



# The St. James' Journal

## Newsletter

6th February 2026



### MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

What an uplifting and joy filled week it has been in our school. The children have thrown themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and that wonderful sense of togetherness that makes our school so special.

#### Drumming Workshop with Mr Hurley

Monday began with a burst of rhythm and energy as Mr Hurley led inspiring drumming workshops (see photos on pg.3). The children explored beats, patterns, and percussion techniques, filling the hall with music and smiles. Thank you to those parents that were able to attend the concert.

#### Phonics Lessons for Parents – Acorn Class

A huge thank you to the parents who joined us for our Phonics lessons in Acorn Class. We are pleased to hear that the sessions were useful in helping you to understand how we teach phonics and how you can help your children to read. Thank you to Mrs Tyson and our fantastic EYFS team.

#### Alder Class Visit to Clitheroe Castle

Alder Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Clitheroe Castle, where they explored *Myths and Legends*. It was wonderful to hear the children's enthusiasm as they returned to school. Experiences like this bring learning to life in the most memorable way.

#### Looking Ahead – Internet Safety Day

Next Tuesday we will be marking Internet Safety Day, an important opportunity to help children understand how to stay safe, kind, and responsible online.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make our school such a vibrant and nurturing place to learn. We hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to another wonderful week together.

#### 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 & Birch**

Do the right thing, even when no one is watching. It's called integrity.

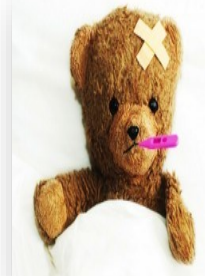


## Collective Worship

*Whoever can be trusted with little can be trusted with much. Luke 16v10*

This week we looked at doing the right thing even when no one is watching. We looked at examples from the life of Joseph in the Bible. Children gave excellent examples including telling the truth.

Please remember that if your child has an episode of **sickness or diarrhoea**, they must stay at home until **48 hours after their last symptom** has passed. This period is when they are most infectious, and following this rule helps us prevent bugs from spreading throughout the school.



Please check the NHS guidance, on page 4, to see if your child is well enough for school.



Please ensure your child arrives to school **on time & fully prepared** for the day ahead: Correct school uniform, with PE kit, forest school wear, water bottle etc. Due to the ever changing weather always bring a coat!



A polite reminder that we are a **dog-free school**. To ensure the safety and comfort of all our pupils, please ensure dogs are not brought onto the grounds, or left unattended at the school gates during drop-off and pick-up.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Acorn

Reggie & Ravin

### Ash

Jason & Hallie

### Birch

Amelia-Rose A & Reuben

### Chestnut

Darcie T & Angel H

### Rowan

Theo & Arthur

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### Oak

Molly W & Calix T

### Willow

Zain K & Fred P

### Hawthorn

Anna R & Oliver L

### Alder

Joey M & Ella-Rose

### Sycamore

Evie & Ellis

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# Drumming workshops, enjoyed by all.....





UK Health  
Security  
Agency



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Get your dancing shoes at the ready, it's Friends' 'Love to Dance Disco!' On Thursday 12th February!

It's less than 1 week until Friends' 'Love to Dance' Disco! Please buy your tickets this weekend to help us prepare - tickets and pre-order snacks (juniors) can be bought at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm> and we'll see you on the dance floor.

If you'd like to help out on the night we'd love to hear from you,  
email: [stjamesfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesfriends@hotmail.com)  
or let the school office know. Thank you!

## FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' SCHOOL

LOVE to dance

DISCO



THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
IN THE JUNIOR HALL

**INFANTS: 6-6.45PM**

**NEW!**

NOW INCLUDES A TREAT BAG,  
PLUS A CAKE & UNLIMITED DRINKS

**£5**  
PER CHILD

**JUNIORS: 7-8PM**

INCLUDES UNLIMITED DRINKS, WITH  
OPTIONS TO BUY A HOTDOG & SNACKS

**£4**  
PER CHILD

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE**



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OR GO TO

[www.PTA-Events.co.uk/  
stjamesfriends](https://www.PTA-Events.co.uk/stjamesfriends)

FOR MORE DETAILS  
CHECK OUR  
FACEBOOK  
PAGE



St James' Church invites you to...

# POPCORN

A friendly, fun-filled space for families to  
explore Bible stories together.



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Refreshments, Songs, Bible stories and craft  
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)

The school Nurse will be dropping in on Monday 23/02/2026 between 9am and 10.30am, please come to the office



Lancashire Health Visiting  
and School Nursing

# School Health Drop-In

Lancs 0-19 Service



Your School Nursing Team can support with the following:

- Healthy Living/Lifestyles
- Bladder and Bowel Support
- Low Level Emotional Wellbeing
- Weight Management
- Diet/Fussy Eating
- Sleep and bedtime routine

How can I access the School Nursing Service?

## Qualified

Our Nurses are all Trained Registered Nurses. Follow up after the appointment, maybe provided by our Healthy Family Support Workers.

## Confidential

Your Contact with the School Health Team will be delivered in a confidential room on a one-to-one basis.

## Non-Judgemental

We provide a non-judgemental approach. Please do not hesitate to ask questions regarding your child's health. **Please note we cannot prescribe or diagnose a health condition.**

## Health Prevention

We are here to help with your child/children's Health, if we are unable to provide support, we will find the appropriate support/service.

Email: [vcl.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net)

Website: [www.lancschildandfamily.co.uk](http://www.lancschildandfamily.co.uk)

Telephone: 0300 247 0040

Our service is available Monday – Friday between the hours 0900 - 1700

If you shop online, you can **raise money for School for FREE!** Download the 'Easyfundraising' app choosing St James' Friends as your charity this month and you'll raise £2 without doing anything else - see poster for more details.....



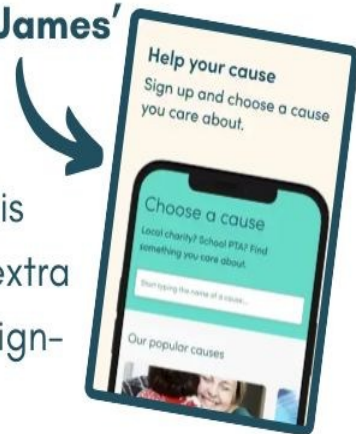
## Help Friends of St James' School for FREE!



**Easyfundraising** 17+  
Online shopping & fundraising  
easyfundraising  
★★★★★ 4.7 • 10.2K Ratings  
Free

1 Download the Easyfundraising app onto your phone (**not** via the website!)

2 Sign up and select **Friends of St James' School, Clitheroe** as your cause



3 Friends gets a £2 bonus each time this happens before 28th February! Plus extra payouts for certain numbers of new sign-ups - our first reward is 10 newbies!

4 Enable the Donation Reminder on the app and get reminders on your browser while you shop

**You shop,  
brands donate**

It won't cost you any extra!

Free donations for Friends of St James' from 8,000+ retailers



JOHN  
LEWIS

8,000+  
online retailers

