



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

26th June 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very warm week, but I would like to start by saying how incredibly proud we are of all our pupils for continuing to work so hard and show such resilience, even in the heat. Their positive attitudes and determination have truly shone through.

We have also seen some fantastic sporting achievements this week. Our boys' football team represented the school brilliantly at the local tournament on Monday and we are extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves both on and off the pitch. A **HUGE** thank you to coach Zac for coaching the team every Wednesday at 8am and for Mrs Barnes who organises the practices and competitions.

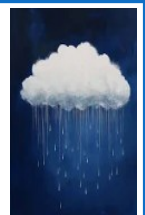
In addition, a group of our Year 3 children had a wonderful opportunity to take part in the Pennine Lancashire Games at Queen's Park in Burnley. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, taking part in a range of activities while showing great enthusiasm and representing the school with pride.

Looking ahead to next week, we are very excited for our infant Sports Day on Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting, which promises to be a fun and active event for everyone involved. We are also preparing for a special transition event for our Year 6 pupils at Clitheroe Cricket Ground, where they will meet with other children from local schools. This promises to be a memorable occasion and an important step as they begin to look forward to the next stage of their education.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

Collective Worship

This week we looked at the story of how Jesus calmed the storm. We learned that trusted adults can help us through some of our own storms. We learned that Christians believe that God is always there helping us in the storms of life.



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:

ACORN & CHESTNUT



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

Last day of term, Friday 17th July

School will be **closing at 1:30pm** on Friday 17th July. All children must be picked up at this time.

Jimmy's will NOT be open, alternative arrangements must be made for childcare.

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

Husna & Zac

Ash

Jason J & Aston T

Birch

Sebastian H & Layla N

Chestnut

Ollie B & Darcie B

Rowan

Reece P & Ellie W

Oak

Albert Y & Edward T

Willow

Fred & Anna

Hawthorn

Archie M & Lawrence H

Alder

Franki & Athena

CLASS NEWS:

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

Hawthorn Class have enjoyed reading in the shade after their assessments.



Willow class had a lovely afternoon playing the glockenspiels. We learnt how to play 'Hot Cross Buns' and 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'





Chestnut Class really enjoyed our visit from Helen Potts who came to help us understand how and why Christians follow God's rules. They spent a lot of time coming up with thoughtful questions and really enjoyed their chance to answer them. Thank you Helen!



Birch Class enjoyed a visit from Helen who helped them learn about the Ten Commandments.

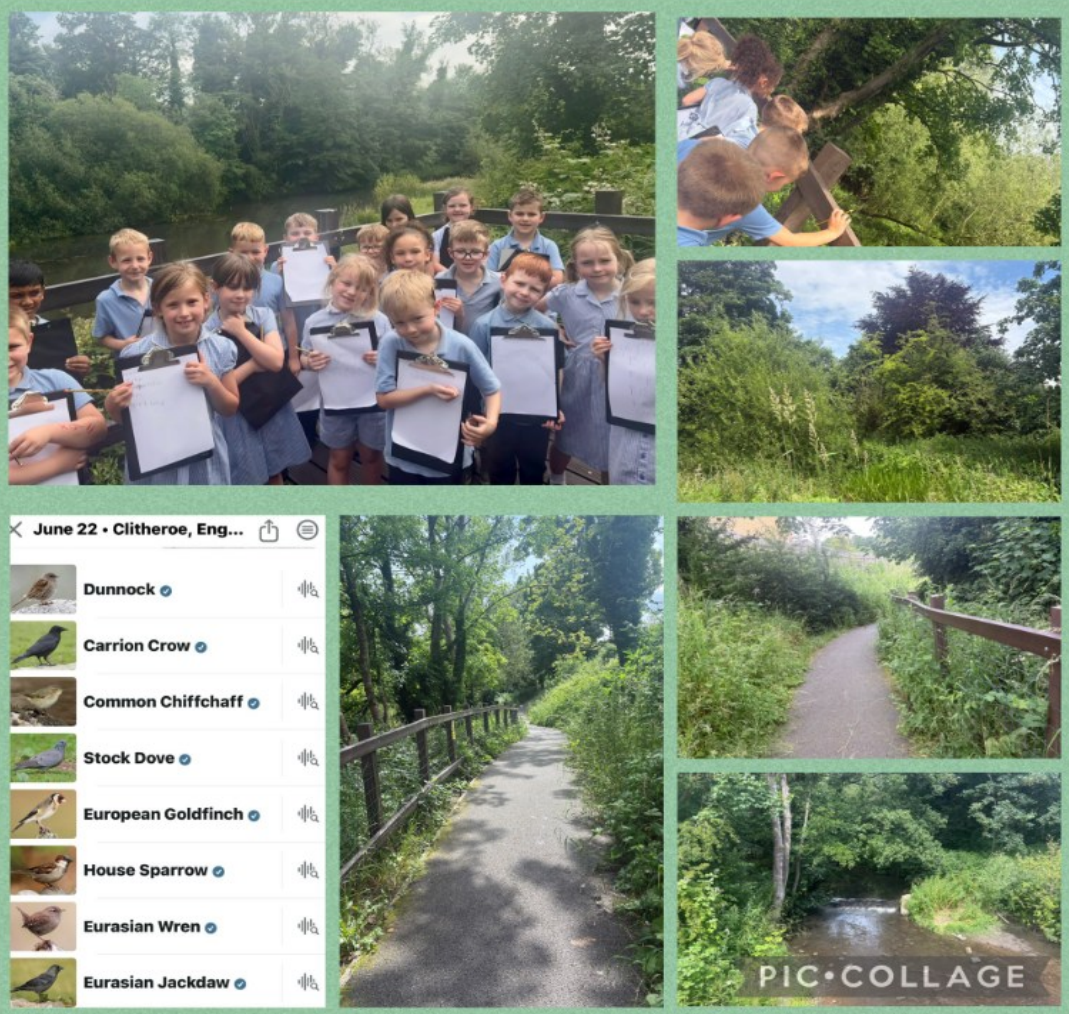




Rowan class had a super time in their VR workshop where they learned about different animals and the environments they live in. The virtual reality experience made it feel like they were exploring their habitats first hand. Also acting out the scene of King Duncan's death in Macbeth helped the children to understand the characters, plot and dramatic tension of the play.



Acorn class had a wonderful time in forest school this week!



Ash Class enjoyed a walk through our beautiful grounds & nature reserve to listen for sounds that will inspire the pieces of music they are going to create in their Computing lessons using Chrome Music Lab.



Sycamore have had a brilliant time in our Forest School sessions recently: enjoying the water; craft skills and s'mores!

Oak Class have been gathering natural materials and sorting them into egg boxes according to different criteria. They have also had fun hunting for bugs and examining them under magnifying glasses. In our D&T topic Lighthouses we have been exploring and making different bases to see which is the strongest for our lighthouse.



Alder Class had a wonderful VR session where they explored animals in different environments, looked at how these animals adapted to surviving in that environment and how these animals were classified.

Bouncy Castle!

Local business stalls

Our famous BBQ!

NEW! Bar: Alcoholic & Non-alcoholic!

Games for EVERYONE!

Friends of St James' School invite you to our...

SUMMER FAIR & BBQ!

Friday 10th July after school!

We need your help to make this happen please!

Themed Class Hampers!
Please bring an item to school in the colour/theme of your class to make up some fantastic hampers to be won in the raffle! See newsletter/text for your class details

DONATE YOUR TIME ON THE DAY...
We need all the help we can get so we can run all the stalls, games and infamous BBQ! Grandparents, parents, or family, please let the school office know or email Friends - stjamesfriends@hotmail.com

RAFFLE PRIZES & BOTTLES
All donations gratefully received, any shape & size - including wine for our popular game! Know a local business or work for one who might like to donate a prize or sponsor a stall? We'd love you to ask or pass on their details!

Please drop all donations into the School Office, thank you for your support!

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL BE USED FOR OUR CHILDREN
Thank you!

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Member Association

Your class colour or theme for a Raffle hamper is:

ACORN = RED

OAK = YELLOW

ASH = PINK

WILLOW = BLUE

BIRCH = PURPLE

HAWTHORN = ORANGE

CHESTNUT = GREEN

ALDER = CRAFTS

ROWAN = SWEETS

SYCAMORE = SMELLIES