



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

4th April 2025



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am thrilled to share the exciting news that our school is set to embark on an exciting new chapter, with the construction of a brand-new infant building. This development is a significant step forward in enhancing the learning environment for our youngest pupils, providing them with modern, spacious, and well-equipped facilities.

The new building has been designed with the needs of our infants in mind, featuring bright and engaging classrooms, improved outdoor play areas, and state-of-the-art resources to support early years learning. Our aim is to create a nurturing and stimulating space where children can thrive, explore, and develop a lifelong love for learning.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer with completion expected by the start of November.

Throughout the process, we will keep you informed with regular updates, ensuring minimal disruption to our school community.

We are incredibly excited about this development and the positive impact it will have on our children's education. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing this journey with you!

Wishing you a peaceful Easter holidays and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22nd April at 8:40am ready to start learning.

Collective Worship

"Christ died for our sins." 1 Cor 15 v 3

This week our Big question was *Why did Jesus have to die?* We learned that Christians believe that Jesus died to take away the sin (bad stuff we do).



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:



BIRCH

Staffing news

I mentioned in the Easter service that Mrs Blackburn will be leaving us at the end the school year. She has worked at St James' for 25 years and served the school in many different ways with selfless commitment during this time. We wish her every blessing as she moves onto new things.

Also congratulations to Miss White who has secured a job teaching at Longridge Church of England Primary School. Miss White has worked at St James' for ten years and contributed to many different areas of school life. We wish her all the best in this new chapter.

On Monday, Mrs Davies left her position as our Midday Supervisor, where she looked after our children at lunch time for 12 years. Don't worry though, as you will still see her working in the Office and Jimmy's at breakfast and after school.

I am also pleased to report that Governors appointed Mr Shuttleworth as our new deputy head starting in September. You can see his pen portrait on page three.



Packed Lunches

From 22nd April we are asking that children on packed lunches **take all their food waste home**. New legislation changes dictate that school must now separate food waste from general waste. By taking food waste home, including yogurt containers and drinks cartons, this will help keep additional costs down, whilst also informing you of how much your child is consuming.

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:

**Georgia F (Sycamore),
Lydia, Katie, Ayla (Rowan)
Isaac (Birch)
Esemae, Leah, Scarlett, Nile, Goodness,
Judit (Hawthorn)**

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Marnie & Luca

Ash

Arlo & Mikel

Birch

Caspian & Darcie B

Chestnut

Eloise & Mercy

Rowan

Ayla & Abuzer

Oak

Louis & Harry F

Willow

Scarlett & Freddie

Hawthorn

Esemae & Judit

Alder

Tom & Stanley

Sycamore

Jenson & Harry W



Welcome Mr Shuttleworth.....

I am delighted to be joining Clitheroe St. James' C of E as Deputy Headteacher in September. For the past 11 years, I have been teaching in the Hunslet area of South Leeds, where I am currently Acting Deputy Headteacher and Year 6 teacher. Throughout my career, I have been committed to ensuring that every child receives the best possible education, and I am excited to bring my experience and enthusiasm to St. James'.

Originally from North Lancashire, my family and I are looking forward to returning to the right side of the Pennines! I have two young children, and my son, Max, is starting primary school this September. In my free time, I enjoy cooking and watching football, though unfortunately, I'm a Blackpool fan — so please don't hold that against me! If nothing else, years of watching them struggle has taught me resilience, which is always useful in school leadership.

I am eager to get to know the pupils, staff, and families at St. James' and to work together to make the school the best it can be for everyone!



Thank you to Clitheroe Football Club for giving our children the opportunity to be mascots, meeting the players & being brought onto the pitch at the start of the game.



Saying goodbye and thank you to Mrs Davies on Monday lunch time.



Friends hope everyone enjoyed their Easter sweet treats in class today and the infants had fun on their Easter Hunt around the playground!

We wish everyone a Happy Easter and hope the sunshine stays for the holidays!



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

CLASS NEWS

Rowan class really enjoyed their Viking workshop this week.



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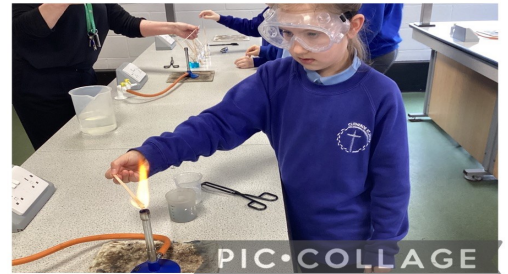
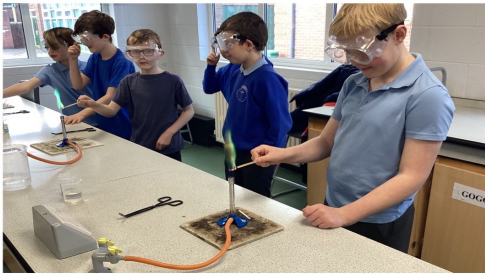
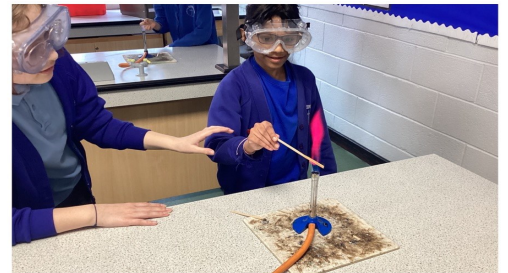
Birch Class have been learning how to use Tinkercad so that they can design buttons to be printed on the 3D printer!



Acorn Class:
Have enjoyed Easter Fun
in RE this week. Hunting
for matching eggs and
learning the Easter story.



**Oak class have been
helping to clear the
stream as part of our
forest school, caring for
the environment. We
have also managed to
earn our 20
marbles and had an ice
cream party.**



Busy couple of weeks in Alder Class!

We went to Ribblesdale for a Science week experiment and took part in a Viking Workshop.

**Hawthorn Class
made some excellent
purses in DT.**



**Sycamore Class: To finish off
our topic on Vikings, we took
part in a Viking workshop
where a Jarl was appointed
through a variety of
challenges: knuckle bones and
Viking skittles.**





In their Science lessons Classes Ash & Willow and been learning about materials.

Children had to use their knowledge of the materials' properties to create a boat that would float in our river. The children planned, constructed then tested their boats! Lots of fun, active and "sticky learning" took place!

Chestnut Class looking at how our digestive system works.

