



# The St. James' Journal

## Newsletter

15th May 2026



### MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

I am immensely proud of our Year 6 pupils, who have shown remarkable dedication and resilience during their SATs exams this week. To celebrate their hard work, the school treated them to delicious ice creams – a well-deserved reward for their efforts. We are grateful to Mrs. Potts and her team from St. James' Church for providing a hearty breakfast for our Year 6 pupils, giving them the perfect start to their exam days.

On Wednesday we held our welcome evening for the parents of our new reception starters, which was a wonderful opportunity to introduce our school community to our newest families. It was a pleasure to meet so many enthusiastic parents and carers, and we look forward to working closely with them as their children begin their educational journey with us.

We are looking forward to the Chocolate Bingo event at school tonight. Our wonderful PTA "Friends" have been busy preparing the chocolate donations, and we hope many of you will join in the fun. Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Your engagement and involvement play a crucial role in the success and well-being of our pupils.

Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning for the last week of term before the May holidays.



### Walk to School Week 2026 runs from **Monday 18 May** to **Friday 22 May**

Encouraging pupils to walk, wheel, scoot, or cycle to school to improve health and reduce pollution. Organised by Living Streets, the 2026 five-day challenge, themed "**Mission Move**," invites pupils to complete daily walking challenges.

Each class will have stickers, a wall chart and book marks for the children and a focus for each day: Mental health and wellbeing, road safety, physical health, sustainability and community.

#### Update us

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

Please inform the office.

#### Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school on time every day. The classes with the best attendance this week were:

**ACORN & SYCAMORE**



**Friends can't wait to see everyone this evening for Chocolate Bingo fun! Next week the fun continues...**

Chocolate Raffle - Grab yourself some Raffle tickets for a chance to win 1 of 3 amazing Chocolate Hampers, to be drawn Thursday 21st! Tickets can be bought online at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm>  
or from the school office.

It's Chocolate Tombola time after school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - see you in the junior playground!



## 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:

**Darcie B, Raven T, Jacob G & Bertie K  
(Chesnut)**



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Acorn

Jake & Husna

### Ash

Louis C & Josh M

### Birch

Aleksander B & Albie W

### Chestnut

Caspian A & Reuben RW

### Rowan

All the Class



### Oak

Lincoln N & Amber G

### Willow

Zain A & Stanley B

### Hawthorn

Freddie H & Ellis Mc

### Alder

Finley & Kayden S

### Sycamore

All the Class





## Dates for the Diary



Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Friends Chocolate Tombola, KS2 Playground, 3:15pm
<b>HALF TERM Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May—Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET DAY
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School re-opens Acorn, Oak, Ash & Willow trip to Mrs Dowson's Farm
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Alder, Rowan & Sycamore World War 2 Day
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> — Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 4 Multiplication Check Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents Network Meeting, KS1 Hall, 9am with Mrs Sharp, Mrs Stephens & Guest speaker
Wedns 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School Nurse Drop In, 9am Yr 6 Transition Prayer Space at Turret House KS1 Sports Day, 1:30pm KS2 Sports Day, Morning, time TBC
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wedns 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr 6 pupils to Ribblesdale Day Transition Day 1
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Yr 6 pupils to Ribblesdale Day Transition Day 2
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 pupils Bowland High School Transition Day
Wedns 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper KS2 Performance, 2pm at Church
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper KS2 Performance, 5:30pm at Church
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends Summer Fair & BBQ
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Leavers Service, 2pm at Church Yr 6 Party 6pm—7:30pm
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Closes</b>

**Please note these dates/times may be subject to change if necessary.**

Join Friends of St James' School for..

# Chocolate TOMBOLA

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
from 3.15pm  
on the Junior Playground

50p per go  
£1 for 3 go's

CASH & CARD PAYMENTS TAKEN!

AND

## Chocolate RAFFLE!

**3** Chocolate Hampers  
to be won!

£1 per ticket - buy at Tombola,  
online or from the office

Scan  
to buy!



Raffle drawn same day, hamper out on Friday 22nd

## Do you shop online?

Did you know you can raise money for school for FREE when you do! Just become a supporter of Friends on Easyfundraising (a website/app that links to your favourite shopping websites) - over 8,000 retailers will make a donation to 'Friends Of St James' School, Clitheroe' on your behalf when you shop with them.

**Plus, sign up to support them before midnight this Sunday 3rd May and we could win a £1,000 donation!**

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/friends-of-st-james-school-clitheroe/G6723C/s2s/fDHVaHye/SE893/facebook/3>



The poster features the Easyfundraising logo at the top, followed by the 'Spring Supporter Boost' graphic which includes a blue cartoon character pointing to a speech bubble containing the text 'SPRING SUPPORTER BOOST'. The main text reads 'Your support could help us WIN one of two £1,000 donations'. A clock icon indicates the promotion ends on Sunday 3rd May. Below this, it says 'Sign up today to give us a FREE entry' and 'All of these online retailers & more!' with a yellow arrow pointing to a grid of retailer logos. The logos include Amazon, Sainsbury's, Sports Direct, Argos, FatFace, Tu, ASOS, George, and iRange. At the bottom, it says 'SUPPORT 'FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' SCHOOL, CLITHEROE'.

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