



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

11th September 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another brilliant week with pupils really engaging with their learning and showing respectful behaviour across school. The positive atmosphere throughout our classrooms and corridors continues to impress me, and I am proud of how our pupils are settling into the new academic year.

It was wonderful to have parents join us for our celebration assembly this week. Seeing the pride and joy on your faces as your children received their certificates reminded us all of why we do what we do. These moments of recognition are so important in celebrating the achievements and progress of our pupils, both academically and personally.

We really value enrichment opportunities at our school, and it has been great to have our extra curricular school clubs starting up again. These activities provide our pupils with additional chances to explore their interests, develop new skills, and build friendships outside of the regular curriculum.

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to seeing you at our **Meet the Teacher** meetings next week from **3:30 – 4pm**. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about your child's class, meet their teacher, and understand what the year ahead will bring. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 14th September: **Ash, Alder, Rowan, Birch**

Tuesday 15th September: **Hawthorn, Sycamore and Oak (Children in Year 1 registering in Acorn class),**

Wednesday 17th September: **Chestnut, Willow**

Thank you for your continued support.

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:

HAWTHORN





Collective Worship

"Let's not get tired of doing good because it will reap a harvest if we don't give up". Gal 6 v 9

We learned that we need to keep choosing to do the right thing, following the school rules and working hard so that we can reap the rewards. The harvest for us at school is that we can stay safe, learn and have lots of fun along the way.



Food Allergy Intolerance Form:

Please ensure this form is completed online by Sunday 13th September

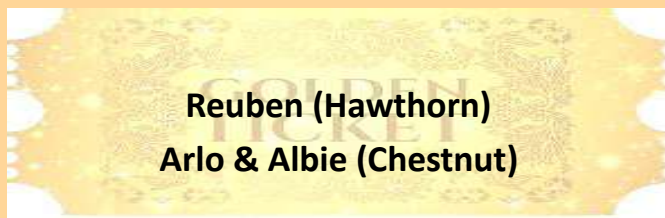


Year 6 Robinwood Residential:

Reminder that all payments for this trip to be made by Wednesday 30th September

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 / Oak

Aayat

Willow

Hawthorn

Emilia M

Alder

Macie A

Sycamore

Jaxon

Ash

Imogen

Birch

Chestnut

Lilly T

Rowan

Anita I

CLASS NEWS:

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

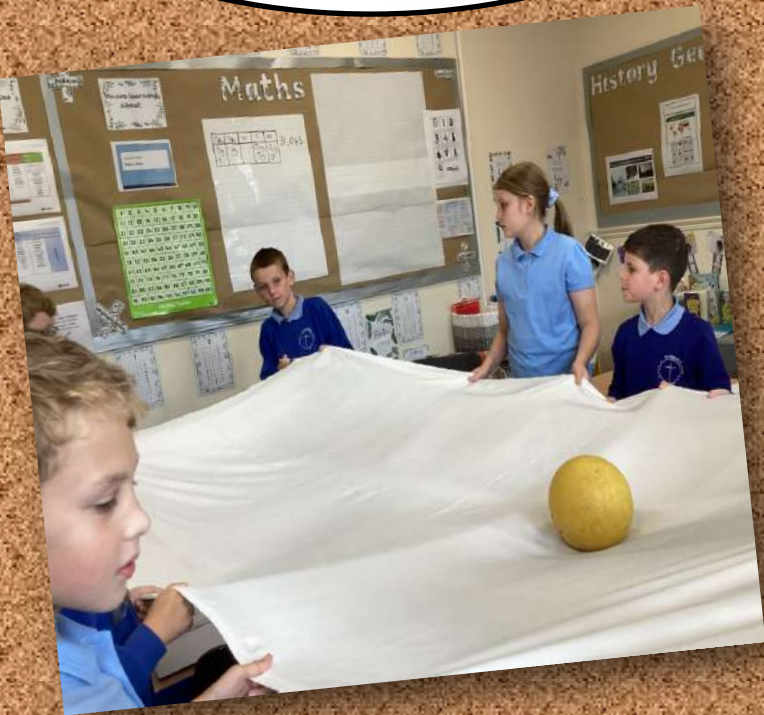
Willow Class:

In Geography, Willow class have been looking at aerial photographs on the school and labelling key features.



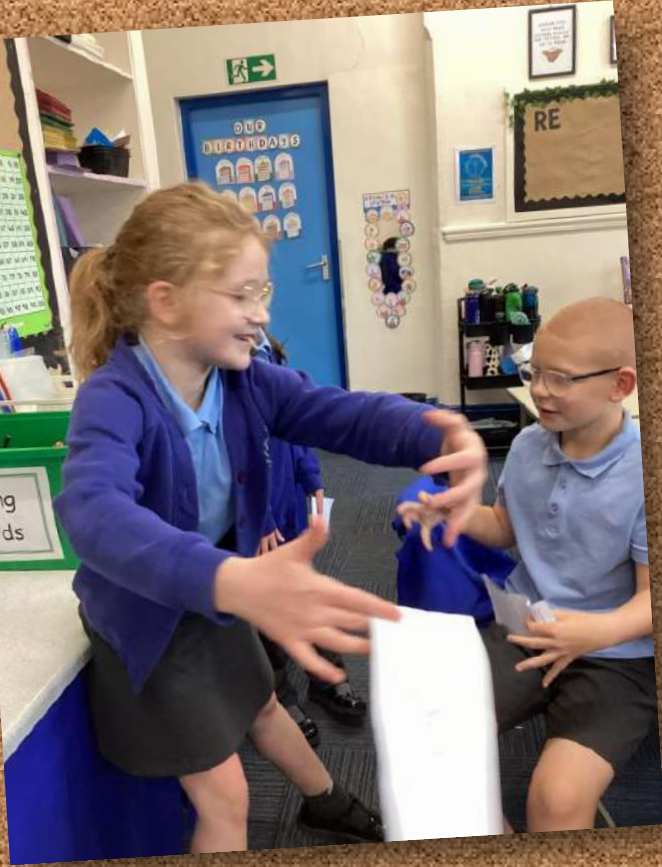
Birch Class have been working hard on place value using their base 10.

Rowan Class: Welcome back. Black Hole Inquiry in Rowan class. The fabric represents space, the marble represents matter travelling through space and the ball represents a Black Hole. What great scientists we are.



Sycamore have made an amazing start to Year 6! In English, we have enjoyed reading and writing about our new class novel, 'The Nowhere Emporium'. It tells the story of Daniel, a young boy, who enters a magical shop filled with all sorts of wonders and mysteries. Over this half term we will follow the adventures of Daniel, and how everything might not be quite as it seems inside...
The Nowhere Emporium!

In Year 4 Chestnut and Hawthorn have been enjoying performing the poem Roger the Dog by Ted Hughes as part of our English work on 101 Dalmatians.



Alder Class: This week have started our invasion games through hockey learning hold to hold the stick, push pass and transfer weight.





Ash Class have made a fantastic start to Year 1&2. Mrs Barnes & Miss Youngs are very excited for the year ahead. Here you can see Ash Class working collaboratively to use the laptops.

Acorn/Oak Class:
Muddy Monday was a joy this week. We had lots of fun exploring in the Eco Garden!





Friends hope you all had a lovely week back at School, and welcome all those new to school too! We hope our new Acorns will enjoy their first week treat from Friends.

Come meet other parents & have a good natter at **Friends coffee & cake morning on Monday 14th from 8.40am in the NEW Infant Hall** - it's for everyone and we'd love to see you. Come grab a brew and free cake baked & donated by Ebella, have a chill & chat and get a first look at the new snazzy hall! Open to all parents, grandparents & carers! We look forward to meeting you all.

Upcoming dates -

Half Term disco is 2 weeks earlier this year on Thursday 8th October, so get those dancing shoes polished off and start picking your outfits! Tickets released soon.

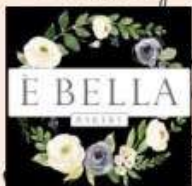
Fancy a free brew, Ebella cake & natter?

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Meet other
parents and the
PTA (Friends),
enjoy a cake, brew
and natter!

Come and
see the
**NEW Infant
Hall too!!**

*Cakes kindly donated
& baked by*



Friends Coffee & Cake Morning

Monday 14th September

In the Infant Hall from drop-off (8.40am)



High School Open Evening/Days

Bowland High School: Open Evening Thursday 17th September 2026, 6pm to 8:30pm

Open Day Wednesday 23rd September 2026, 9:30am to 2pm

Visit bowland.atctrust.org.uk for more information



Westholme: Open Evening: Thursday 17 September 2026 | 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Open Day Wednesday 23rd September 2026, 9:15am to 3pm

Visit westholmeschool.com for more information



Ribblesdale School: Open Evening Thursday 24th September 2026, 4:30pm to

Something for the children to look forward to:

Monday 1st October, Special Space Lunch: Children to order in school as usual on the day.

