



# The St. James' Journal Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



## MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I want to thank you for your support and involvement during our Ofsted inspection this week. We truly appreciate the time many of you took to complete the parent questionnaire and share your thoughts about our school. It has been heartening to hear so many positive experiences and to know how much you value the work we do to support your children's learning and well-being.

Your feedback is incredibly important to us, and it helps us to continue to grow and improve as a school community. We will share the Ofsted report with you once it has been published, which we expect to be shortly after the Easter break.

It was wonderful to see the typical politeness and respectful attitude from our pupils as I showed the inspector round school.

I want to also mention how privileged I feel to be part of the incredible staff team at St James' that constantly go the extra mile to provide the best for our children.

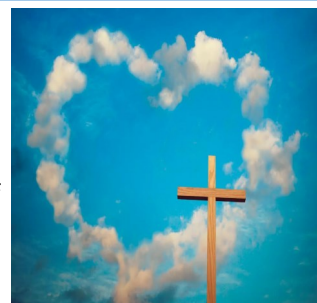
Thank you once again for your continued support — it makes such a difference to our school community.

Warm regards

## Collective Worship

*"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases". Lamentations 3:22*

This week we have been learning about heroes of faith in the Bible. On Monday we looked at the life of **Job** and how he kept his faith in both the good and bad times of life. We learned that life has its ups and downs for us all and Christians believe that God is with us through it all.



### 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**

## Parents evenings - Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

If you have not already booked a slot, please contact the school office who will arrange an appointment for you. Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment time in order to look at your child's work before meeting their teacher. All appointments will take place in the Junior hall.



**Scholastic Bookfair** is here from Wednesday 26th March until Wednesday 2nd April from 3.20m in the Junior Hall and including both parents evenings. Lots of lovely books at great prices.

**Please note card payment only.**

## Year 6 SATs

### Year 6 SATS meeting

The Year 6 SAT's meeting has been re-arranged and will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm in the Junior Hall. The meeting should last no longer than 30 minutes.



### Important Internet Safety Notice:



We have recently had a few cases of some of our older pupils using very inappropriate language on mobile phones. Please can parents continue to monitor children's use of mobile phones. Do remember that **WhatsApp says that children must be at least 13** to use the platform.

## 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 & Savannah (Hawthorn)**

**Archie T, Samson, Kayleigh, Max,  
Molly-Mae (Sycamore)**

**Imogen S (Rowan)**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Acorn

**Benjamin & Calix**

### Ash

**Fred & Frank P**

### Birch

**Theo & Bertie**

### Chestnut

**Cali & Jacob D**

### Rowan

**Sarah & Martyna**

### Oak

**Harry B & Marley**

### Willow

**Bellarose & Zachary**

### Hawthorn

**Anna & Savannah**

### Alder

**Axel & Evie**

### Sycamore

**Oliver D & Max H-B**

🌟🏆 Well Done to our girls football team who played brilliantly at the **Hyndburn and Ribble Valley School Sports Partnership** tournament on Monday night, losing just one game, making 2 draws & a 2-0 win! Thank you to Coach Zac & Stell & to Mrs Ashworth for all your help, training & support! 🏆🌟

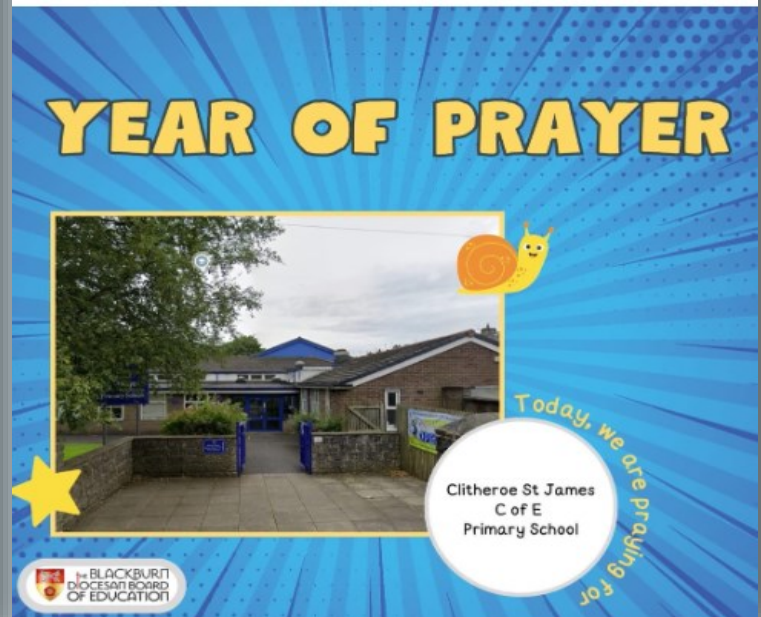


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As part of our Year of Prayer, we are praying for one school per day and today we are praying for **Clitheroe St. James' Church of England Primary School**.

Find out more and access resources for the Year of Prayer on our website: <https://www.bdeducation.org.uk/the-year-of-prayer/>



This year, let Friends help surprise that special someone...

## Mother's Day Gift Bags

Who wants to treat their Mummy/Mum, Nana, Aunty, Grandma or Mother figure in their life to something special this Mother's Day?

Let Friends help! Our gift bags contain a potted plant, painted craft to make & gift (suitable for all ages), a card to personalise and other treats to spoil that special someone, whilst helping raise funds to support school too!

Gift bags will be delivered & handed out in class on Friday 28th March, ready for Sunday 30th.

**£5 each**

**Sibling bags £2**  
(Extra craft & card)



Order online at PTA Events by **Tues 25th March**

Cash orders taken via the school office - put £'s in a sealed envelope with your child's name & class, and 'Mother's Day bag' written on.

**Mother's Day** is next Sunday - let Friends help your child plan a nice surprise with one of our Gift Bags, including ready-made gifts and 2 keepsakes for them to make and give.

Order yours before **Tuesday 25th March** here—

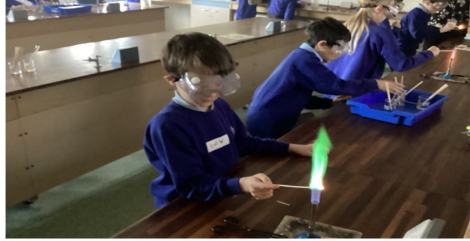
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm>

We also hope all the children enjoy their World Book Day Poet's Visit this next week, thanks again to your support at our events which has helped this happen!



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

# CLASS NEWS



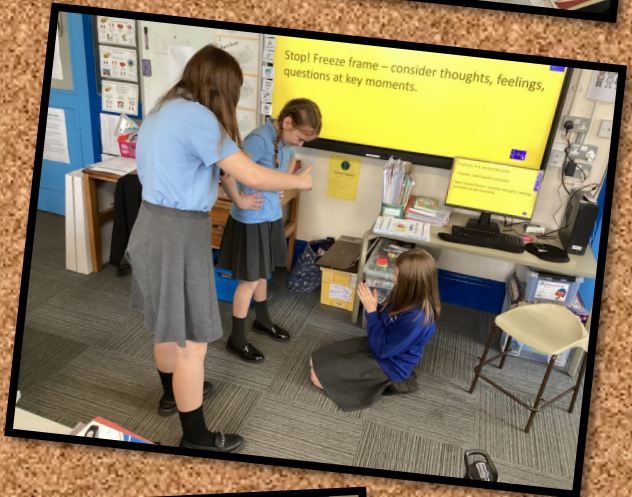
**Rowan class really enjoyed their Science Week activities.**

**Oak Class:  
In Art we worked together to create a giant sculpture of a spider based on a sculpture by Louise Bourgeois called 'Maman'.**

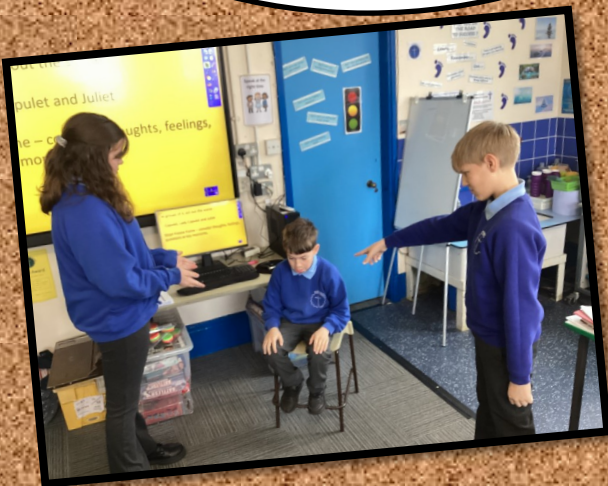




**Alder Class:**  
 Designed, created and tested rockets. They then had to think about designing a rocket that was sustainable for the future. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and learnt lots of new facts and information.



**Sycamore Class** have been acting out the scene in **Romeo and Juliet** where **Juliet** begs her father to reconsider his decision for her marriage to **Count Paris**.  
 In **Science**, we have been learning about what **fossils** are, their importance and how they are made.

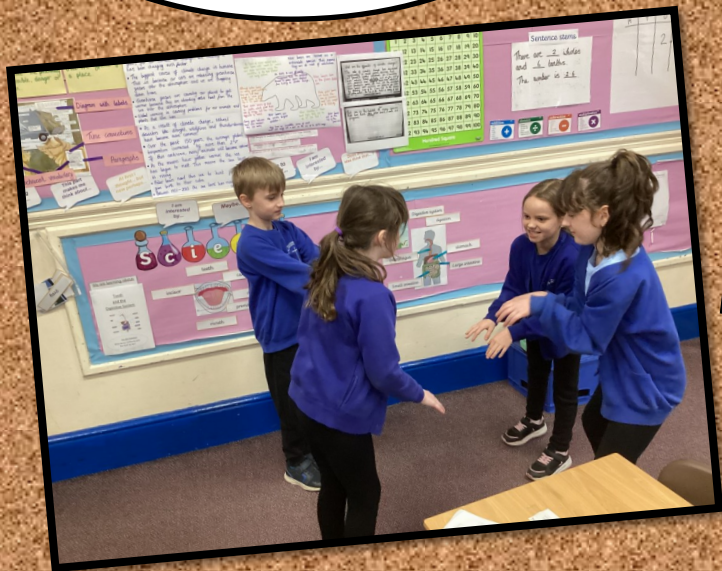




**Acorn Class:**  
Have been learning about teamwork. They worked together to make a jam sandwich with a friend, sharing out the jobs and achieving a goal.



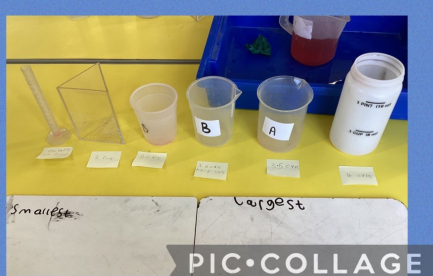
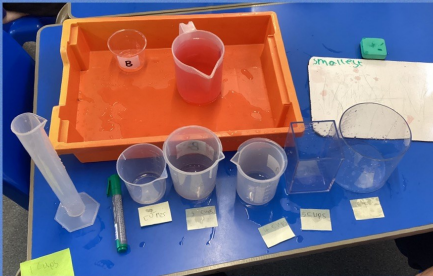
**Hawthorn Class:**  
In RE, Hawthorn did  
some roleplaying of  
Peter's betrayal and  
wrote a diary entry from  
his perspective.



**In Willow class we've  
been exploring mass  
using balance buckets  
to find out the weight  
of different classroom  
objects.**



Year 1s in Ash Class have been learning about volume and capacity. They have had lots of practical, hands on learning experiences to estimate, find, then order the volumes and capacities.



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Birch Class have really enjoyed making papyrus paper and then painting on their own Egyptian inspired designs.

