



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

4th October 2024



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next Monday a group of our pupils will participate in the local area cross-country running competition at St Michael and St John's RC Primary school. Last year our pupils achieved very highly and one child went on to compete against all of Lancashire's schools. As always, we wish this years pupils the best of luck!

It is not just cross-country running that we excel in at St James'. Our football clubs were also really successful last year. We believe that it is really important for our pupils to have opportunities to compete and we have just received a Gold Award for the second year running which recognises our school's provision and engagement in school games.

Personally, I really enjoy running with our junior children every Friday lunchtime. We either run round our school field or through the Primrose Nature reserve next to our school. We can have up to 30 pupils and there is a great feeling of exhilaration from us all.

Enjoy a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all in full uniform on Monday morning at 8:40am.

Collective Worship

"God put humans in the garden to take care of it."

Gen 2:15

This week we looked at the creation story and how God put humans to take care of the world. We looked at some endangered animals and practical ways that we can care for our world. Picking up litter, reusing, recycling and using the car less were all ideas that our children shared.



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

Photo day— Tuesday 8th October

Pupils with siblings (not at our school), are invited in for a photo between 8:30am—8:50am on Tuesday morning. Please come to the main office as photos will be taken in the Infant Hall.

For those children who have PE lessons on Tuesdays, please ensure they are in **full school uniform** and bring their PE kit in a bag with them.



Harvest 2024



Please bring harvest donations into school by Thursday 17th October. A full list of donations is available on last weeks newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

ASDA

Don't forget to sign up for the new Asda Cashpot to raise money for our school!

[Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://www.asda.com)

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:

Abuzer S (Rowan)

Ollie G (Birch)



STARS OF THE WEEK



Acorn

Edward & Laiba

Ash

Oskar & Rashid

Birch

Eli & Otis

Chestnut

Jack B & Franki

Rowan

Lydia & Milo

Oak

Hallie & Joseph

Willow

Mabel & Izzy

Hawthorn

William & Freddie

Alder

Daniel & Olivia

Sycamore

Anya & Jasmine



Dates for the Diary



Tue 8 th Oct	School photos (individuals/siblings)
Mon 14 th Oct	Robinwood parents meeting, 5pm
Thur 17 th Oct	Friends School Disco
Thur 17 th Oct	Harvest Service at Church at Church, 9:30am
	HALF TERM WEEK (Mon 21 st —Friday 25 th October)
Mon 28 th Oct	INSET DAY
Tue 29 th Oct	INSET DAY
Wed 30 th Oct	Children back in school after half term
Mon 4 th Nov	Parents Evening 1 (3:30 - 6pm)
Wed 6 th Nov	Parents Evening 2 (3:30 - 6pm)
Wed 4 th - 6 th Dec	Robin Wood trip Y6 / Tea with Santa
Fri 6 th Dec	Non uniform Jarbola
Wed 11 th Dec	Nativity performance 2pm
Thur 12 th Dec	Panto trip - The Grand am
Thur 12 th Dec	Nativity performance 3:30pm
Fri 13 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 st Dec	Friends Christmas Fair - 3.20pm
Thu 19 th Dec	Christmas Service at Church, 9:30am
Fri 20 th Dec	Term ends
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (Fri 20 th Dec—Fri 3 rd Jan)
Mon 6 th Jan 2025	Term starts

Please note these dates/times may be subject to change if necessary.

Reception Class 2025

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery, you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The closing date for primary reception applications for September 2025 is **15th January 2025**.

Mr Leeming is holding tours of school most Monday mornings at 9am. Please contact the school office to book a time slot.

Secondary School 2025

Apply for your child's secondary school place before 31st October 2024 at:

[Starting secondary school \(Year 7\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

School Games Values



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

Passion

These children, this week, have shown great positivity and encouraged others to try their best.

Sycamore	Harry W
Rowan	Abuzer
Alder	Logan
Chestnut	Cian P
Hawthorn	Vivan
Birch	Ollie G
Willow	Oscar
Ash	Zach J
Oak	River
Acorn	Albert

