



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

24th April 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week we have enjoyed at St James'. The sunshine on Monday set the perfect tone as every class took part in our *Learning Through Landscapes* celebration event. The children threw themselves into weeding, clearing beds and sowing vegetables and herbs in our Eco Zone. It was a joy to see how much they relished being outdoors, working together, and caring for God's creation.

We are truly privileged at St James' to have such a beautiful environment for our children to learn in, and moments like these remind us just how special our school community is.

Thank You for Your Feedback

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey, sent out before Easter. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us, and the results are both encouraging and affirming:

- **96.3%** agree that your children are *happy and safe* at St James'
- **89.1%** agree that we *ensure pupils are well behaved*
- **90.9%** agree that your children are *doing well* at our school

We are grateful for your time and honesty. We constantly strive to make St James' the very best it can be, and your insights help guide our next steps.

You will often see me around school at drop-off and collection, if you ever wish to speak with me—whether to share a concern, an idea, or simply a thought—I am here.

Wishing you all a restful and blessed weekend.

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 - Telling the truth

"Do not lie to each other". Col 3:9

We learned that telling the truth helps us to build trust and feel better. Even Abraham didn't always tell the truth and this got him into trouble. Honesty is definitely the best policy.

Chocolate Dress Down Day **Friday 1st May**

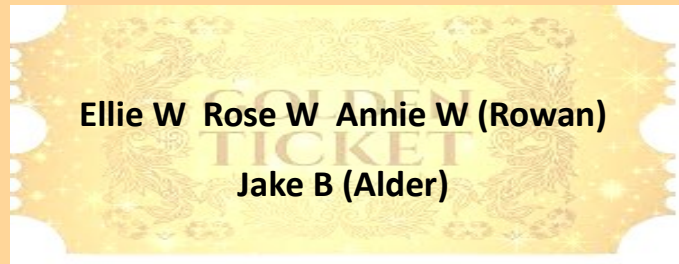


Bring any chocolate item (chocolate bar, Easter egg, selection box etc.) in exchange for wearing non-uniform, all in aid of the chocolate stash for our epic **Chocolate Bingo on Friday 15th May!**



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

Melissa & Hafsah

Ash

Ella & Joseph

Birch

Lola & Charlie

Chestnut

Theo G & Lena Z

Rowan

Angelica I & Reece P

Oak

Harleigh S & Luca R-W

Willow

Harry C & Harry F

Hawthorn

Oscar S & Olivia P

Alder

Leo J & Jack T

Sycamore

Joshua & Sarah

Thank you Mortimers

We would like to say a big thank you to Mortimers Estate Agents that have donated a wonderful selection of reading books to our school. It was lovely to welcome Masie and Charlotte to present the books to us during assembly. Both commented on how beautifully behaved our children are.



Well done to our Year 6 children who represented our school at the HRVSSP Quadrathon yesterday. They participated in 75m, 600m, a standing long jump and vortex howler throw. Each event earned points for their team total. They showed great determination and were a credit to the school.





Clitheroe St James' CE Primary School Parents' Network Meeting

**Come and join us for our Parent Network Meeting on
Tuesday 9th June at 9am in the Infant Hall**

We have a special guest speaker from ADHD Northwest who will talk about support that can be accessed for parents and children who have a diagnosis, or who may be in the process of being assessed for ADHD.

We also have a Parenting Support Practitioner from CYPMH East (formally ELCAS), Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust who can help support parents with a range of ideas and strategies for supporting their children through the challenges of growing up.

This is a great opportunity for parents to meet together in a friendly and social group.

Mrs Sharp, SENCO and Carol Stephens, Pupil Support Manager will also attend the group.

Tea, coffee & biscuits will be provided



* If you are unable to attend and would like some information about the support offered, please contact school and we will send the information out to you.

Clitheroe St James' C of E Primary School
Telephone: 01200 423599

Join Friends of St James' School for..

NEW & IMPROVED!

Family Chocolate

BINGO!

Food served from 5pm

Friday 15th May
at St James' School in the Junior Hall

Plus other games with spot prizes on the night!

NEW!

HOT FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

We'll sort tea! Treat yourself to a slice of Steve's delicious homemade pies again (Meat & Potato, or Cheese & Onion) served with mushy peas, gravy & red cabbage, or our popular Hot Dogs before getting down to business! A variety of cold drinks & snacks also available

You are also welcome to bring your own food for tea (although we think you'll love ours!) but no drinks please

Doors open 5pm
Eyes down 6pm!

Come join the fun to win **LOTS** of chocolate and raise money for school! We've some yummy hot food choices for tea too - pre-order to save yourself money & help us plan!

RAFFLE!

Win an epic
Chocolate Hamper
£1 per ticket, buy online
or at the School Office

Scan me!



TICKETS Bingo: £3.50
per adult/child

Portion of Homemade Pie & sides:

£4 (Adult) / £2 (child)

Hot Dog: £2

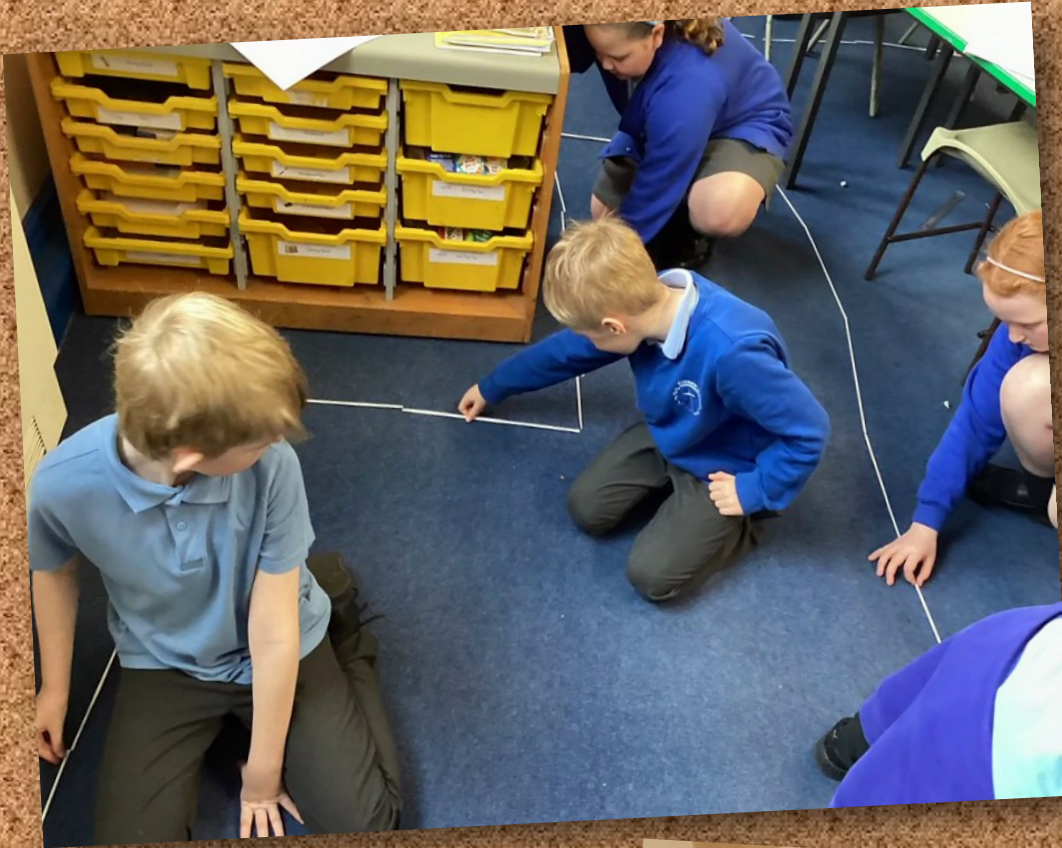
Bundle & Save! Bingo+Pie: £7 (adult)
£5 (child)

Book online at **PTAEvents**

www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends

CLASS NEWS:

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



In Chestnut we have been learning all about perimeter. Everyone really enjoyed the challenge of making rectilinear shapes with art straws and seeing how many different shapes we could make with the same perimeter.

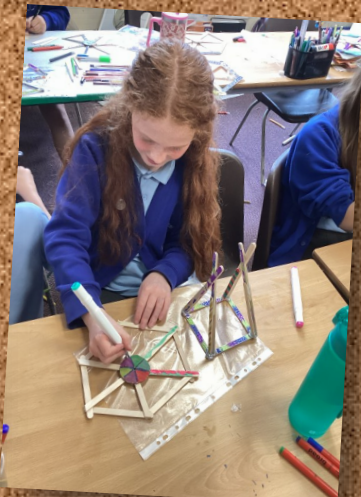
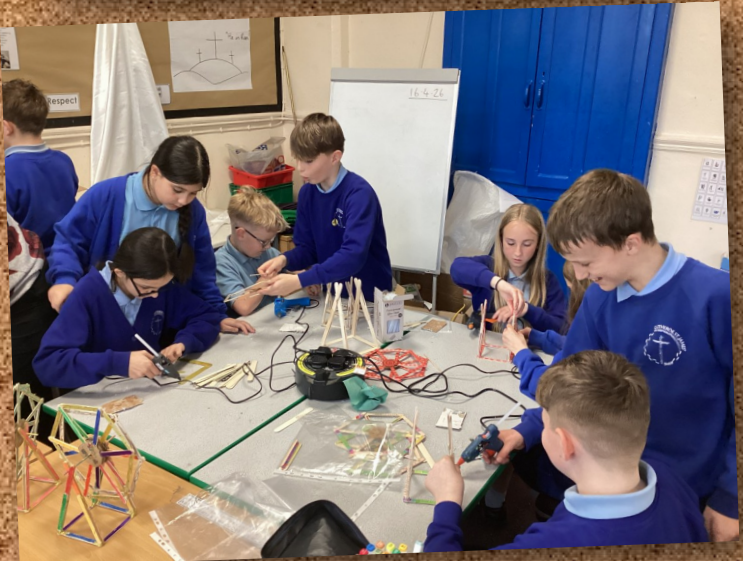
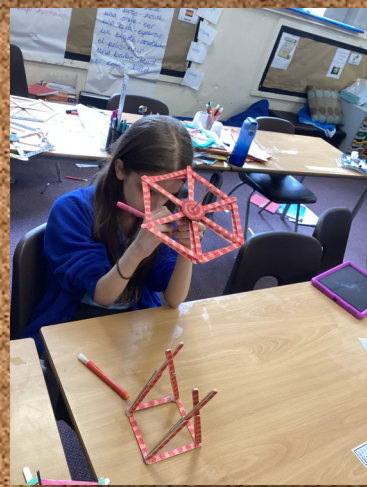
Hawthorn have been doing lots of partner work this week. We have been thinking hard about the language we choose in our writing to create effect and have written some lovely setting descriptions.





Oak Class had a lovely time in their Learning Through Landscapes session, weeding the flower beds ready for planting new seeds. We have also been working hard in PE on our overarm throw and enjoying the sun at the same time!

Sycamore Class have had a brilliant DT day making Ferris Wheels! We used lolly sticks, dowel and glue guns to construct our designs. Next week we will evaluate and test our final product, before making any final improvements.





Ash Class really enjoyed using the field for their PE lesson this week, practicing and improving their over arm throw.

Willow Class really enjoyed their gardening session on Monday. They did a great job of weeding one of the raised beds!





Acorn class have been enjoying lots of outdoor learning this week!

Birch Class have enjoyed looking for patterns in the rainforest and drawing a rainforest scene.





Rowan Class were introduced to photomontage this week in our Art lessons. They had fun finding images that interested them, tearing them from newspapers and magazines and then constructing different compositions. We can't wait to create our cityscape collages.

Alder Class thoroughly enjoyed their gardening session with Nicky from Learning through Landscapes.

