



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

29th November 2024



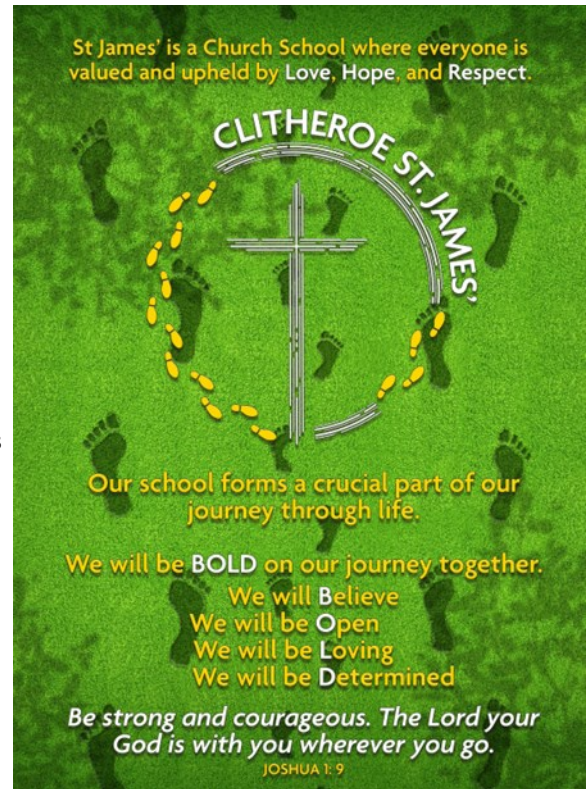
MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We believe that strong relationships between school and home are a key foundation for a child's success. This is why our school vision statement has three sets of footprints (the two adult footprints representing adults at home and school and the child's representing our pupils). We think of walking together hand in hand with the child at the centre.

As such, we are constantly looking to create opportunities for parents to be involved in children's learning and experiences in school. This week we hosted a **Phonics Workshop for KS1 Parents** to give you a deeper understanding of how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your child's reading and writing at home. Also Parents of children in Reception (Acorn & Oak) have been invited to join phonics sessions to see how we teach phonics. We hope that observing these sessions will provide insight into your child's learning.

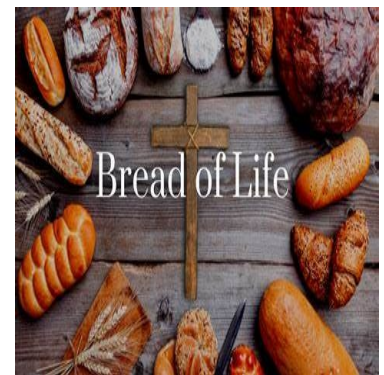
Research shows that when parents are actively involved in their child's education, it leads to better outcomes, both academically and emotionally. Children feel valued and supported, and it creates shared moments of joy and discovery.



Collective Worship

Jesus said "I am the bread of life, those that come to me will never go hungry." John 6:35

We have continued to look at the names that Jesus called himself this week. I shared with children about my experience of working with very poor children in Ecuador with the Charity **Pan de Vida** (Bread of life). We learned that bread gives us energy and strength and that Christians believe that Jesus gives us this energy and strength to do good things.



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:



HAWTHORN

Monday 2nd December - Shoebox Appeal

This is the last day to bring filled shoe boxes in for those less fortunate, at Christmas time. Full details were sent out on the 8th November Newsletter.

Pantomime 12th December

Please remember to complete the online form to enable your child to go to the pantomime. Please also ensure **payment is made online by Monday 9th December.**



Friday 20th December

WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSING at 2pm. Please note **Jimmy's will not be open,** please ensure adequate childcare arrangements are in place.

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:



STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Keegan & Laiba

Ash

Mila & Layla

Birch

Ollie & Darcie

Chestnut

Eliza & Ellie

Rowan

Sarah G & Sienna

Oak

Marley & Ashton

Willow

Arielle & Mason

Hawthorn

Abu Bakr & Amy

Alder

Theo & Beth

Sycamore

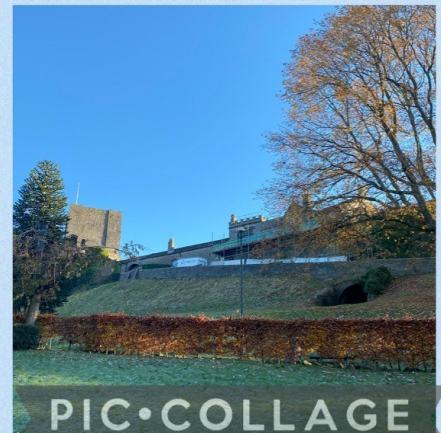
Ava & Kairi

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

CLASS NEWS



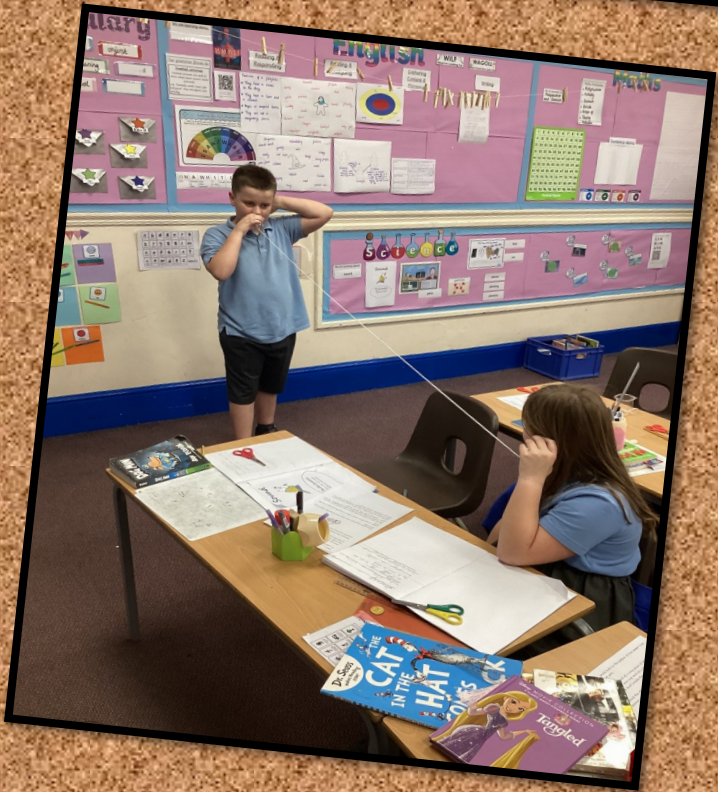
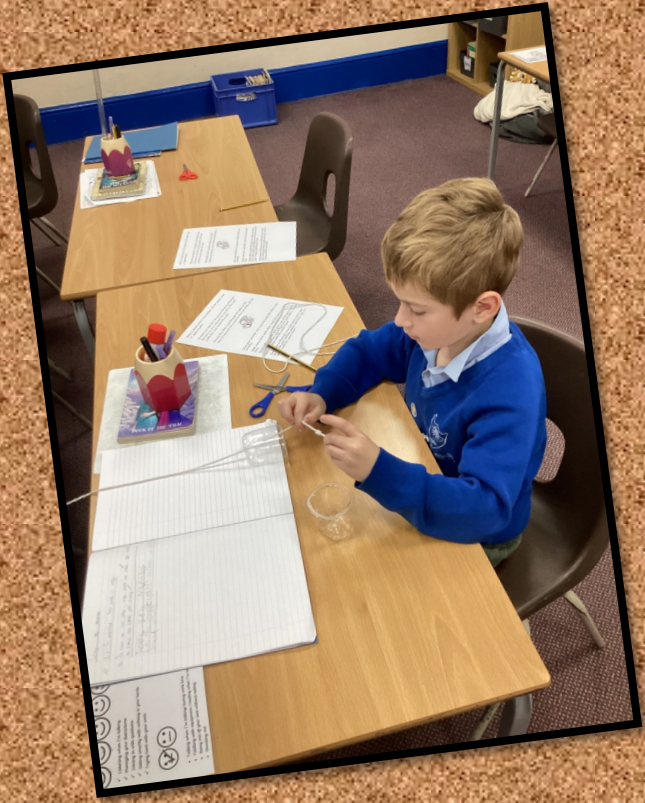
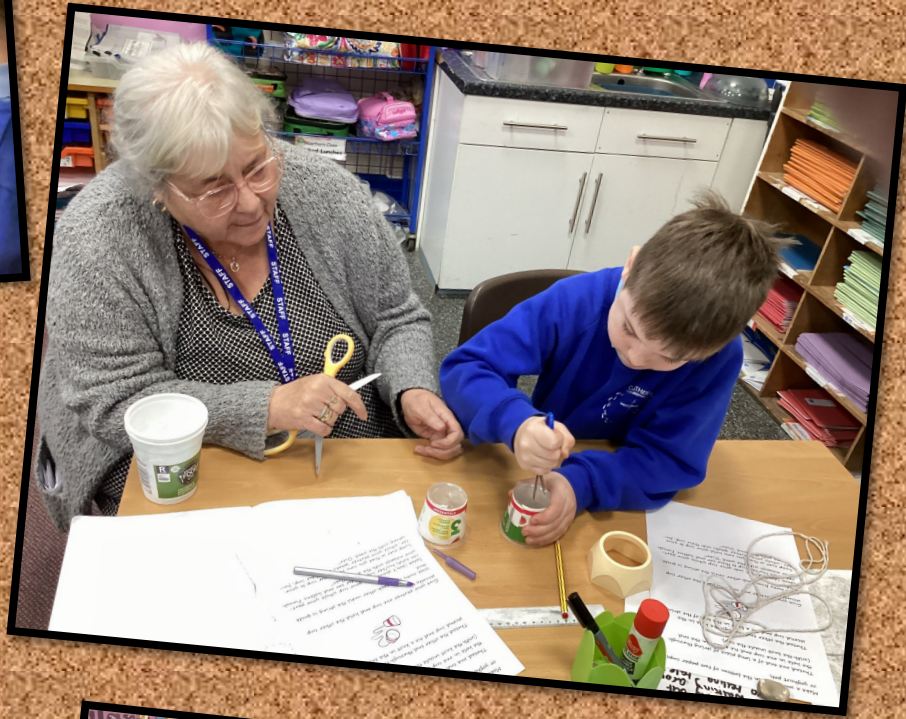
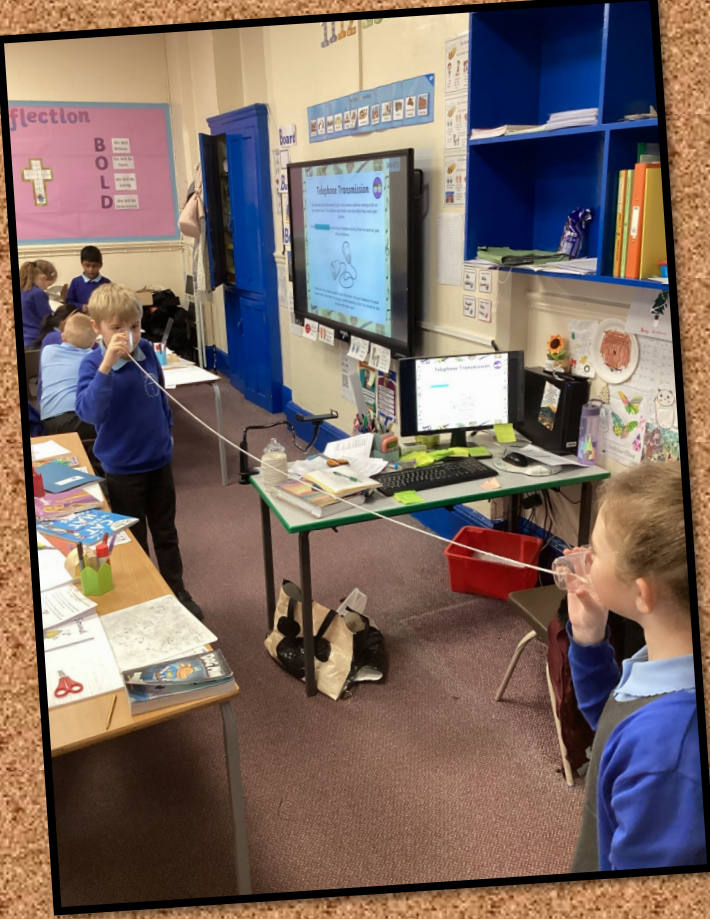
Chestnut Class thoroughly enjoying Forest School.



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Children in Ash and Willow classes enjoyed a lovely learning walk around Clitheroe looking for what makes our town special and signs of Information Technology. Special thank you to the Rotarian ladies who gave up their time to help us.

Hawthorn have investigated how sound can travel over a distance by making string telephones.





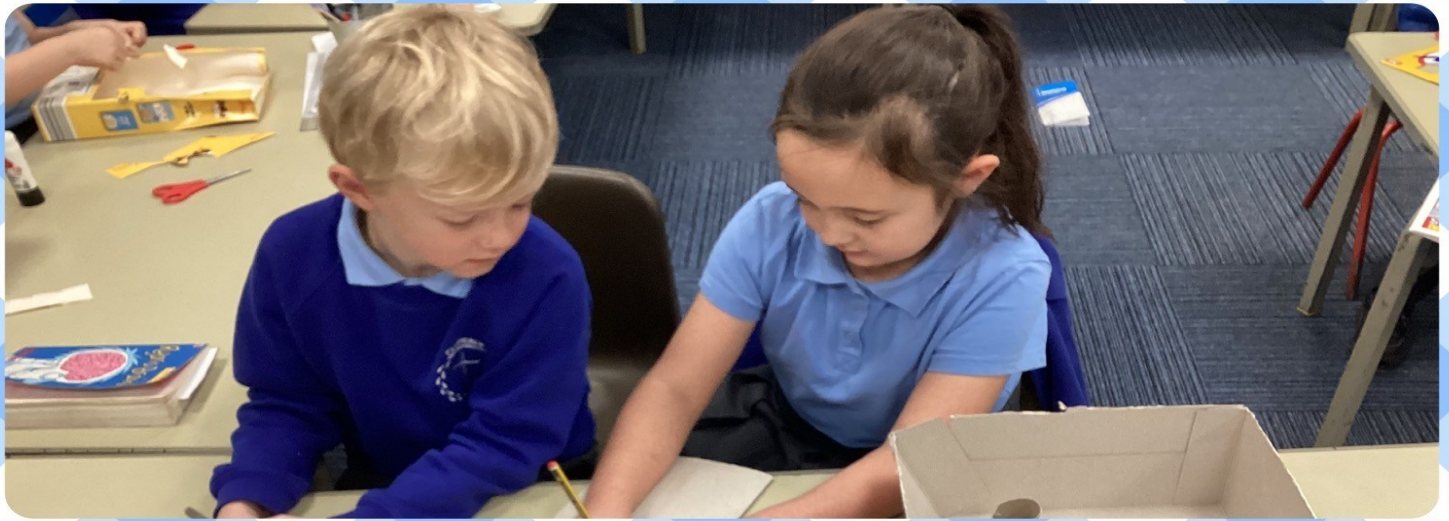
In Oak Class we have made some jelly to trap Evil Pea as part of our English work. It tasted lovely!!



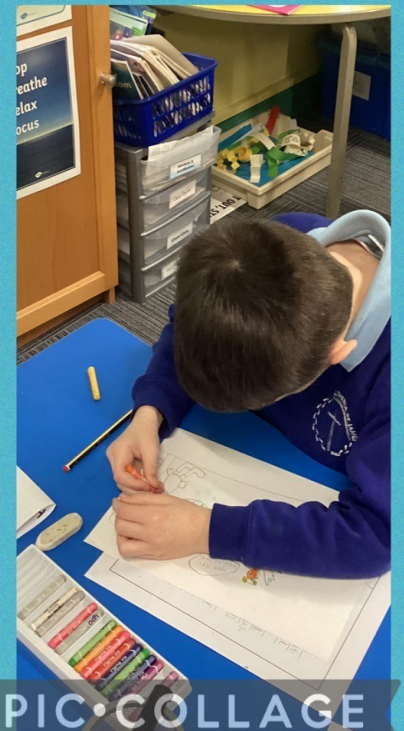
Sycamore Class have been exploring the life of Walt Disney in preparation for writing a biography on him. We took part in some active learning to learn different facts about Walt Disney.



Rowan Class enjoyed creating music for film this week.



Birch Class have enjoyed creating 3D sculptures out of cardboard boxes.



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Willow class enjoyed learning about The Christmas Story through art. We made some fabulous angel art.