



The St. James' Journal Newsletter

25th September 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,



Clitheroe St James' has been such an important part of the community of Clitheroe shaping many thousands of lives over the last two centuries. I know that many of our pupils are third and fourth generation of family members that have attended our school.

It is a true privilege to continue this rich heritage and we are really excited about the developments that are underway to improve the building and spaces around school. We are making good progress and, while I am not yet in a position to confirm specific timescales, I will keep you informed and share further details as soon as I am able.

We are excited to be opening our doors to prospective families and would be delighted if you could help us spread the word amongst friends, neighbours and family members who may be looking for a primary school place.

Our Open Days will take place on:

- **Monday 5th October, 1:30pm to 2:30pm**
- **Monday 19th October, 1:30pm to 2:30pm**
- **Monday 9th November, 1:30pm to 2:30pm**

These visits provide an opportunity for families to see our school in action, meet staff and pupils, and experience the warm, caring environment that makes Clitheroe St James' such a special place to learn and grow.

If anyone is unable to attend one of these sessions, we would be very happy to arrange an alternative visit at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you all for your amazing support. Let's continue to work hard to build on the foundations of the past while shaping a bright future for generations to come.

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:

BIRCH





Collective Worship

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." — Colossians 3:23



This week we looked at the parable of the talents and learned the importance of trying our best. It doesn't matter if we make mistakes. In fact, mistakes are an important part of the learning process. Trying our best is what makes us good learners.



Year 6 Robinwood Residential:
Reminder that all payments for this trip must be made by
Wednesday 30th September.

Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Dates for the Diary



Individual & Sibling photos: Tuesday 6th October

Parents Evenings: Monday 12th & Wednesday 14th October

Harvest Festival at Church: Friday 16th October, 9:30am

Further details will follow shortly



STARS OF THE WEEK



Acorn / Oak

Hallie H

Willow

Hawthorn

Archie M

Alder

Hazel Y

Sycamore

Abu Bakr

Ash

Jonah H

Birch

Chestnut

Matthew S

Rowan

Jacob D

CLASS NEWS:

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

Birch Class
have had fun in
their music lessons
learning how to
play the
ukulele!



Alder Class: In
Science, we are
exploring different
scientists and their
discoveries which have
impacted our world
today. They explored
DNA and re-created it
using sweets. Don't
forget to ask them
about the interesting
facts they have
discovered about DNA!

Chestnut Class are enjoying their music learning on mountains. They did a fantastic job drawing what they imagined whilst listening to a piece of classical music.



Sycamore have enjoyed learning about DNA, especially making their own version - it was a very tasty one!



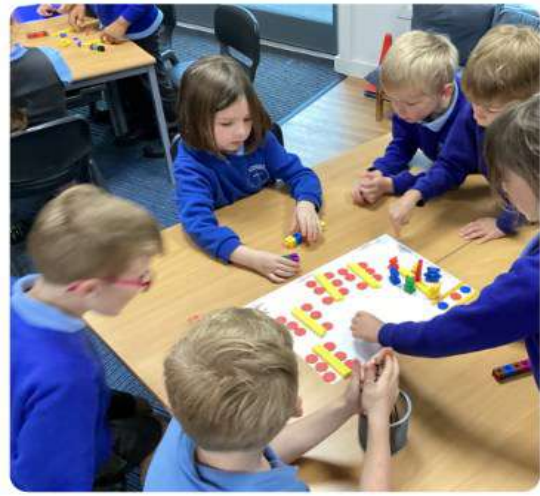
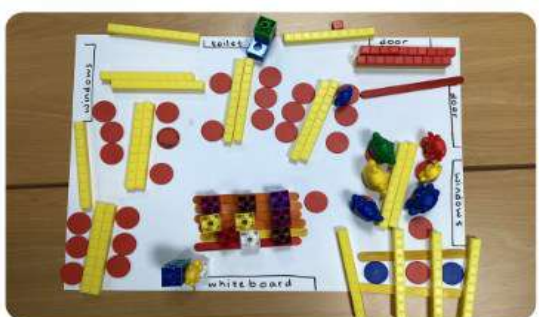
In Ash Class' English lessons they have enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Way Home For Wolf'. Children have looked at the setting, characters, the exciting vocabulary, made predictions then created a story map which they used to retell the story.

Rowan Class: In Science this week Rowan have been learning all about DNA. We learnt that DNA carries genetic information. The children made models of the structure of DNA using sweets. Lots of scientific learning with sweet treats at the end!





Acorn/Oak Class
have been
learning in
continuous
provision.



Willow class really
enjoyed creating
'messy maps' of our
classroom in
Geography.

Our school back in 1920. Perhaps you may have family members in the photo?



St James School Class, 1920



St James School Clitheroe, 1920

Thursday 1st October, Special Space Lunch: Children to order in school as usual



**Get your disco outfits ready, it's Friends' School Disco on Thursday
8th October!**

We're looking forward to seeing you all on the dance floor for fun, games and tunes - especially those new to school for their first Disco!

For the infants disco we've now included the treat bag (sweeties & crisps) in the ticket price along with other goodies as it was so popular! Buy your tickets online at: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends/index.cfm> (let us know any food allergies during checkout) and we'll see you on the dance floor - remember to let us know any song requests before the big night too! If you'd like to help out on the night we'd love to hear from you, email stjamesfriends@hotmail.com or let the school office know.

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' SCHOOL

SCHOOL DISCO!

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER
In the Junior Hall

INFANTS: 6-6.45PM
NEW! NOW INCLUDES A TREAT BAG,
PLUS A CAKE & UNLIMITED DRINKS

JUNIORS: 7-8PM
INCLUDES UNLIMITED DRINKS, WITH
OPTIONS TO BUY A HOTDOG AND SNACKS.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

 **SCAN QR CODE**
OR
GO TO
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/
STJAMESFRIENDS.COM](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjamesfriends.com)

INFANTS & JUNIORS:
TAKING SONG REQUESTS IN ADVANCE!

 **FOR MORE DETAILS, CHECK
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

