussed fire safety and learnt lots of life saving information.**



**Oak class had a special visitor this week who was 'lost' we helped him 'find' his way home. Based on the story "lost and found" by Oliver Jeffers.**



**Ash & Willow took their Science learning into our beautiful Eco Zone & Nature Reserve looking for signs of Autumn.**



**On Monday, our Year 5 & 6 children took part in a Lego STEM Challenge run by the RAF focussing on a variety of skills including teamwork, project management, finances and engineering.**



The children in Sycamore Class have been learning about becoming young leaders by using the STEP process and are keen and excited to lead games for our younger children at lunchtime.



Rowan class enjoyed the RAF funded STEM challenge this week.





**Chestnut enjoying PE lessons.**

**Hawthorn class have enjoyed exploring how to make a simple circuit to light a bulb.**



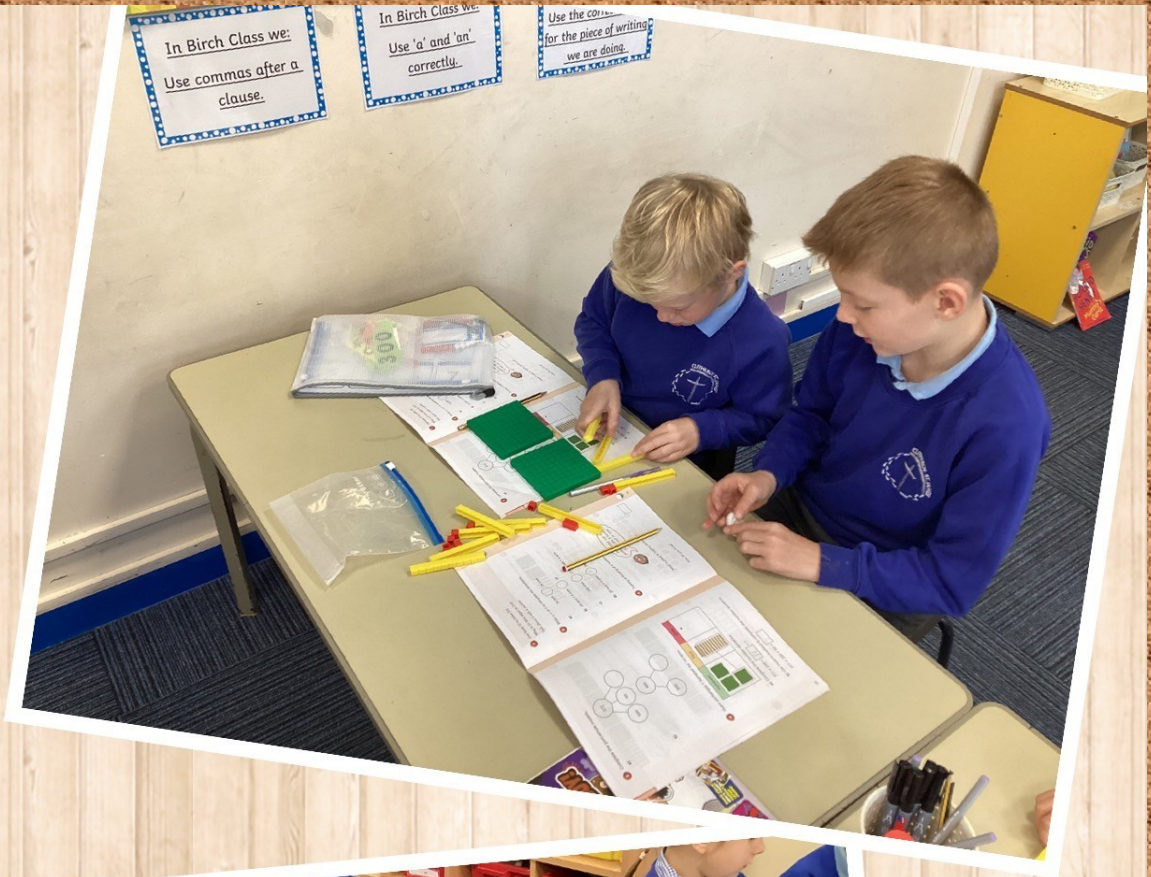


**Alder Class enjoyed the STEM Lego challenge on Monday. They had to design, cost and build a bridge for the RAF.**



**Acorn children have enjoyed loose parts play this week.**





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**Birch Class have enjoyed using the Base Ten in our maths packs to make three digit numbers and exchange hundreds, tens and ones.**