



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

13th February 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been another action-packed week in school.

- Year 6 pupils took part in the Johnson Matthey **STEM Challenge**, working collaboratively to solve real-world problems through science, technology, engineering and maths.
- KS1 pupils enjoyed a truly memorable experience of welcoming **King Charles** to Clitheroe.
- Rowan Class, enjoyed a brilliant trip to **Clitheroe Castle** learning about Myths and Legends.
- Mr Hoyle, Lancashire County Council's Road Safety Officer, measured KS2 children's height to help ensure that you have the right information about booster seats and seatbelt use, keeping our pupils safe on every journey.
- We had another hugely successful disco night thanks to our amazing PTA, the "Friends."
- Tuesday was **Safer Internet Day** and our pupils had age-appropriate infant and junior assemblies where important reminders about staying safe online were shared. You will be well aware that children's over use of digital devices and their online safety is causing increasing concern across society. Internet matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/> (click [here](#)) is a really helpful website for parents.

Finally, at the end of a brilliant half term, I wish you a restful break and look forward to welcoming our children back on Monday 23rd of February.

Family Ash Wednesday Service at St James Church @ 10:30 Wednesday 18th February.

All welcome. Tea coffee soft drinks and cake afterwards.

Collective Worship - Worship What is being spiritual?

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." Rom 8:28

This week we learned that the following are spiritual moments that we all experience.

Ow – times of pain and difficulty

Now – moments when we appreciate the ordinary

Wow – times of experiencing great joy or awe and wonder

We saw how Joseph experienced all of these and how we do too.



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:



HAWTHORN & ACORN

The School Nurse can help with a range of medical concerns including:

- Sleep, Bed wetting & Constipation
- Behaviour – parental support
- Emotional health and wellbeing – anxiety, worries, friendship and resilience etc.
- SEND
- Healthy lifestyles - diet, weight, exercise, fussy eating etc.
- General health – dental, hearing, sight etc.
- Specific health conditions – Asthma, Diabetes, allergies etc.
- Headlice/nits etc
- Referrals for parent and family support through Child and Family Wellbeing Service

You do not need to tell the school why you would like to see the School Nurse – this is confidential.

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

Gabriella & Isaac

Ash

Anuraj & Toby G

Birch

Aleksander B & Charlie H

Chestnut

Connor B & The Whole Class

Rowan

Cian P & Caris B

Oak

Albert & Marnie

Willow

Etty & Benjamin

Hawthorn

Archie M & Sophia E

Alder

Anita & Elowyn

Sycamore

Jayden & Joshua



SCHOOL GAMES VALUES for last term.....

DETERMINATION

Acorn

Husna

Ash

Rishi

Birch

Bella

Chestnut

Darcie T

Rowan

Caris

Oak

Lincoln

Willow

Meghan

Hawthorn

Mason

Alder

Mercy

Sycamore

Axel

PASSION

Acorn

Gabriela

Ash

River

Birch

Rashid

Chestnut

Hazel Y

Rowan

Esemae

Oak

Daisy

Willow

Dylan

Hawthorn

Elsie

Alder

Ted

Sycamore

Rose

RESPECT

Acorn

Hallie F

Ash

Anuraj

Birch

Mikel

Chestnut

Raven T

Rowan

Judit

Oak

Ronnie

Willow

Fred

Hawthorn

Olivia

Alder

Jacob

Sycamore

Sienna

HONESTY

Acorn

Zac

Ash

Penny

Birch

Albie

Chestnut

Nate O

Rowan

Jerald

Oak

Harrison

Willow

Frank P

Hawthorn

Scarlett

Alder

Anita

Sycamore

Logan

SELF BELIEF

Acorn

Jaicie

Ash

Louie

Birch

Lily

Chestnut

Isaac B

Rowan

Emmie

Oak

Cleo

Willow

Jaicie

Hawthorn

Jessica-Rose

Alder

Emily

Sycamore

Jason

TEAMWORK

Acorn

Melissa

Ash

Marley

Birch

Alex

Chestnut

Darcie B

Rowan

Leah

Oak

Edward

Willow

Bobby

Hawthorn

Archie M

Alder

Franki

Sycamore

Stanley

CLASS NEWS:

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



Hawthorn Class have had a fabulous week learning about poetry. We even performed a poem in assembly for Internet Safety Day! We have enjoyed adding actions to poems to help us learn and perform them.



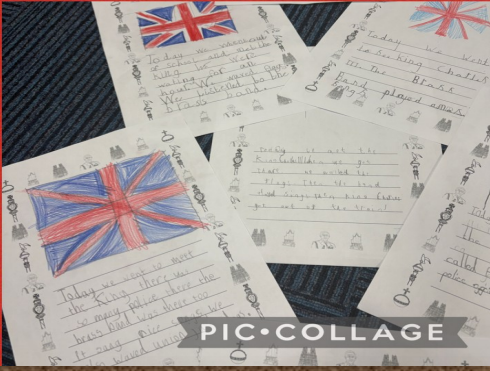
Birch Class love to play the ukulele!



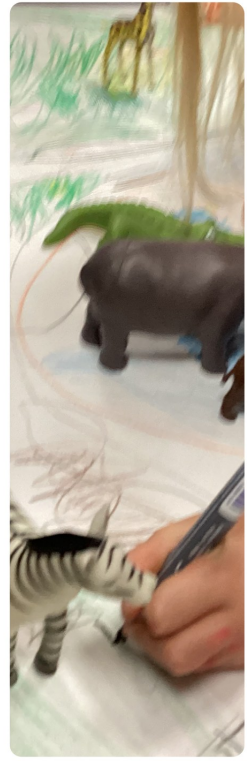
Ash Class had a very memorable morning meeting the King! Thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible.



Ash Class' visit to see the King!

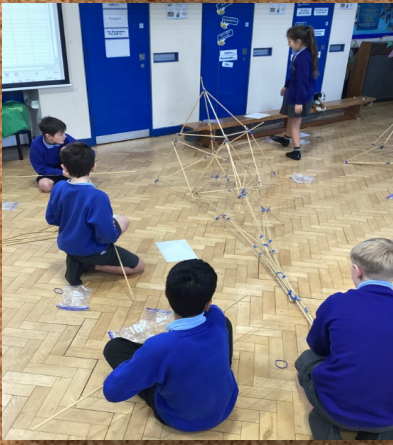
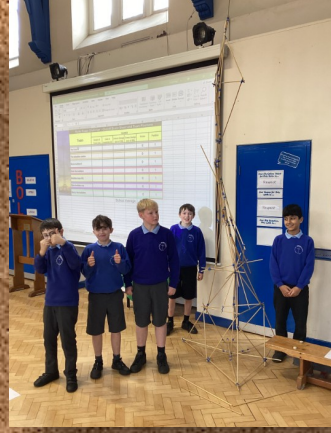


Acorn Class: Children in Acorn have enjoyed making their own maps in the construction area.



PIC-COLLAGE

Year 6 children from Rowan & Sycamore had a brilliant time on Monday taking part in the Johnson Matthey STEM Challenge. The children worked in teams to construct the tallest tower they could from wooden dowels and elastic bands. The winning teams' tower came in at an impressive 3.5m tall! We will hopefully be competing in the grand final in May!

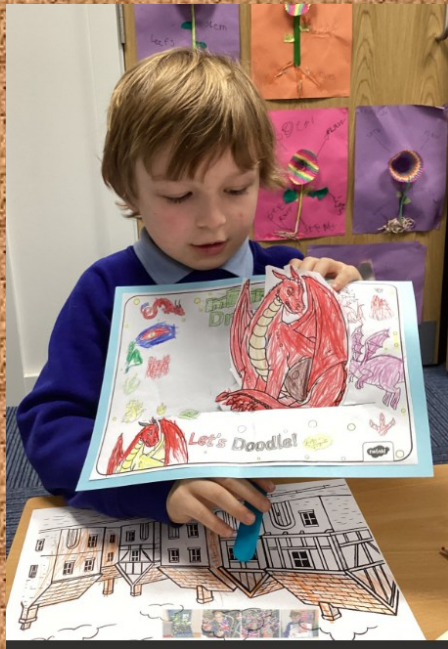


Chestnut Class: We've had a wonderful week exploring poetry in Chestnut class. In English we've explored lots of different poems ready to write our own free verse poetry and in guided reading everyone has had a brilliant time reading and reciting 'Strict' by Michael Rosen.





Oak Class: What a busy week this week! We have been to see the King, we have finished our moving pictures dragon sliders for our D&T work and look how our bean plants have grown! We would love to see how these plants continue to grow at home so please post photos on SeeSaw, thank you!



Rowan Cass have been learning how to layer images in vector drawings. They created images in nature including trees and flowers and then had some fun creating emojis.





Alder Class: As part of our Legend topic, we visited the castle taking part in a storytelling session and learning how to defend ourselves against a dragon.



Willow class really enjoyed going to meet the King on Monday. It was a great experience!