



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

19th June 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

Huge congratulations to our amazing Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football team for winning the **Hyndburn and Ribble Valley School Sports Partnership League**. They went unbeaten throughout the competition, showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. Thank you to Coach Stell and Coach Hurst for your guidance, and to all the parents who supported the team. A special thank you to Mrs Barnes for organising the event and supporting all of the early morning practices.

VR Learning for Juniors Our junior children enjoyed an exciting Virtual Reality session this week, exploring history and geography in a fully immersive way. They loved travelling through ancient worlds and new environments. It was wonderful to see the buzz of excitement.

Our Wonderful Friends Massive thanks to our PTA Friends for creating a wonderful mud kitchen area and music wall for our infants. Our pupils have really enjoyed playing with these items this week, see page 4 for photos.



Class Photos

Class photo proofs will be sent home today.

Orders must be placed on line by visiting: photos.jssp.co.uk by the 29th June in order to receive free delivery.

Collective Worship

"Treat other people as you would want to be treated" (Mark 12:31).

Through the story of Ruth and Boaz from the Bible, we explored how true manners come from kindness, respect and caring for others.



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 & BIRCH



Water Safety Week (often known as Drowning Prevention Week) 13-20th June

This is an annual UK/Ireland summer campaign held to teach lifesaving skills and water safety.

The KS2 children will all be taking part in a water safety session on the 8th July, where they will discuss

the water safety code. Here is a link to a short video on water safety

<https://vimeo.com/863949936>



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

Sunnie & Wilf

Ash

Toby G & Harriet A

Birch

Lola S & Joseph E & Rashid S

Chestnut

Godson R & Angel H

Rowan

Nile & Eloise

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Oak

Ronnie W & Daisy K

Willow

Pavel & Frank

Hawthorn

Arielle M & Jessica-Rose P

Alder

Vivan & Emily H

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Dates for the Diary



Fri 19 th June	Fathers Day Bags & Stall KS2 Playground
Thurs 25 th June	Yr 6 pupils St. Augustine's High School Transition Day
Wedns 1 st July	Yr 6 pupils to Ribblesdale Transition Day 1 KS1 Sports Day, 1:30pm start RESCHEDULED
Thurs 2 nd July	Yr 6 pupils to Ribblesdale Day Transition Day 2
Fri 3 rd July	Dress down day for Jarbola donation Yr 6 pupils celebration, Pendle Cricket Club, AM
Mon 6 th July	New Reception Taster Sessions
Tues 7 th July	Yr 6 pupils Bowland High School Transition Day
Wedns 8 th July	Upper KS2 Performance, 2pm at Church
Thurs 9 th July	Upper KS2 Performance, 5:30pm at Church
Fri 10 th July	KS2 Sports Day, 10am RESCHEDULED Friends Summer Fair & BBQ
Thurs 16 th July	Yr 6 Leavers Service, 2pm at Church Yr 6 Party 6pm—7:30pm
Fri 17 th July	School Closes at 1:30pm. Jimmy's will NOT be open, please make alternative arrangements

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

Orienteering competition

Last Friday, 12 children represented the school at an Orienteering competition run by Pendle Forest Club. The children had to orientate a map to find up to 20 controls in 30 minutes. These controls were on the edge of woodland, on path junctions and not always easy to find. All the children represented the school beautifully.

Well done to the Red Team who came joint first and particularly to Ted and Franki who got the highest overall score of the event.



Playground Update

Friends have been very busy adding extra resources to the playgrounds and refreshing the Infant woodland area. We hope the children have enjoyed playing with their new mud kitchen, music wall, story corner and blackboard, and the juniors now have homemade noughts and crosses with some of the lovely painted pebbles!



WE NEED YOU!

St. James' Friends are sprucing up the playgrounds

AND IN NEED OF:

- ✓ Any mud kitchens no longer needed 
- ✓ Outdoor paint of any colours! 
- ✓ Fancy dress items & outfits for age 9-11 
- ✓ Any garden games 
- ✓ Small musical instruments (tambourine, drum sticks, shakers etc) 

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR PLAYGROUNDS EVEN BETTER!

We'd also love the help of anyone with good **DIY skills** for some bits on the **INFANT WOODLAND AREA** - if you can spare any time please let us know!





PENDLE MUSIC CENTRE



SIGN UP!



THURSDAYS
4-8PM

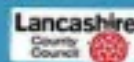
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WELCOME to Pendle Music Centre!

Every Thursday during term time, between 4-8pm we fill the school with a wide range of groups, ensembles and lessons, available to everyone and we would LOVE to see you there!

Attending a Music Centre is a great way to meet other pupils, including those from other schools, and make new friends! Join us any Thursday to try out our ensembles/groups - we are open for all ages, 4-18!

No experience is necessary for many of our groups and we have instruments that you can hire too! **We also have individual lessons and small group lessons for all specialisms.**

Groups and Ensembles:

- "SING" 4.00 -4.30pm - informal Pop and Musical Theatre choir
- "Beat Lab" creative music tech group, 6.30-7.15pm
- "Ensemble for All" orchestra with extras, 5.00-6.00pm
- "Guitar Ensemble", 4.30-5.00pm (both beginner and advanced groups)
- "Rock Band" intermediate players, 5.00-5.30pm
- "Beginner Rock Band", 4.30-5.00pm
- "Centre Stage - KS3/4/5" pop/rock/funk band, 7:30-8pm
- "Samba" group drumming, 5.00-5.30pm (ages 8+)
- "Junior Samba" for 5-7 years, 4.30-5.00pm
- "Ukulele Group", 5.30-6.00pm
- "Brass Group", 5.00-6.00pm
- "Clarinet Choir", 4.30-5.00pm
- "SoundYard", 5.00-5.30pm (4-6 years), 5.30-6.00pm (7-9years)
- "Music Theory", 6.20-6.50pm

Ensemble membership costs just £30 a term, and this gives your child access to as many ensembles as they like, at any of our music centres across the county and our "Inspire" sessions at weekends in Chorley. We do not wish costs to be a barrier to access and, should you require assistance, please see our Financial support page "help with costs" on the Lancashire Music Hub website.

For more information visit the QR code below or contact Alice, our Head of Centre at Alice.Galea@lancashire.gov.uk. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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