



# The St. James' Journal

## Newsletter

3rd July 2026



### MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear parents & carers,

We have had another fantastic week where it has been wonderful to see so many opportunities for our children to shine, make new memories and prepare for exciting next steps.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 and 4 girls' football team, who took part in their first-ever tournament on Tuesday. Having only recently started playing together, and with some players still in Year 2, the girls demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the evening. They finished in a superb third place, winning two matches, drawing one and losing two. A huge thank you to Coach Stell and Coach Braithwaite for their support, and to all the parents who came along to cheer the team on.

This week also saw our transition and handover sessions, and it was lovely to see the children spending time with their new teachers and becoming excited about the year ahead. We were also delighted to have our new teachers Miss Illingworth and Miss Szewczuk meeting their classes and joining the team.

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic transition event at Clitheroe Cricket Ground, where they had the opportunity to meet and work alongside children from other primary schools across Clitheroe. It was a valuable experience that helped them build confidence and friendships as they prepare for the move to secondary school.

Looking ahead to next week, we have a number of exciting events taking place. **Infant Sports Day** will be held on the field at 10:00am on Tuesday. Our **Year 6 performances** take place on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening, and we are looking forward to seeing the results of all their hard work. **Junior Sports Day** will take place on the field at 10:00am on Friday, followed by the **Friends PTFA Summer Fayre** after school. We hope to see many of you there.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

### 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.



**ACORN & BIRCH**



## Collective Worship

“The Joy of the Lord is my Strength” Neh 8 v10

This week we looked at JOY. We looked at the story of the Prodigal Son and the JOY of the father when the son returned. We learned that there is joy when we forgive others and when we say sorry.

**Friends' Summer Fair is just 1 week away!** Time to get your orders in for the infamous BBQ, cross your fingers for good weather and get ready for some family fun!

We've got your fave games AND some new ones, some for the grown-up's, a bouncy castle and a licensed Bar with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks! Pre-order your BBQ now so you can be first in the queue on the day - All locally sourced meat from Farnsworth's Butchers - Hot dogs £2, Burgers £2.50, Cheeseburgers £3.



Raffle tickets are £1 each - win one of our amazing class Rainbow/Theme hampers, or some other fantastic prizes! Buy online or at the Summer Fair Buy your BBQ food & raffle tickets here -

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=119941>

Friends are still in need of wine bags, donations of (full) wine bottles and any unwanted gifts or prizes for the Raffle.

Thank you for your support and we can't wait to see you next Friday at pick-up!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



### Acorn

Jeslyn & Reggie

### Ash

Rishi P & Olivia G

### Birch

Poppy K & Harvey J

### Chestnut

Hazel Y & Jacob G

### Rowan

Abu Bakr & Eliza G

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### Oak

Calix T & Marnie M

### Willow

Simon & William

### Hawthorn

Scarlett K & Izzy T

### Alder

Jake B & Lilly C

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## Dates for the Diary



Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Taster Sessions
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 pupils Bowland High School Transition Day <a href="#">KS1 Sports Day, 10:00am start</a>
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	<a href="#">KS2 Sports Day, 10am start</a> Friends Summer Fair & BBQ
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Leavers Service, 2pm at Church Yr 6 Party 6pm—7:30pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>School Closes at 1:30pm. Jimmy's will NOT be open, please make alternative arrangements</b>

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

Bouncy Castle!

Local business stalls

Our famous BBQ!

NEW! BAR: Alcoholic & Non-alcoholic drinks!

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

# SUMMER FAIR & BBQ!

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
Infant Playground  
after school!

NEW

## Bar, BBQ & Refreshments!

Farnsworth Butcher's hot dogs and burgers, & alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments!

Pre-order yours now on PTA Events to be first in the queue!

## RAFFLE "You gotta be in it to win it!"

Prizes include the amazing Themed Rainbow Class Hampers, Roefield Gym & Classes Adult Membership, £30 Calf's Head Voucher, Bowland Social voucher and more! **£1 per ticket**

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS & BBQ FOOD ONLINE - PTA Events →



## Fun and Games for all the family!

MRS BARNES' OBSTACLE BLITZ  
FACEPAINTER

NEW SPIN WHEEL - PRIZE OR POTATO!  
FAVOURITES - CHOC TOMBOLA, CRACK THE CODE

NEW & PRE-LOVED TOY STALLS  
SECOND-HAND UNIFORM STALL  
EBELLA CAKES

CHARLIE'S CROCHETS

....and more!

NEW Games for grown-ups too with prizes!

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

## DONATE YOUR TIME ON THE DAY...

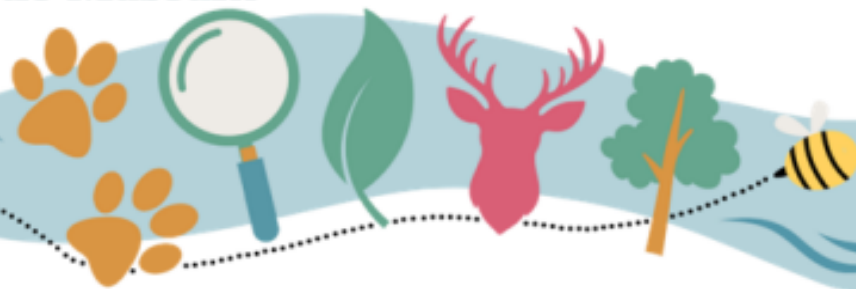
We need all the help we can get so we can run all the stalls, games and infamous BBQ! Grandparents, parents, or family, please let the school office know or email Friends - [stjamesfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:stjamesfriends@hotmail.com)

Parentkind  
Member Association



**Clitheroe Castle Museum**

**CBA  
FESTIVAL OF  
ARCHAEOLOGY  
2026**



# Festival of Archaeology

Bring the kids and discover archaeology at Clitheroe Castle museum this July. Booking for our children's activities is essential.



### Junior Dig Pits

Thursday 23 July  
10.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm  
FREE

### Junior Medieval Tile Pottery

Thursday 30 July  
11am  
£3 per child



### Junior Neolithic Pottery

Thursday 30 July  
1pm  
£3 per child

### A celebration of archaeology

Meet local archaeologists and experts who will be on hand to answer your questions and share their knowledge.

**HUB  
DAY**

**25 JULY**  
11am - 3pm

*Find out more  
and secure  
your space*



**Open Daily, all kids go free**

Find details of all our activities and events on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or visit our website at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/clitheroe-castle-museum/> or via the QR code.

# Bowland Champion Species Party!



Forest of  
Bowland  
National  
Landscape



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**1 - 2.30pm or 2.30 - 4pm**

**Gisburn Forest Hub, nr Slaidburn**

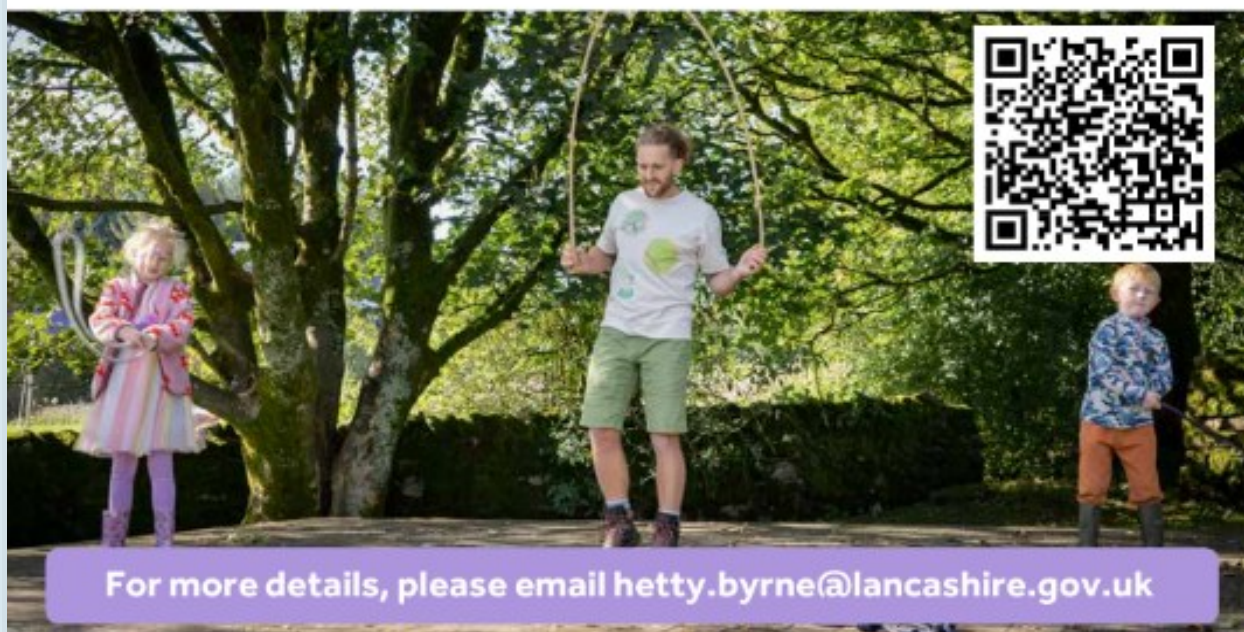
Join us for wild moves, mystical music and magical masks at Bowland's family-friendly Champion Species party!

Did you know? The Forest of Bowland National Landscape is celebrating 14 very special birds, plants, insects, fish, mammals and fungi with this fab summer event.

**FREE**, but **booking is essential** and under 18s need to be accompanied by an adult.

To book, please see the listings at:


[www.forestofbowland.com/festival-bowland](http://www.forestofbowland.com/festival-bowland) or scan the QR code below.



For more details, please email [hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk)

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