



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

31st January 2025



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

At St. James' we are committed to providing rich and diverse learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom. We believe in inspiring curiosity, fostering creativity, and broadening horizons through a variety of enrichment activities.

Recently, our KS1 pupils had the opportunity to participate in an exciting **Owl Workshop** which was organised because the children are learning about birds in their English topic (see pg 4 & 9). This special event brought a touch of the wild into our school, as children learned all about these magnificent birds of prey. The workshop was led by experienced wildlife educators who introduced the students to several live owls.

The children were captivated as they learned about the unique adaptations of owls, their habitats, and their important role in ecosystems. Highlights included seeing the owls up close. It was a hands-on experience that sparked awe and inspired children to write about the birds.

Activities like this are a vital part of our school's commitment to creating a well-rounded educational experience. We're passionate about giving children opportunities to explore new topics, discover their interests, and engage with the world around them in meaningful ways.

Looking ahead, we have more exciting enrichment opportunities planned, including a viking workshop and visitors to celebrate world book day. Keep an eye out for details in future newsletters!

Thank you for your ongoing support as we strive to make learning an inspiring adventure for every child.

Collective Worship

"Think of it as pure joy when you face tests and challenges because they bring perseverance." James 1 v 2-4



Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

This was the question we looked at on Monday. When put in hot water (life's difficulties), a carrot becomes mushy, an egg hard, but a coffee bean brings fragrance. When tough things come our way, we have a choice about how we respond. Let's try to be more like coffee!

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:



WILLOW



Ready to start.....



Please ensure your child arrives to school **on time & fully prepared** for the day ahead:

Correct school uniform or PE uniform, forest school wear, water bottle etc.

Due to the ever changing weather always bring a coat!

Year 6

Please ensure you have paid the first instalment for the residential by today.

Other payments can be made at any other time.



If your child has **sickness and/or diarrhoea**, they should not be in school for **48hours** after the last bout of illness. Please check your child understands why they need to **wash hands** frequently and thoroughly.

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:

Emmett (Birch)
Imogen (Rowan)
Emily & Leo (Chestnut)
Amelia & Georgia (Sycamore)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Keegan & Ronnie

Ash

Zain & Layla

Birch

Macie & Godson

Chestnut

Cora & Frankie

Rowan

Soli & Lily

Oak

Olivia & Rishi

Willow

Mara & Poppy

Hawthorn

Judit & Savannah

Alder

Thomas & George

Sycamore

Kairi & Kayleigh

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

CLASS NEWS



Alder class have been learning about day and night in science, exploring Viking artefacts and building and coding Lego models.



Willow class loved having special visitors into school this week. We met six different owls and a hawk. We even got to hold and stroke them!



Acorn class are enjoying using their new learning, in phonics, in their reading and writing.

Sycamore Class have been using Spike Lego Education to put their programming and coding skills in action. This creation actually lifted the water bottle.



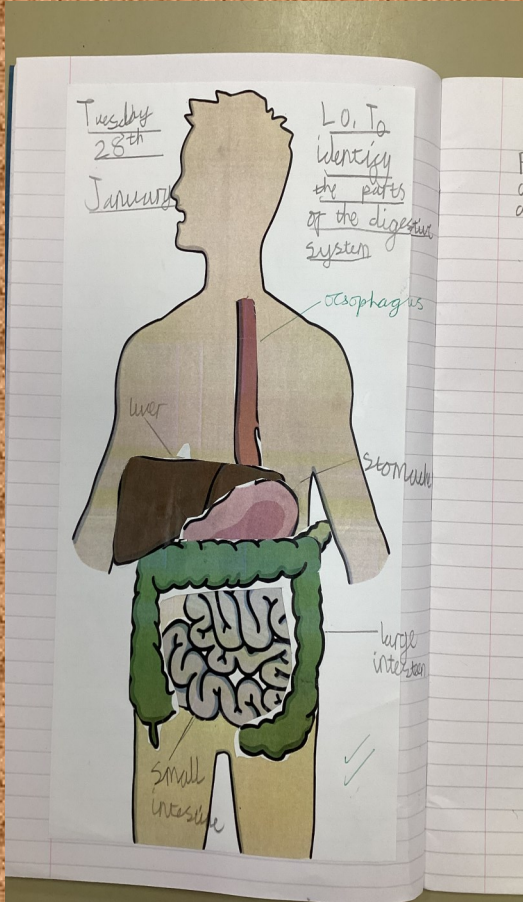
Hawthorn have been exploring mirrored and matched shapes in gymnastics.





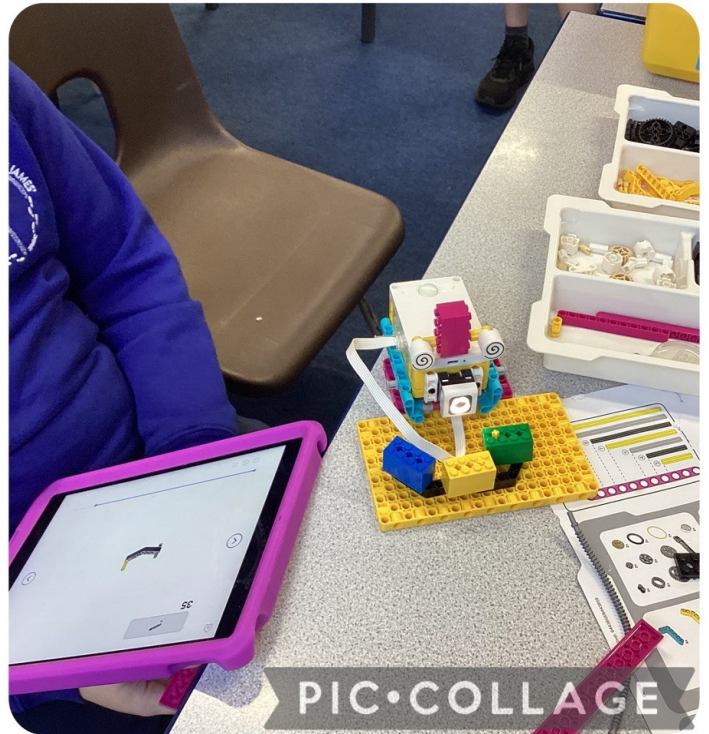
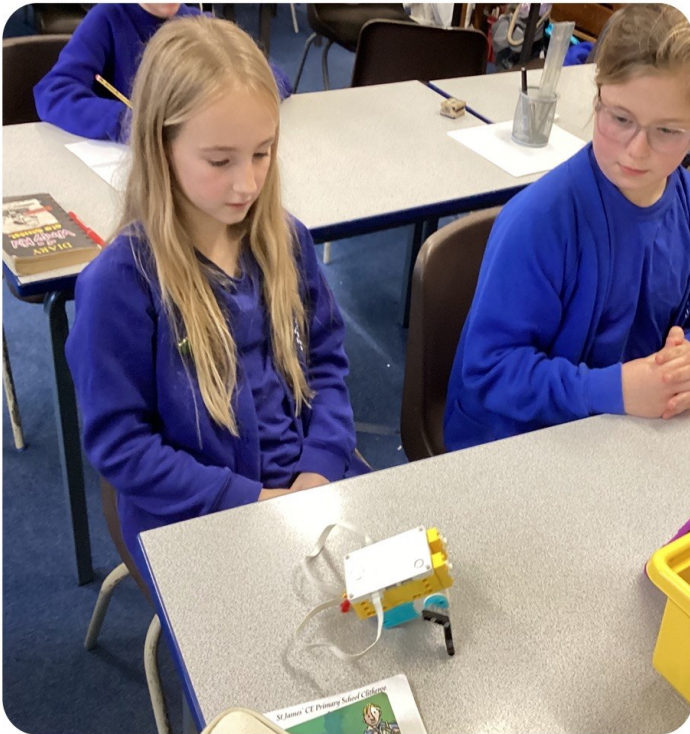
Chestnut Class: Here is a photo of children in PE performing sequenced balances on large apparatus.

Birch class are really enjoying learning about the digestive system!



Oak Class: We have been learning about the weather in geography. We have made a wind sock and a spinner to measure the direction of the wind.





Rowan Class have been enjoying their Lego coding lessons this half term.



Ash & Willow class had a wonderful time meeting the beautiful owls and birds of prey, which are lovingly cared for by Lancashire Hawks & Owls. The children loved holding the birds and developed their knowledge to enhance their English writing.