



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

9th May 2025



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

I am absolutely delighted to share the fantastic news that our recent Ofsted inspection has resulted in a *highly positive* report! The inspector recognised the hard work, dedication and passion that our entire school community brings every single day, and we couldn't be prouder.

Ofsted praised many aspects of our school, highlighting:

- **The high quality of teaching and learning** across all year groups
- **The inclusive and nurturing environment** we foster for every child
- **The "effective" leadership**
- **The excellent behaviour and attitudes** of our pupils
- **Our "well designed" and "ambitious" curriculum**, which helps pupils build their knowledge and skills from Reception to Year 6.

The inspector noted that children at our school are **"happy, cared for and feel safe"** – a testament to the positive and supportive atmosphere that we all work so hard to create.

This achievement is the result of a truly collective effort. From our brilliant teachers and support staff to our governors, parents, and of course, our wonderful pupils – *thank you*. Your continued support and trust make our school a place where every child can thrive.

We encourage you to read the full report which we have sent you all by email and will be posted on our website. Let's take a moment to celebrate this success and continue building on it together. We are proud – and we hope you are too.

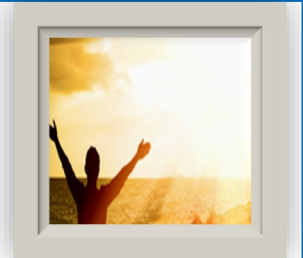
Collective Worship

"Give thanks in all circumstances" 1 Thessalonians 5:18

We have continued to look at values that can help us to get along with others.

A spirit of thankfulness helps us to appreciate others and all that they do us.

I wonder who you are thankful for?



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:

OAK





Friday 16th May

Thanks for all your chocolate donations last week, now it's "Eyes Down" and time for one of our favourite events of the year - an evening of fun, games and LOTS OF CHOCOLATE with Friends helping raise money for school at the same time!

This year it's at Clitheroe's Royal British Legion so you can buy yourself a drink and snacks too, you can also bring your own food.

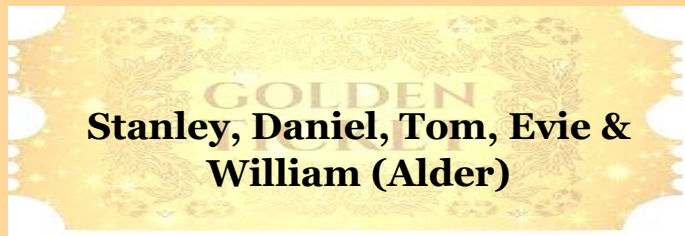
Tickets are £3.50 per child/adult for at least 6 rounds of Bingo - EVERYONE will get a chocolate! Spaces are limited though so get your place booked.

Buy online - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm?event=shop>

We also have a RAFFLE to win a big hamper of chocolate fun! £1 per ticket, tickets can be bought online too or at the school office.

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:



STARS OF THE WEEK



Acorn

Willow & Aria

Ash

Zain & Erin

Birch

Otis & Ollie B

Chestnut

Alice & Eliza

Rowan

Jason & Harlow

Oak

Jaicie & Harry D

Willow

Eddie G & Archie M

Hawthorn

Jake

Alder

Axel & Levi

Sycamore

Amelia & Kayleigh



DIARY DATES



Mon 12 th May	Hawthorn Class to Mill Museum, Burnley
Wed 14 th May	New Starter Evening for September Reception Class, 6pm, Infant Hall
Fri 16 th May	Friends Chocolate Bingo at The Legion, 6pm
Mon 19 th -Thurs 22 nd May	Year 6 Bikeability
Wedns 21 st May	Hawthorn Class to Lancashire Archives
Thurs 22 nd May	Chestnut Class to Lancashire Archives Friends Chocolate stall on Junior Playground, 3:15pm
Fri 23 rd May	INSET DAY - no children in school
	HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Fri 23rd May – Fri 30th May)
Mon 2 nd June	Term starts
Tues 3 rd June	Birch Class to Lancashire Archives Rowan Class to Lancaster Castle
Tues 10 th June	Alder Class to Lancaster Castle
Wedns 11 th June	Infant (KS1) Sports Day, 1pm
Mon 16 th June	Class photographs
Tues 17 th June	Year 6 Turret House Transition, 9am
Friday 20 th June	Junior (KS2) Sports day, 10am
Wedns 2 nd July	River Walk, Birch, Chestnut & Hawthorn
Fri 4 th July	Friends Non Uniform—Jarbola
Mon 7 th July	New Reception Class Starter Sessions
Fri 11 th July	Friends Summer Fair, 3:15pm
Tues 15 th July	Reports to go home
Wedns 16 th July	Upper Juniors (UKS2) Performance, 2pm at Church
Thurs 17 th July	Upper Juniors (UKS2) Performance, 5:30pm at Church
Mon 21 st July	Leavers Service, 2pm at Church Year 6 Party, 6pm
Tues 22 nd July	Finish for Summer holidays at 1:30pm
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS (Weds 23rd July—1st September)
Mon 1 st September	INSET DAY - no children in school
Tues 2 nd September	Term starts

Please note, these dates and times are subject to change.

Join Friends of St James' School for..

Family!

Chocolate

BINGO!

Friday 16th May

At the Royal British Legion Club, Clitheroe

Bring your tea & come join the fun to win LOTS
of chocolate, and raise money for school!

Drinks & snacks available to buy, you can
bring your own food



Doors open 5.30pm

Eyes down 6pm!

RAFFLE! Win a Chocolate
Hamper!

£1 per ticket, buy online
or the School Office

TICKETS

£3.50 per adult/child

Book online at
PTAEvents



POPCORN



A space for families to explore faith together.

Friday 16th May

Refreshments, Songs, Bible stories and craft

Popcorn cafe opens 3.30pm

Activities start 3.50pm

Finishing at 4.45pm so you can get to Chocolate Bingo!

St James Church, Clitheroe

www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/popcorn



Clitheroe Castle Museum

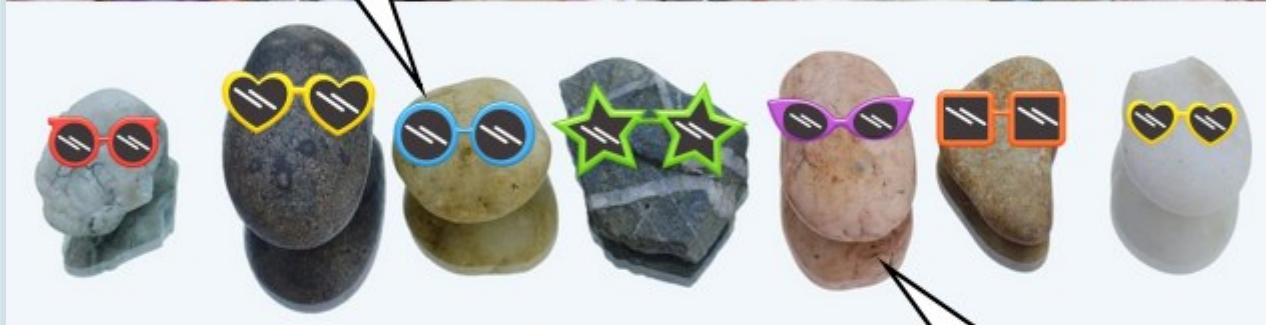
Free
Event

Geology Rocks!

Saturday 28 June 11.30 - 3pm



Did you know
that some
rocks float?



Which is the only
rock humans can
eat?

Meet the Geologists. Find out more about the rocks and minerals we see and use every day. Challenge our experts by bringing your own rock for identification. Drop-in activities throughout the day.

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Managing your money doesn't have to be a pain. Learn the skills to make it simple at St James' Clitheroe. Best bit? It's totally free.

Tuesdays 3, 10 & 17 June 2025, 19:15-21:00

This course consists of three sessions on the above dates at St James' Church, Clitheroe, BB7 1HH

Book your free place, contact: 07860617992

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