



The St. James' Journal

Newsletter

9th October 2026



MR LEEMING'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another exciting week at St James' with lots to celebrate.

Primrose Path Opened

We were delighted to be invited by the Primrose Trust to celebrate the opening of the new pathway last Friday.

Cross Country Success

Congratulations to all the children who represented the school at the recent cross-country competition. They showed great determination and excellent sportsmanship throughout.



Fantastic Open Day

It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective families on Monday and showcase the warm, vibrant community that makes St James' so special. There is another Open afternoon on Monday 19th October.

Orienteering

Our new orienteering course was installed around the school on Monday. This will help develop children's teamwork, navigation and problem-solving skills and support learning outdoors.



Parents' Evening Reminder

A reminder that Parents' Evening takes place next week. We look forward to meeting with families to celebrate children's achievements and discuss their progress.

Friends School Disco Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the disco last night, a whopping £965 was raised!

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend.

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:

ASH





Collective Worship

“A friend loves at all times” Prov. 17:17

This week we were learning that good friendships bring us JOY. We looked at the friendship between David and Jonathan from the Bible.



Parents Evenings

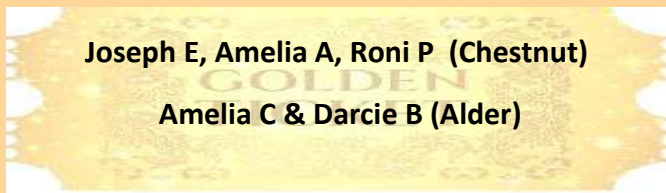
Monday 12th & Wednesday 14th October, 3.30pm - 6pm KS2 Hall

The Scholastic Bookfair will be held after school in the Junior Hall from today up until Friday 16th October, including both parents evenings.
Every book you buy will earn free books for our school.

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:

Golden Ticket

Joseph E, Amelia A, Roni P (Chestnut)
Amelia C & Darcie B (Alder)



STARS OF THE WEEK



Acorn / Oak

Jeslyn

Willow

Penny

Hawthorn

Bella R

Alder

Jacob G

Sycamore

Jack B

Ash

James B

Birch

Louis C

Chestnut

Oscar S

Rowan

Athena

CLASS NEWS:

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

Birch Class
had a great time
getting active in PE.



Chestnut Class had
an amazing first
session at Forest
School!
Everyone had great
fun getting stuck
into the mud and
enjoying being
outside.

Acorn Class: Lots of super learning in continuous provision this week!



Willow Class: For World Space Week, Willow class learnt all about the planets. They designed their own planet and they made mosaic rockets.

Rowan have been debating whether Lucien Silver is a good man in our class reader "The Nowhere Emporium".

We also loved performing Gran Can You Rap at our performance poetry day celebration. Who says we are too old to dress up?!!!



This week in Sycamore we have enjoyed writing balanced arguments about the mysterious character 'Lucien Silver' from the Nowhere Emporium. We have debated whether he is a good or evil character and are looking forward to finding out if we are right!

Hawthorn this week we have been learning all about space. Here we are showing off our fabulous artwork inspired by the reflections in an astronaut's helmet visor!



Alder Class are completing a traffic survey as part of their Geography topic on population.





Ash Class have created cards based 3d sculptures inspired by the Australian artist Samantha Stephenson. She uses metal to create sculptures that show movement by using curves. Ash Class recreated their own interpretations which also used colour to make their sculptures seem full of energy.

Our School Council were delighted to help celebrate the opening of the new pathway at Primrose Community Nature Reserve.

We joined representatives from the Primrose Community Trust and the Mayor & Mayoress of the Ribble Valley Borough Council. Our School Council proudly showcased artwork created by children across school, delivered some fantastic speeches and even interviewed Inger Vandyke, wildlife photojournalist, who had the privilege of cutting the ribbon that we made together as a school.

A wonderful celebration of our local community, wildlife and the amazing natural space right on our doorstep.

