



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

7th February 2025



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to share some recent highlights from our school community. Our Year 6 pupils recently participated in an engaging STEM workshop, providing them with valuable hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Additionally, four of our Year 1 children had the opportunity to visit a local school for an exciting dance workshop, further enriching their educational experience.

Looking ahead, I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming Online Safety Day on Tuesday, 11th February. As we continue to navigate the digital world, it is crucial that we work together to ensure our children's online safety. I urge all parents to be vigilant about the platforms their children are using. For instance, WhatsApp has an age restriction of 13, and it is important to respect these guidelines to protect our younger pupils who may not yet have the maturity to manage such platforms safely.

To support you in addressing online safety concerns, I recommend visiting <https://parentzone.org.uk/>, which offers valuable advice for parents. Additionally, our school website provides extensive advice on this topic at <https://st-james.lancs.sch.uk/online-safety/>.

Thank you for your continued support in creating a safe and nurturing environment for our pupils, both in school and online.

Collective Worship



We were fortunate to welcome Jo Troughton from "the Creation Station" <https://www.thecreationstation.co.uk/locations/clitheroe-and-the-ribble-valley> to our collective worship on Monday. She shared her inspiring journey, highlighting how her faith supported her through challenging times. Jo will be leading an after-school art club every Monday next term, offering our pupils a creative outlet to express themselves.

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:



CHESTNUT

Thank you to all our Governors

School governors give their time, energy, and expertise to help schools thrive. National School Governors' Awareness Day (NSGAD) is an opportunity to recognise their impact, celebrate their commitment, and highlight the vital role they play in shaping education. This year National School Governors Awareness Day takes place on **Thursday 13th February**.

More information about NSGAD, and a link to sign up to any of the numerous webinars which are on offer, can be found via the link [national school governors awareness day](#)

There are currently 20,000 vacancies on school boards nationwide and the education charity Governors for Schools help to find and support people to take on the role. If you're interested in making a difference to the educational experiences of children and young people, you can find out more here: [Become a school governor - Governors for Schools](#)



NUT FREE

Please do not send your child to school with foods that contain any kind of nuts.

We have several children in school with various kinds of nut allergies. Thank you

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:

Nile (Hawthorn)

Emmett (Birch)

**Amelia, Jasmine, Kayleigh, Ava
(Sycamore)**

Jacob, Ted & William (Chestnut)

Harry B (Oak)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Leo & Olive

Ash

Matthew & Bailey

Birch

Amelia & Raven

Chestnut

Jack B & Anita I

Rowan

Isla & Stanley

Oak

Hallie & Ashton

Willow

Aleks & Archie W

Hawthorn

Jake & Hugo

Alder

Lucy & Sanuli

Sycamore

Sara & Katie

Say hello to our new Joint-Chairs of the PTA!

We're Mary and Emily, Mums of Reception children, so new to St James', but eager to get involved. We're both looking forward to continuing the great work of Jo with the PTA team in helping enrich the school and create some fantastic experiences and memories for our children! Please do say "hi" or grab us for a quick chat - we'll be found on the Infant playground.



Our Half Term disco is next week and we hope you're looking forward to it, remember to grab your tickets and pre-order treats online before Thursday! <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends>

We've got lots of things planned for the rest of the year like helping bring World Book Day to life and Mother's Day fun in March. To help us plan a World Book Day surprise, if you have any pre-loved children's books you no longer need or know any older children now in secondary who may have some, it would be fantastic if you could donate them to us - see the poster below for more details.

We'd love to hear your thoughts on what you'd like to see the PTA help with, any fundraising event ideas for the children - and us adults too! We're always looking for more hands to help the magic happen too so please get in touch if you've got a bit of spare time to give or know people who would like to donate/sponsor our events.

Thank you!

WE NEED YOUR PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S BOOKS!



To help Friends of St James' School plan a World Book Day surprise (March 6th) for the children, we'd love any donations of pre-loved or unused children's books please!

We need to cover readers from Reception and KS1 through to chapter books and KS2. Books need to be in good condition, please drop donations into the school office in the next few weeks.

Thank you!





Love Clitheroe Holiday Fun is back! This February Half Term, come and take part in games, crafts and activities at the churches in Clitheroe each morning (Monday-Thursday), followed by a free lunch. These fun mornings are really suitable for children aged 0-11 with their parents or carers and are completely free of charge, but booking is essential.

Booking is now open at www.loveclitheroe.com/holidayfun



Dogs Trust Education Workshop

Thursday 20th February (10:30am till 12:00pm) at Clitheroe Library

Over half term, Clitheroe Library are working with the Dog Trust Fund to help teach people, particularly children, to be safe around dogs.

This workshop will include a variety of games, crafts, and role play to allow for lots of fun and interaction. The aim is to teach everyone how to be safe around dogs and learn how to keep a dog happy and healthy.



The Dog Trust Fund do not bring real dogs to the workshops, but instead use realistic toy dogs for pets and cuddles.

This is free event but is booking required. This can be done in the library or on the library What's On Page. <https://events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/event-details?eventid=1542039>

POPCORN



A space for families to explore faith together.

Friday 14th February

Popcorn Cafe with drinks and after school snacks from 3.30pm

Songs, Bible stories, craft and fun activities from 3.50pm

St James Church, Clitheroe

www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/popcorn

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' SCHOOL

HALF-TERM PARTY DISCO!

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

In the Junior Hall

INFANTS: 6-6.45PM

INCLUDES A CAKE & UNLIMITED DRINKS, WITH
OPTION TO BUY A TREAT BAG

JUNIORS: 7-8PM

INCLUDES UNLIMITED DRINKS, WITH OPTIONS TO
BUY A HOTDOG AND SNACKS.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

£4

PER CHILD

SCAN QR CODE



OR

CLICK HERE!

[PTA Events](#)

FOR MORE DETAILS,
CHECK OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE





Clitheroe Castle
Museum

February Fun



Where am I hiding?

Will you take up the challenge and join the hunt? Can you help us find all the dinosaurs hiding in the museum galleries. Search high and low, and let us know how many you find. If you find them all, you might be our lucky monthly prize winner. No need to book, daily drop in event. Free with museum admission.

Roar-some craft

Enjoy some pre-historic fun this half term with our dino-tastic crafts. Choose your favourite ceramic dinosaur and get creative in our craft area. £2.50 whilst stock lasts. No need to book, daily drop in event between 12 noon and 4pm. Museum admission does not apply to craft activities.



Discover Dinosaurs this half term

- ⇒ Dig out your costume and travel back to the prehistoric era as you learn about these fascinating creatures.
- ⇒ Don't forget to take a selfie with Roary, our resident iguanodon.
- ⇒ Then enjoy all things dino with our daily drop in dino-mite event.



Games

Puzzles

Storytime

Colouring

Fun facts



Don't forget to pick up your dino souvenirs from the gift shop.

Open Daily, all kids go free

Find details of all our activities and events on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or visit our website at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/clitheroe-castle-museum> or via the QR code.

