



# The St. James' Journal

## Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at St. James', filled with engaging activities and learning opportunities for our pupils. We began the week with an exciting skipping workshop, which proved to be a hit among the children. Many were inspired to purchase their own skipping ropes, encouraging active play and exercise.

Our infant classes had the pleasure of participating in cricket training sessions led by a local cricket coach, introducing them to the fundamentals of this classic sport. Meanwhile, our Acorn pupils enjoyed a cultural culinary experience, learning to make chapatis with Mrs Zulfi.

Year 5 pupils put their STEM skills to the test with a thrilling rocket challenge, designing and constructing their own rockets. This hands-on activity provided an excellent opportunity for practical application of scientific principles.

Thursday marked World Book Day, a celebration of literature that our school wholeheartedly embraces. We extend our gratitude to the PTA for organising the "River of Books" initiative, allowing each child to select a free book to take home. Our focus remains on fostering a love for reading, and we encourage all parents to continue promoting this essential skill at home.

These diverse activities reflect our commitment to providing a well-rounded education that engages and inspires our pupils across various subjects and interests.

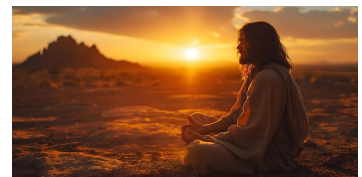
Hope you have been reading lots for the Ready Steady Read sponsored event, which ends this Sunday!

### Collective Worship

**"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan"**

**Mark 1:12-15**

This week we had a visit from Archdeacon David from the diocese of Blackburn. He spoke to us about lent and why Christians fast. He explained that fasting helps us to focus on God. I wonder if you are giving up anything for lent?



#### 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**

## **Internet Safety Notice:** **Watching and Browsing Online - Internet Matters**

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching online videos and browsing the internet regularly. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax but they must be guided. The e-space is filled with inappropriate content and dangerous material. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. Internet Matters has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make smart choices and build healthy online habits. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/watching-and-browsing-online-a-parents-guide/>

## **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:



**Harry, Sophia & Katie T  
(Sycamore)**

## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

### **Acorn**

**Ella E & Marnie M**

### **Ash**

**Anna R & Amelia Rose**

### **Birch**

**Emmett & Jacob**

### **Chestnut**

**Emily H & Alice P**

### **Rowan**

**Sam W & Lydia T**

### **Oak**

**Etty & Anuraj**

### **Willow**

**Mabel & Ellis**

### **Hawthorn**

**Esemae & Freddie**

### **Alder**

**Angelica & Olivia**

### **Sycamore**

**Samson & Ellie**



**Friends** would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated books for our 'River of Books' surprise for the children yesterday, we received a brilliant range of literary adventures for them to choose from and hope they enjoy their new read!



Thank you also to everyone who supported our half term disco, both those that danced and those that volunteered (of which some ended up dancing too!) You helped raise a brilliant £641.53! This will go towards all the children having a visit from Poet Andy Tooze later in March as part of the World Book Day/month literary celebrations, and some saved for future projects.

Coming soon... Mother's Day Gift Bags! More details will be shared next week.....

### SATS Information Evening for Parents

To be held on Monday 17th March 2025, 5pm—5:30pm in the  
KS2 Hall  
All year 6 children parents to attend



# POPCORN



A space for families to explore faith together.

## Friday 14th March

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](http://www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/popcorn)

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

# **CLASS NEWS**

**Rowan class really enjoyed the skipping workshop this week.**



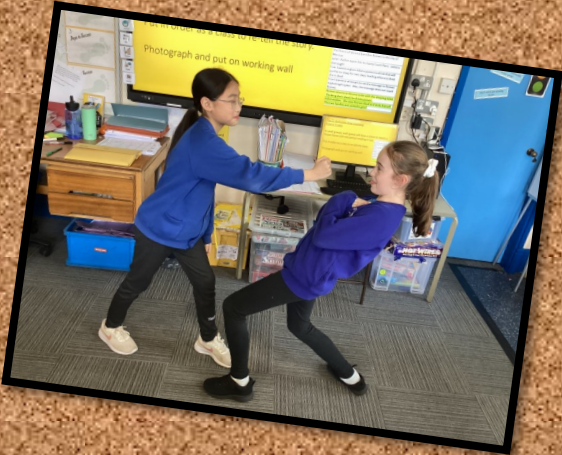
**Chestnut Class: A virtual visit from author Hannah Gold.**

**Working on our map skills using atlases.**

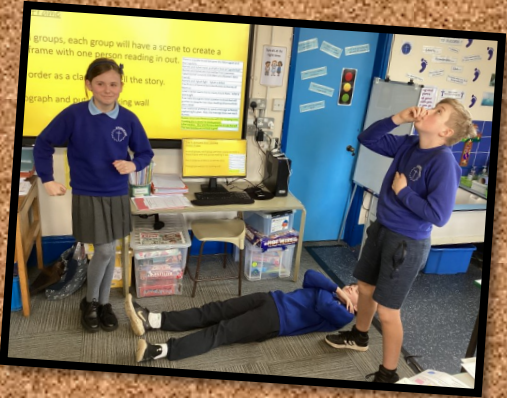
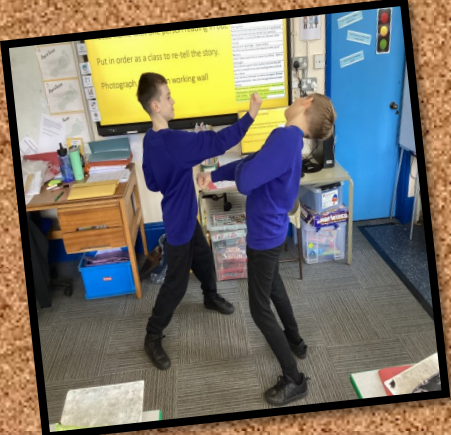
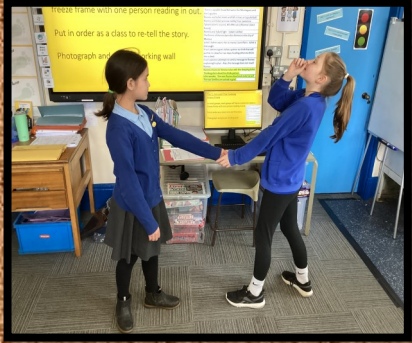
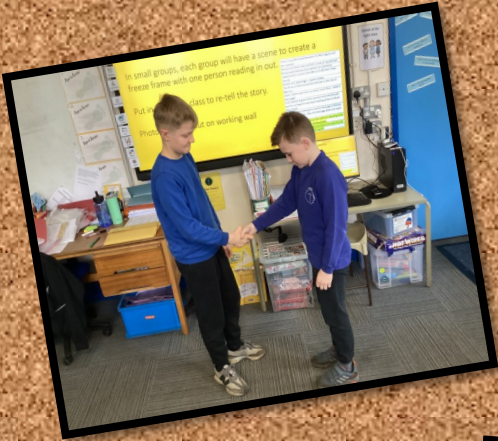




**Alder Class have had their first forest school session with Mrs Barnes. Following on from our fieldwork enquiry, the children managed to collect lots of items out of the brook, including a bike and a tyre!**



**Sycamore Class have fully immersed themselves in acting out the Shakespeare play 'Romeo and Juliet' as well as taking part in the skipping workshop.**



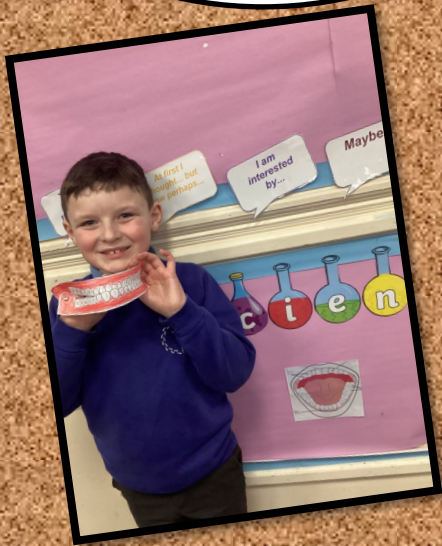
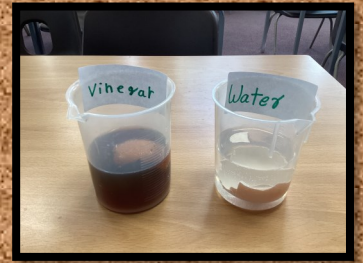
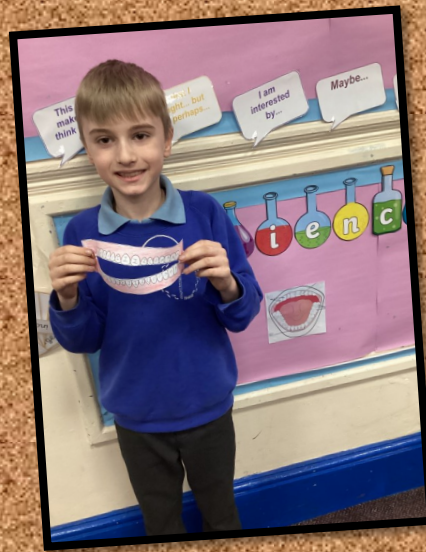
**Oak Class: It has been a sporty week this week with a skipping workshop on Monday and a cricket session on Wednesday.**



**We have enjoyed making chapatti with Mrs Zulfi this week and experiencing and acting out new vocabulary from our story "Chapatti Moon". We have been cutting, pounding, chopping and scooping.**



Hawthorn Class have been learning about the different types of teeth and their jobs in science. We have started an experiment to see the effects different liquids can have on our teeth.



Willow Class were lucky enough to take part in a skipping workshop on Monday which the children loved. It was great to see them giving it their all and showing perseverance and determination.





**Ash Class have enjoyed developing their skipping skills in the skipping workshop and their cricket skills with Coach Hussain from Clitheroe Cobras.**



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**Birch Class had a chance to hear from the author of *The Last Bear*, Hannah Gold. She told us some amazing facts about polar bears and other wildlife.**

