



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

6th September 2024



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer.

It has been fantastic to see our pupils return this week and to welcome our new starters. Pupils look so smart in their uniforms!

This year promises to be one of learning and growth. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing engaging lessons and activities that will inspire your children to achieve their best. We are committed to providing a nurturing environment where every pupil feels valued and supported. **On Monday after school until 4pm, teachers will be available in their classrooms. This will provide an opportunity for you to get to know them and share any relevant information about your child.**

As always, we value your partnership in your child's education. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in our school's success, and we encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the year. Please keep an eye on our newsletters for more details.

Thank you for entrusting us with the care and education of your children. Together, let's make this school year at St. James's Primary one to remember!

Collective Worship

"Be strong and courageous for the lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

This week we looked at the bible story of how Joshua and Caleb were very brave when they went into the promised land. We learned that we can be brave too when we are faced with challenges.



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:



Oak Ash Willow & Hawthorn

Staffing News

Mrs Fitzgerald, our wonderful Jimmy's manager, will be convalescing over the next few months. Mrs Geldard will be taking over the running of the club and Mrs Leach will be helping out alongside Mrs Davies & Mrs Robinson.

Mrs Reeta, one of our welfare assistants, will be moving on to a full time post in 2 weeks. We would like to thank her for her dedicated service over the past year.

We are currently advertising for this role. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Welcome to new members of our St James' Staff Team



My name is Claire Hinds and I am the Deputy Headteacher. I love teaching and I have been teaching for 17 years (I used to teach in Manchester, then Clayton-le-Moors). I am very excited to be joining the team here at St James' and look forward to getting to know you all. When I'm not teaching, I like to spend time with my little boy, we love swimming and reading books together.



My name is Jake Cumberland and I am Willow Class teacher. I really enjoy teaching and have taught in different schools across Blackburn and Darwen. I am excited about starting my journey here at St James' and I am always happy to help in any way that I can. When I am not teaching I love going on long walks with my two dogs, watching football and spending time with my fiancé.



My name is Stephanie Woodford and I am Hawthorn Class teacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed my teaching journey of 3 years so far. I previously taught at a village school in Earby where I was also in Year 4. I am excited to be joining the team here at St. James' and look forward to getting to know you all. When I'm not teaching I have a fondness for different types of dance and have been involved with a variety of clubs and competitions. I also love reading and any creative art activities.



Healthy Snacks

Children in KS2 can bring a healthy snack to eat during morning playtime.

This can be a piece of fruit or a packet of dried fruit.

Peanut Allergy

We have a child with a severe peanut allergy in school this year. Exposure to peanuts could be life threatening. Please do not send your child to school with foods containing any kind of nuts.



Behaviour towards school Staff

This is a statement written by Lancashire County Council because schools are experiencing increasing numbers of harassment, bullying and abuse towards school staff. We are fortunate at St James' that such incidents are uncommon.

Lancashire County Council guidance on appropriate behaviour towards school staff:

Zero tolerance on harassment, bullying and intimidation:

School staff must be respected, and we have a zero-tolerance policy on harassment, bullying and intimidation. All staff have the right to be treated with dignity and respect without the fear of threatening behaviour, verbal abuse or violence.

We ask that complaints are raised through the school's Complaints Policy - those communicated directly by email will not be addressed. Schools will only respond to individual complaints on particular issues.

It is not acceptable to write derogatory or inflammatory posts on social media. Abusive telephone calls will be ended. Such behaviours will not be tolerated, and action will be taken against those who behave or act in such ways.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Acorn

The whole class

Ash

The whole class

Birch

The whole class

Chestnut

The whole class

Rowan

The whole class

Oak

The whole class

Willow

The whole class

Hawthorn

The whole class

Alder

The whole class

Sycamore

The whole class

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Jimmy's Out of School Club

Due to staff training & unforeseen circumstances

Jimmy's will be closed morning & afternoon on:

Monday 16th September & Tuesday 17th September

Alternative childcare needs to be in place. Thank you



Fun with friends and making a fantastic range of creative artworks are what your child will experience at Create Club. The art activities will be linked to this term's theme:



Out of This World...

We are going on an 'Out of This World' inspired themed creative journey. Your child will be exploring:

- Funky Fingerprint Characters in paint and then 3D in foam clay
- Mythical Creatures in watercolours
- Magical Northern Lights with chalk pastels
- Imaginary Puppet Friend with craft materials
- Alien Invasion: a Spinning UFO modelled using recycled materials
- An Extraterrestrial in clay plus a galactic collaged landscape

When:

Wednesday 11 September – Wednesday 16 October: 3.30pm – 4.30pm
6 sessions

Cost

All materials are included. The half-term cost is £36.00

How to book

To pay, please book online using this link: [St James Autumn 1 2024](#) or search Clitheroe at www.thecreationstation.co.uk

Here's to an inspiring time!

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Bowland High

Tradition, Care and Challenge

Open Evening

Thursday 19th September 2024 6.00pm-8.30pm

Open Day

Wednesday 25th September 2024 9.15am-1.20pm

Headteacher's speeches will be held at 6.15pm, 7.00pm & 7.45pm
Headteacher - Laura Fielden

Please note: There will be NO vehicular access or parking during Open Evening at the school or in the surrounding lanes. A free 'Park & Ride' system will operate from Clitheroe Auction Mart, commencing at 5.30pm. Visitors requiring disabled access, please contact the school. We apologise for any inconvenience



Come to see the school in action!

Please email/telephone to book a tour between 9.15am and 1.20pm (duration approximately 45 minutes) Unfortunately we can only accommodate parents/carers who pre book a tour

Bowland High School, Riversmead Grindleton, BB7 4QS
Website: bowland.atctrust.org.uk Telephone: 01200 441374 Email: enquiries@bowland.atctrust.org.uk



Secondary Provision Open Evening

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024

We warmly invite you to attend our secondary provision Open Evening on Thursday 26th September, 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

**Ribblesdale School require you to book tickets for the Open Evening through their website:
www.ribblesdale.org**



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY EAST

Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01254 220747.

**HAVE
YOUR SAY**

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

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