



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

18 September 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Carers,

Children achieve the best outcomes when schools work closely with families, this week we have seen that partnership at its best through several events.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our **Meet the Teacher** meetings this week. We know these proved really valuable, giving you the chance to learn more about the exciting learning that will be happening in the year ahead and the opportunity to meet the teachers in person. For those that were unable to make it to the meetings, please check the powerpoints on class pages on our website here:

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The Friends (PTA) coffee morning took place on Monday. We are fortunate to have a committed and enthusiastic PTA who generously give their time to support our school. We are excited as we look ahead to the exciting events planned for the year.

Looking ahead, I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming Parents Evenings. These will be held on two dates:

- Mon, 12th October
- Wed, 14th October

These evenings provide a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, achievements, and any areas for development with their class teacher.

We continue to be committed to providing the highest quality education for our pupils and maintaining strong communication with our school community.

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.



ALDER

Collective Worship

"Treat others how you would like to be treated". Matt 7 v12

This week we have been looking at our school value **respect**. We learned that respect is about treating other as we would like to be treated. This includes: speaking kind words, being polite, helping others. Let's continue to strive to be a community of respect.

St James' is a Church School where everyone is valued and upheld by Love, Hope, and Respect.

Jimmy's Out of School Club

Jimmy's out of school club is open for morning sessions from 7:30am to the start of school & afternoon sessions from the end of school to 6pm.

The cost of a session is £4 in a morning & £7 in an afternoon. Breakfast and afternoon snacks are included. **Bookings must be paid for in advance. Bookings can be made on an ad hoc basis as required.** To register, please go to: www.jimmysatstjames.kidsclubhq.co.uk

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:

**Cali B, Athena V & Lilly C
(Rowan)**

STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn/Oak

Gabriela

Willow

Beatrice B

Hawthorn

Oskar

Alder

Bertie K

Sycamore

Savannah

Ash

Eliza T

Birch

Stanley B

Chestnut

Arlo

Rowan

Mercy D

The School Nurse can help with a range of medical concerns including:

- Sleep, Bed wetting & Constipation
- Behaviour – parental support
- Emotional health and wellbeing – anxiety, worries, friendship and resilience etc.
- SEND
- Healthy lifestyles - diet, weight, exercise, fussy eating etc.
- General health – dental, hearing, sight etc.
- Specific health conditions – Asthma, Diabetes, allergies etc.
- Headlice/nits etc
- Referrals for parent and family support through Child and Family Wellbeing Service

You do not need to tell the school why you would like to see the School Nurse – this is confidential.

No appointment required.



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

School transport 

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



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It's back! After a popular first year, get ahead of the crowd and book yourself onto Friends' festive evening with Jo Troughton decorating your own Christmas Wreath for a fabulous price, plus festive drink and nibbles...and you're raising money for Friends! 2 evenings to choose from, why not book yourself a spot -

[Monday 30 November Booking Link](#)

[Thursday 3 December Booking Link](#)

A festive poster for a Christmas Wreath Workshop. The background is red with green pine branches, red and white striped ribbons, and red and white Christmas ornaments. The text is in various fonts, including cursive and bold sans-serif. There are two QR codes for booking, one for Monday and one for Thursday. There are also two photos of wreaths and one photo of a group of people holding wreaths.

FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES' SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO...

Adults evening!

Popular demand = 2 dates!

"Create & Sip"
Christmas Wreath Workshop

WITH JO FROM 'THE CREATION STATION'

DECORATE A 12" FIR WREATH, ENJOY A FESTIVE DRINK & NATTER & RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME!

Includes festive Drink & Nibbles!

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER OR THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

AT ST JAMES' SCHOOL
In our new Infant Hall!

7.30 - 9PM

£35
(Inc. £10 donation for school!)

PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Scan to book your place

MONDAY OR **THURSDAY**

Or click below...

MONDAY **THURSDAY**