



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

20th March 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

A WONDERFUL WEEK AT SCHOOL

This week has been full of energy, achievement, and pride across our school community. From sporting success to musical magic, our pupils have shone in so many ways. Here are the highlights.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: FOOTBALL SUCCESS! - Our **boys' team** represented the school brilliantly in Monday's football competition. They showed determination, teamwork, and great spirit throughout their matches. Their effort and attitude were excellent, and they should feel very proud of their performance.

On Tuesday, our **girls' team** delivered an outstanding set of performances. Their teamwork and defensive strength were especially impressive. Finishing the competition without conceding a single goal is a remarkable achievement! Both teams were fantastic ambassadors for our school. We are grateful to Mrs Barnes, Mrs Leeming, Coaches Stell and Zac for the time they invest in our teams.

LET'S GO SING – A MAGICAL EVENING AT BLACKBURN ICE RINK

Our pupils took part in the **Let's Go Sing concert** at Blackburn Ice Rink, and what a night it was! Their singing was joyful, confident, and full of enthusiasm. The children performed beautifully and represented the school with maturity and pride. Families, staff, and organizer's were full of praise — it was truly a memorable event. We are grateful to Mrs Peachey for organizing this event.

SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING: MATHS ACROSS THE SCHOOL

This week, I have spent time visiting classes to look closely at our maths provision, and I have been incredibly impressed. Pupils were fully engaged in their learning, eager to explain their thinking, and confident in tackling challenges. Our staff deserve huge credit for the expertise they bring to their teaching. They make even the most difficult concepts accessible and understandable, ensuring every child feels supported and capable. It has been wonderful to see such high-quality maths teaching happening in every classroom.

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 & HAWTHORN





Collective Worship “I am fearfully and wonderfully made” Psalm 139



This week we looked at how we can look after ourselves. We agreed that we need to look after our bodies, minds and relationships. We looked at practical ways that we can do this. We saw how Daniel in the Bible was an example in this area.



Easter Service

Will take place next Friday morning, the 27th March, at 9:30am in Church. We warmly invite families to join us as we come together to reflect, celebrate, and mark this special time of year with our pupils.

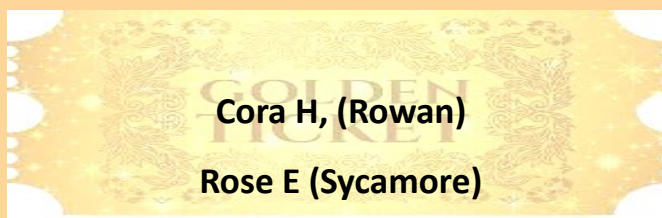
Parents Evening will take place on **Monday 23rd March, 3.30pm - 6pm KS2 Hall**

& Tuesday 24th March 3:30—5:30pm for Birch Class only

Scholastic Bookfair will be after school in the Junior Hall until Tuesday 24th March. Every book you buy will earn free books for our school.

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

George H & Hallie H

Ash

Harry B & Olivia G

Birch

Oskar & Joseph

Chestnut Rory J & Adela S

Ollie G & Macie

Rowan

Jack B & Ellie W

Oak

Keegan B & Cleo S

Willow

Dylan & Lily

Hawthorn

Scarlett K & Arielle M

Alder Oliver K & Scarlett C

Savannah & Hugo

Sycamore

Evie & Rosa

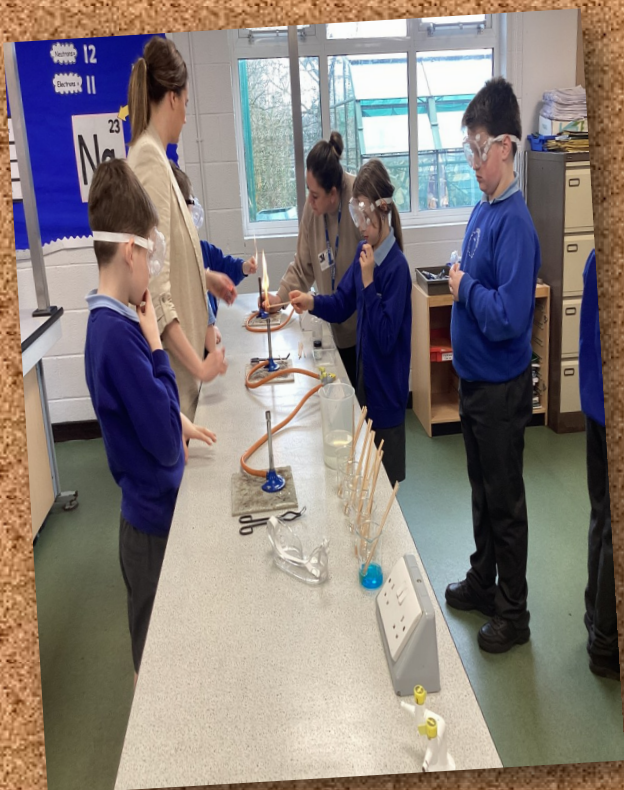
CLASS NEWS:

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



In Oak Class we have been learning about our senses in Science this week. We have tried salty crisps, sweet sweets, sour lemons and bitter olives! In Art we have been learning about artist Henri Rousseau and we have been mixing greens, oranges and browns ready for our jungle themed paintings.

Alder Class had an exciting trip to RHS during Science Week last week and participated in a practical Science lesson. The children were excited to use Bunsen burners.





Chestnut Class had a wonderful morning completing our English work in the beautiful sunshine!

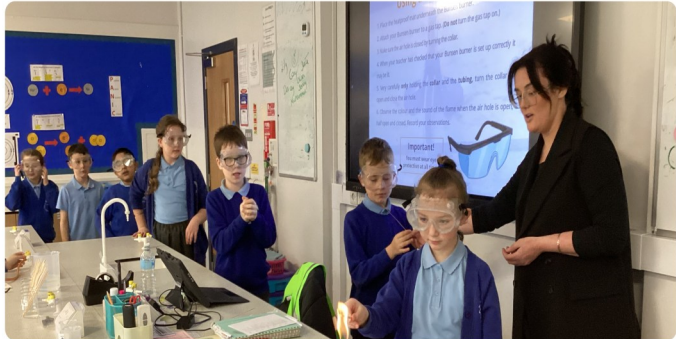
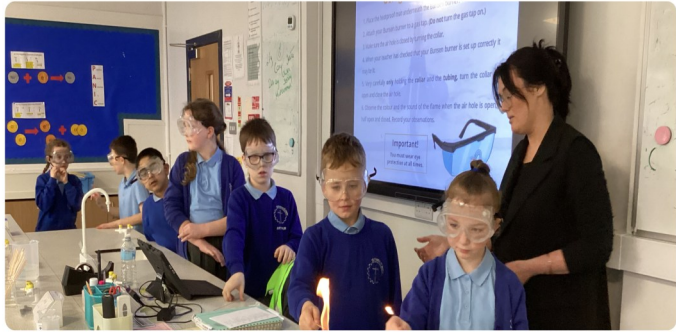


**Hawthorn Class have been loving getting muddy at Forest School (sorry!!).

We found lots of wonderful minibeasts.**



A trip to Ribblesdale High School to celebrate Science week. Rowan children spent time in the Science lab and had a flaming time!



Willow class really enjoyed colour mixing in art.





The year 1s in Ash Class have been learning about capacity and volume. They have compared and ordered the containers from the smallest to greatest capacities and then ordered the volumes of water using the correct mathematical vocabulary.



Birch Class enjoyed practising their handball skills in the sunshine.





Acorn Class have acted out the events of Palm Sunday in our RE lesson this week!



Sycamore had a great music lesson this week combining body percussion and our voices to the theme of "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" written by Henry Purcell.