



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

5th June 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had an excellent start to the summer term. As I have visited lessons, it has been a joy to see our pupils so engaged in their learning.

One of the highlights of the week was the fantastic Infant trip to Mrs Dowson's Farm Park. Our younger children had a wonderful first hand experience of being close to the animals, learning about how they are cared for, and enjoying the freedom of the outdoor play areas. The excitement was topped off with delicious ice creams, making it a truly memorable day for everyone involved.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils also enjoyed a rich and immersive learning experience during their World War II enrichment day. A visiting expert brought history to life by sharing stories and artefacts linked to air raid precautions, the Blitz and the experiences of evacuees. The children were captivated, and the session deepened their understanding of this significant period in history.

Staffing News

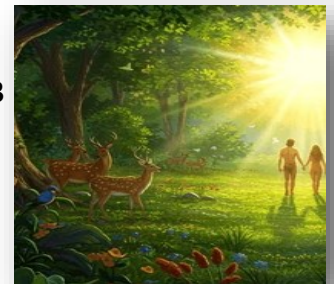
I am delighted to share that we have appointed **two fantastic teachers** who will be joining our school in September.

Miss Szewczuk will be bringing her enthusiasm and expertise to the Infants, while **Miss Illingworth** will be joining our Juniors team with a passion for inspiring young learners. We are thrilled to welcome them both and look forward to the energy and talent they will bring to our school.

Collective Worship

"Teach me your laws lord and I will follow them to the end." Psalm 119:33

We looked at how Adam and Eve's story reminds us that **our choices matter**—every day we get a new chance to choose what's right.



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 classes with the best attendance this week were:



ASH & HAWTHORN

Class Photos— Monday 8th June

The school photographer will be in school to take class photos in the morning.
Please ensure children are in full school uniform. Thank you



Grammar School Admissions 2027

A few children have been asking about admissions to Clitheroe Grammar School. Further information can be found here: <https://crgs.org.uk/main-school-11-16/admissions/>. This page explains how you can support your child if you are considering this school. Please note that the entrance exam has changed this year, and the information guide for parents on the webpage states: "There are NO past papers and NO practice papers that have been authorised by FSCE."

Friends are helping to refresh the playground and are in the need of the following:



Any mud kitchens no longer needed

Outdoor paint of any colours!

Fancy dress outfits age 9+

Any unwanted garden games, small musical instruments
(tambourine, drum sticks, shakers etc)



STARS OF THE WEEK



Acorn

Harriett & Aoife

Ash

Hallie & Anuraj

Birch

Roni P & Lilly T

Chestnut

Connor B & Emmett B

Rowan

Jerald T & Goodness D

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Oak

Eliza T & Molly W

Willow

Bobby & Harry F

Hawthorn

Myla & Riley A

Alder

Anna M & Jacob D

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Dates for the Diary



Mon 8th June

Mon 8th — Fri 12th June

Tues 9th June

Wedns 10th June

Tuesday 16th June

Fri 19th June

Wedns 1st July

Thurs 2nd July

Fri 3rd July

Tues 7th July

Wedns 8th July

Thurs 9th July

Fri 10th July

Thurs 16th July

Fri 17th July

Class Photos

Yr 4 Multiplication Check

Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check

Parents Network Meeting, KS1 Hall, 9am with Mrs Sharp, Mrs Stephens & Guest speaker

~~School Nurse Drop In, 9am~~

Yr 6 Transition Prayer Space at Turret House

~~KS1 Sports Day, 1:30pm~~

Last chance to order Friends Fathers Day Gift Bags

KS2 VR Experience Day

KS2 Sports Day, Morning, time TBC

Friends Fathers Day Stall

Yr 6 pupils to Ribblesdale Day Transition Day 1

KS1 Sports Day, 1:30pm start RESCHEDULED

Yr 6 pupils to Ribblesdale Day Transition Day 2

Dress down day for Jarbola donation

Yr 6 pupils Bowland High School Transition Day

Upper KS2 Performance, 2pm at Church

Upper KS2 Performance, 5:30pm at Church

Friends Summer Fair & BBQ

Yr 6 Leavers Service, 2pm at Church

Yr 6 Party 6pm—7:30pm

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.



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— END OF YEAR 6 —

Leavers' SERVICE



THURSDAY
16TH JULY



2PM



ST JAMES' CHURCH

Parents and families welcome ♥



An opportunity to celebrate the end of Year 6's time at St. James' and for us as a school community to say goodbye and good luck as they transition to high school.

*Rooted in
faith, growing
together,
reaching for
the future.*



*You've learned. You've grown.
Now, go shine!* ★

Father's Day is in 2 weeks' time and Friends have you covered! Why not treat them to a nice surprise with our special Father's Day Gift Bags, including a craft and personalised keepsake for the children to create and gift along with other treats and goodies? You'll be raising funds for your children too! See our poster for more details, to help us plan early orders would be fantastic. You can order online at PTA Events - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm> Thank you!

FATHER'S DAY

Gift Bags!

Let Friends help treat your Daddy/ Dad, Grandad, Uncle or Father figure to something special this Father's Day with a thoughtful gift bag of keepsakes and treats!

Pre-orders being taken now

£5.50
each

Sibling bags **£2**
(Extra craft, written
keepsake & card)

**Order online at PTA Events
by Tuesday 16th June**

