



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

28th March 2025



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

We were delighted to welcome visiting poet Andy Tooze to our school on Monday. His inspiring sessions encouraged all our pupils to engage with poetry and fostered a sense of self-belief in their own writing abilities. It was wonderful to see the children thoroughly enjoying themselves during these sessions, a few photos can be seen on page 3. We extend our gratitude to the Friends PTA for funding this valuable experience.

Our school swimming team deserves recognition for their participation in a local swimming gala on Monday. We are proud of all the pupils who took part and represented our school so admirably.

Looking ahead, we have several important events on the horizon. Next Monday and Wednesday, we will be hosting our parents' evenings. We look forward to welcoming you to discuss your child's progress and achievements.

Years 5 and 6 have an exciting Viking workshop to look forward to next week. This hands-on experience will undoubtedly enrich their understanding of this fascinating period in history.

Additionally, we will be holding our Easter service at the church next Thursday morning. This is always a special occasion in our school calendar, allowing us to come together as a community to reflect and celebrate.

These events and activities exemplify our commitment to providing a rich and varied educational experience for all our pupils. They offer opportunities for learning, personal growth, and community engagement, which are central to our ethos at St James'.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Collective Worship

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." **Psalm 46:1-3**

This week we have been looking at some of the stories in the Old Testament and asking, "How do these stories fit into God's Big Picture?" The stories all show that we can trust God.



Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

Please inform the office asap.

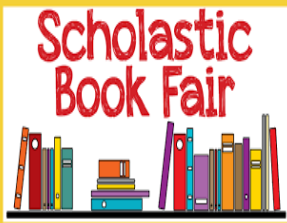
Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day.

The class with the best attendance this week was:



WILLOW



The School Book Fair has been in school from 27th March and will run until 2nd April. It will be open after school in the KS2 hall and in the pre-school room during both Parents Evenings. Please come along and see what wonderful books are on offer.

This will be a cashless event, payment can only be made by card.

Next week we will hold our Spring **Parents Evening** on Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April from 3.30pm - 6.00pm

If you have not yet managed to book an appointment, please contact the school office who will happily book one for you.

Don't forget
parents
evening!

All teachers will be in the KS2 Hall. Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment time, in order to look at your child's work, before meeting with their teacher.

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:

Judit & Jerald (Hawthorn)
Rose, Sienna, Isla & Sarah
(Rowan)

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Molly W & Olive W

Ash

Ruby B & Rashid

Birch

The whole class

Chestnut

Franki & Ted

Rowan

Ellis C & Katie P

Oak

Vihan & Pawel

Willow

Arielle & Luke

Hawthorn

Rose & Oliver

Alder

Beth & Layla

Sycamore

Georgia F & Sophia



The School Easter service will take place on Thursday 3rd April at 9.30am at St James Church.

All are welcome to attend.



We have been informed by Lancashire County Council that the cost of school dinners will increase by 20p per meal. Therefore, after the Easter holidays school meals will cost £2.90 per day or £14.50 per week.

Meals must be paid for in advance by bank transfer to the school Nat West Account. Bank Account No: 22748059 Sort Code: 01-02-14, please quote your child's name as reference.

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply to Lancashire County Council via the following link -

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

A few photos with the visiting poet Andy Tooze....





Fun with friends and making different artworks are just some of the inspiring activities your child will enjoy in our Create Club at St James' CE Primary School. Your child will experience a fantastic range of cool and funky activities within the theme...



Around the World

Our national programme for Create Clubs is underpinned by pedagogy to encourage independent thinking and problem-solving. See our website for more details. Our founder, Sarah Cressall, received an OBE in 2024 in recognition of opportunities provided for children by The Creation Station over the last 20 years.

This half-term, we are going on a global journey, so your child will be exploring...

- Frozen Wonders: painting the Arctic landscape
- Carnival Masks: crafting a vibrant Caribbean headdress
- Blooms in Brushstrokes: Holland's tulip fields

Who: Create Club is open to all year groups and abilities; we will adapt the activities accordingly.

When: Monday 28th April – Monday 19th May 2025 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Cost: All materials are included. The half-term cost is £18.00 (3 sessions due to 2 Bank Holidays)

How to book: Please ring me or use this link: [SUM 1](#)

I look forward to meeting your child and here's to an inspiring time!

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If you are looking for award-winning arts and crafts sessions in the Easter holidays, search Clitheroe on our website for Holiday Create Club Trinity Community Hub and Family Fun at Holden Clough Nursery www.thecreationstation.co.uk



Clitheroe St. James' CE Primary School | KS2

GAMEBUILDING Afterschool Club_

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital skills. This game building workshop will teach children how to code and build their very own 3D computer game. Children will have fun creating interactive animations and games using visual coding. Working in teams, they will learn how to think logically and solve problems. At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!



DATES :

23rd, 30th April
7th, 14th, 21st May

TIME :

3:30pm - 4:30pm

PRICE :

£7 per session



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Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require.

N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

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