



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

13th December 2024



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last newsletter of the term and what a great term it has been!

This week saw our infants performing their fabulous nativity to packed audiences at St James' Church. Thank you all for your support. Chestnut have been to the library this morning to sing Christmas carols and next week our amazing school choir will be performing at Pendle Club. We are grateful to Mrs Longhi for providing our pupils with fantastic music experiences.

Today our school kitchen have served Christmas meals to our pupils that were waited on by staff and enjoyed Christmas song accompaniment. Thank you for supporting the *Save the Children* Christmas Jumper appeal. The school has raised £216.

A huge thanks also to our team of parent volunteers who work so hard in Friends (PTA). We had wonderful *tea with Santa* last week and tonight our Christmas Fair. Thank you also to all the volunteers who escorted the children to the pantomime, which was enjoyed by all.

As I always say, please try to make time to read with your children over the holiday. We would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to seeing you at the start of term on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8:40am!

Collective Worship

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

Matt 2:13

This week we looked at how Jesus was a **refugee** having to flee for his life to Egypt. We prayed for refugees in the world today running away from terrible situations.



Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

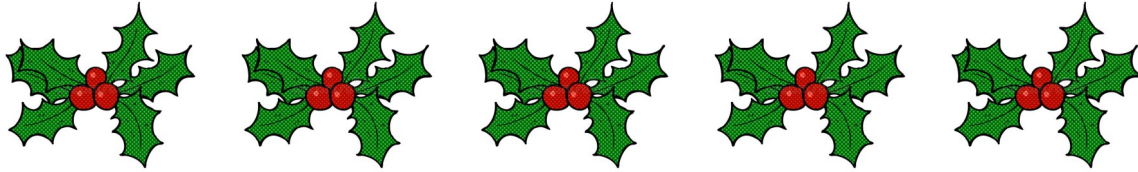
Please inform the office asap.

Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day. The class with the best attendance this week was:



ASH & ALDER



Staffing news

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Allen who is retiring after working at the school for 31 years. We are so grateful for her commitment over all these years and wish her well in her retirement.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Ahmed who will also be leaving us this Christmas. We wish her well with her new baby!

We have appointed Mrs Cherry who will be working with Chestnut class and Mrs Leeming (no relation to Mr Leeming) to work in Alder class. We have also appointed Mrs Hallam who will also be working in Chestnut class.

Friday 20th December



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

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Albert & Keegan

Ash

All the class

Birch

Macie & Theo

Chestnut

All the class

Rowan

Martyna W & Isaac K

Oak

All the class

Willow

All the class

Hawthorn

Savannah & Leah

Alder

Axel & Annie

Sycamore

Frank & George

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

CLASS NEWS



Ash Class have really enjoyed learning and performing the Nativity, *Baarmy Bethlehem!*



Chestnut Class enjoyed singing at Clitheroe Library this morning.



Rowan Class Year 6 had a fantastic time at Robinwood.



Last week Sycamore Class went on a residential trip to Robinwood, in Todmorden, where they experienced a wide range of activities. This was an amazing opportunity for the pupils to build confidence, resilience and cooperation.

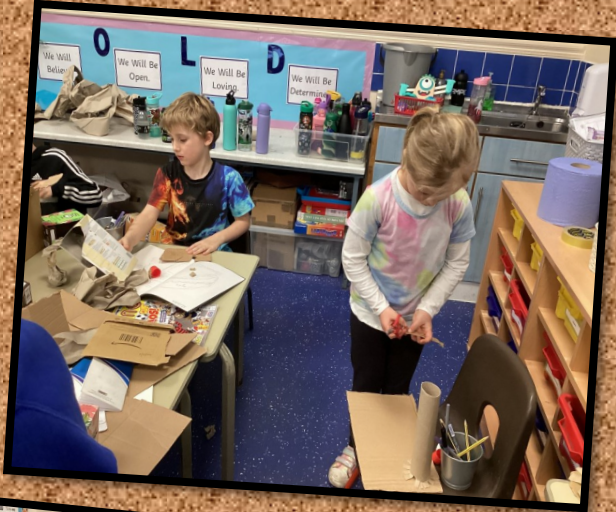
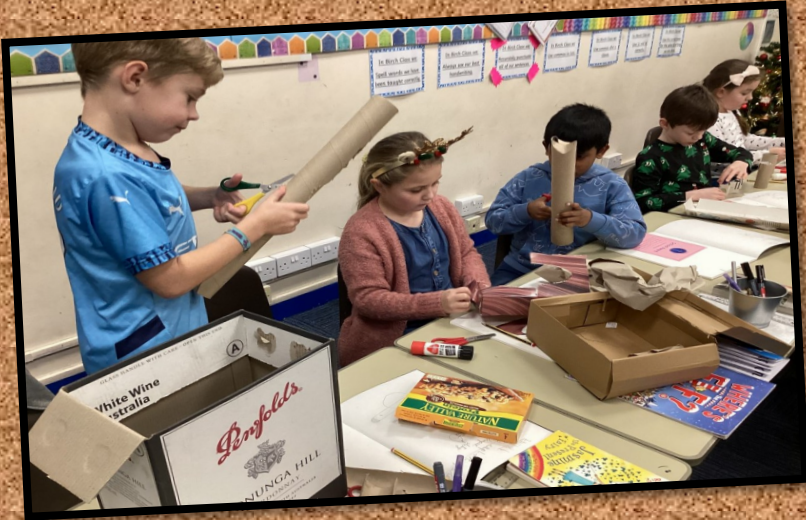


Acorn Class have been looking at old and new toys.



Oak class have enjoyed their Santa Dash today!

Hawthorn added final touches to their 3D sculptures.



Birch Class have really enjoyed making the 3D sculptures out of cardboard.





Willow have loved wearing their Christmas jumpers today and taking part in the Santa dash.



Alder Class have been exploring shadows in science, creating actions for different planets in P.E and started making their Christmas decorations for our DT topic.