



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

6th December 2024



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share some highlights from our week in school. Our Year 6 pupils have had an exciting action-packed residential trip at Robin Wood! It was wonderful to share some time with them and see their smiling faces. This was a great experience for them all, learning independence, team building and resilience. Thank you to our staff and Chair of Governors for providing this amazing opportunity. A special thank you to Miss White who organised the trip.

In sporting news, we participated in the Ribble Valley Football competition, and I extend my gratitude to Mrs Barnes and Mr Cumberland for their support. A special thank you also goes to Mr Stell for his dedication in providing early morning football practice each Thursday.

The Friends' Tea with Santa event was a joyous occasion, bringing festive cheer to all who attended.

Our pupils have also showcased their creativity by designing beautiful Christmas cards. Congratulations to our winners (see page 4). School will be sending copies of these cards to school contacts.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning for another fun packed, exciting week!

Collective Worship

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem, though you are small, out of you will come one who will be ruler over Israel

This week we learned what the word prophecy means and that Jesus' birth was prophesied hundreds of years before he was born with one prophet even mentioning Bethlehem.



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:



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Its beginning to feel a lot like Christmas.....



December dates to put in your diary

Tues. 10th Dec. Nativity performance at Church, 2pm (ticketed event)
Wedns. 11th Dec. Nativity performance at Church, 3:30pm (ticketed event)
Thurs. 12th Dec. whole school panto at The Grand "Puss in Boots of Clitheroe Castle", volunteers needed to walk with children



Fri. 13th Dec. Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation for Save the Children

Tues. 17th Dec. Infant Christmas Parties

Wed 18th Dec. Choir singing at Pendle Club

Thurs 19th Dec. Christmas service at Church 9:30am, all welcome

Fri 20th Dec. WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSING at 2pm. Please note **Jimmy's will not be open**, please ensure adequate childcare arrangements are in place

A BIG thank you to all those who brought shoe boxes for Action Aid. We received 26 boxes altogether which will go to children who otherwise would not get a gift this Christmas.



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

Amber & Daisy

Ash

Stanley & Bobby

Birch

Emmett & Godson

Chestnut

Whole class

Rowan

All the Year 5's

Oak

Anna & Jack

Willow

Elsie & Olivia

Hawthorn

Vivan & Annabelle

Alder

Logan & Amelia

Sycamore

Whole class



Friends' Diary Dates



<p>Fri 13th Dec</p>	<p>Friends Christmas Fair - 3.20pm in the KS2 Hall Volunteers needed please contact: stjamesfriends@hotmail.com Cakes and sweet treats donations to be dropped off in the office in the morning</p>
<p>Tues 17th Dec</p>	<p>Friends Annual General Meeting, 6:10pm. To discuss events and to vote a new Chairperson in. All welcome.</p>
	<p>Any raffle, tombola & hamper donations, please drop off at the office, thank you</p>

Jimmy's Out of School Club



Just a reminder that all bookings must be paid for in advance, or at the time of making a booking.

Jimmy's can be used on an ad hoc basis, if places are available.

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.

Discounted Uniform

Myclothing.com are offering parents a 10% discount on ordering school uniform from their website, when using the following code:

UNIFORM10.

The code expires 20/12/2024.





Holiday and INSET Dates School Year 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

INSET Day Monday 1st September

Starts for pupils: Tuesday 2nd September

Half term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

INSET Day Monday 3rd November

Starts for pupils: Tuesday 4th November

Ends: Friday 19th December (close at 2pm)

Spring Term 2026

INSET Day Monday 5th January

Starts for pupils: Tuesday 6th January

Half term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20 February

Ends: Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April

May Day: Monday 4th May

Half term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

INSET Day Monday 1st June

Starts for pupils: Tuesday 2nd June

Ends: Friday 17th July

INSET Day Monday 20th July

Thank you to all those that attended the book fair, we took around £340, which equates to £85 in vouchers to spend on books for school.



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Christmas Card Design Winners 2024!

Well done to all those that entered!



Fully Funded School Support Course

We have been asked to share the below:

We would like to highlight a new 2025 FULLY FUNDED (FREE) courses to parents, carers and staff at your school. EFSA (Education Skills Funding Agency) have full funding for our six-week online intensive courses, available to parents and carers in your school's area.

We understand that it can be difficult for most parents and carers to further their education, which puts them in a better position for a job role that fits in with their families. So, we have created new intensive courses that are based online, with full tutor support, running within school hours and in term times ONLY.

This is a six-week course, available in level 1, 2 & 3, with live webinar sessions running from 9:30am - 11:30am, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session from 12:30-2pm.

Our next course starts on 6th January. The deadline to enrol is Friday 13th December!



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Education & Skills Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

6 Week Course
Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

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