



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

I am writing to inform you of some staffing changes that will take place from September. Mrs Moses has decided to take Early Retirement and will leave the school at the end of the academic year. Mr Holt has also decided to leave teaching and he will leave the school at the end of the academic year. Both staff members are amazing and will be a huge loss to the school. We will start our recruitment process for two new teachers and we will only recruit the best possible people for our lovely school. Mrs Aspinall is also going to retire after the YEAR 6 children have finished their SATS. Mrs Aspinall has been a brilliant addition to our staff team, and we wish her happiness in her retirement.

Thank you to the PTA who are working extremely hard behind the scenes to fundraise and support the school. Miss Wren, our community leader, and Mrs Moses, our Key Stage 2 leader, also attend the meetings. The Bingo night is planned and a Summer Fair is hopefully in the pipelines.

We have been pleased to be part of the interview process for a new vicar. We are delighted to have been informed that Rev Michael Read will be coming to St James' Briercliffe.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Mrs Dugdale





Communication

After Easter, we ask families to use pastoral@st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk for your communication with staff. Please address the communication to whom you wish to communicate with, eg FAO Miss Tracy SENDCO, FAO Mrs Dallison Pastoral Leader etc. They aim to respond within a week.

We are streamlining the communication systems as we are now being inundated with emails to the office from various companies, and we do not want to miss any communication. As always please phone the office if you wish to discuss a matter and our office administrators will be on hand from 8am until 3.45pm.

Polite Reminder : we never interrupt teaching and learning.

School Lottery

The School Lottery is a brilliant resource for parents to sign up to. It provides funds for the PTFA and you can also win prizes weekly!
Please sign up to the lottery and help our school.

<http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>





Elm Class Family Friday

Elm Class held their Family Friday this term. The children showed their family members what they have been learning, and everyone had a great time!



Epilepsy Awareness Day

On Wednesday 26th March, the school held a non-uniform day for Epilepsy Awareness Day, where staff and children could wear something purple. The children raised an amazing £346.73! The money will be donated to The Daisy Garland charity, which works exclusively with children with drug-resistant epilepsy. Thank you to everyone who donated!



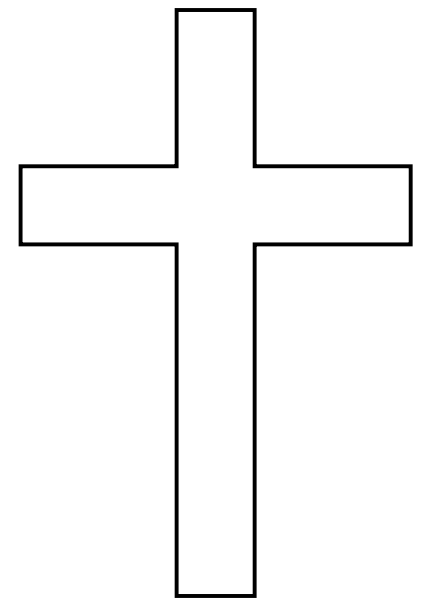


Worship

This year in collective worship, we are learning all about God's Big Story. Each week we are going to be introduced to a theme and a guest storyteller from Blackburn Diocese of Education.

Next month we will be learning all about:

- **The Empty Tomb**
- **Ruth Finds a New Home**



Class Worship

We have scheduled our class worships for the upcoming school year, which will be held at St James' Church, Briercliffe. Families are welcome to join the congregation. Please see below for the date/time of your child's class.

Elm Class - Tuesday 20th May @ 2.30pm

Ash Class - Tuesday 1st July @ 2.30pm



School Dinner Prices

We have been informed by Lancashire County Council that due to rising costs, dinner prices will be increased from £2.70 to £2.90 per meal when we return after the Easter holidays.



Martin Mere

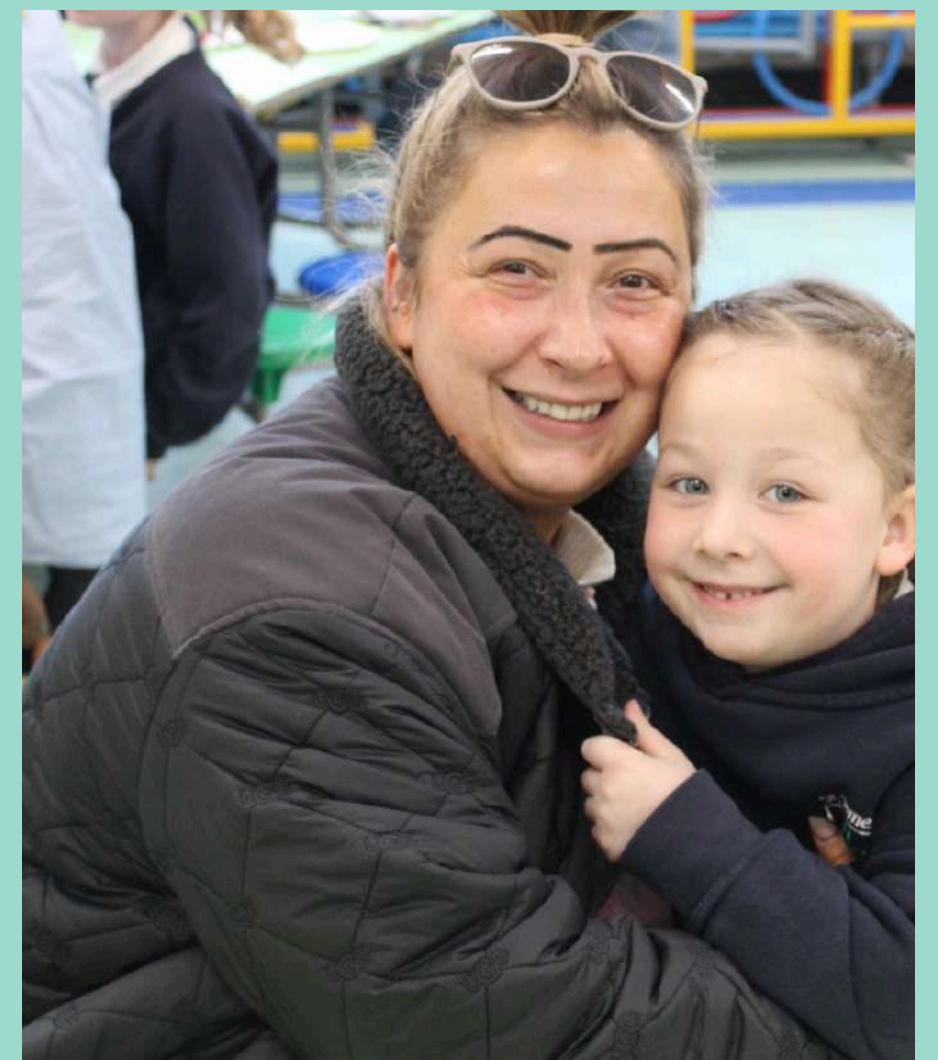
Sycamore and Hawthorn Classes had a great time at Martin Mere. We saw some amazing birds including flamingoes, storks (they were very noisy!), loads of ducks, geese and some baby coots. We went on a minibeast safari and collected loads of millipedes, woodlice, slugs, snails and even a ladybird. We were very careful to make sure everything was put back where we found it - you have to look after nature! For the final half hour, we had a play on the amazing adventure playground before returning to school exhausted! As usual, our behaviour was fantastic, and the sun shone on us for the whole time!





Coffee and Cake

We held Coffee and Cake sessions this term to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Everyone who attended had a lovely time - thank you to all the parents/carers that attended!





Ribchester Roman Museum

On Thursday, Hazel Class visited Ribchester Roman Museum to enhance their classroom learning. The children really enjoyed learning more about Roman life and it was wonderful hearing them share all the knowledge they had already learned about in History. They were able to handle artefacts, visit a Roman fort and a favourite part of the day was wearing the Roman armour and holding a shield and sword! Here are some comments from the children:

Aria - The artefacts from 2000 years ago and replica objects were amazing to hold and see.

Parker - The artefacts were in very good condition too.

Evie - We even saw a real gold coin in the museum.

Qirat - We saw and held tools, weapons and jewellery.

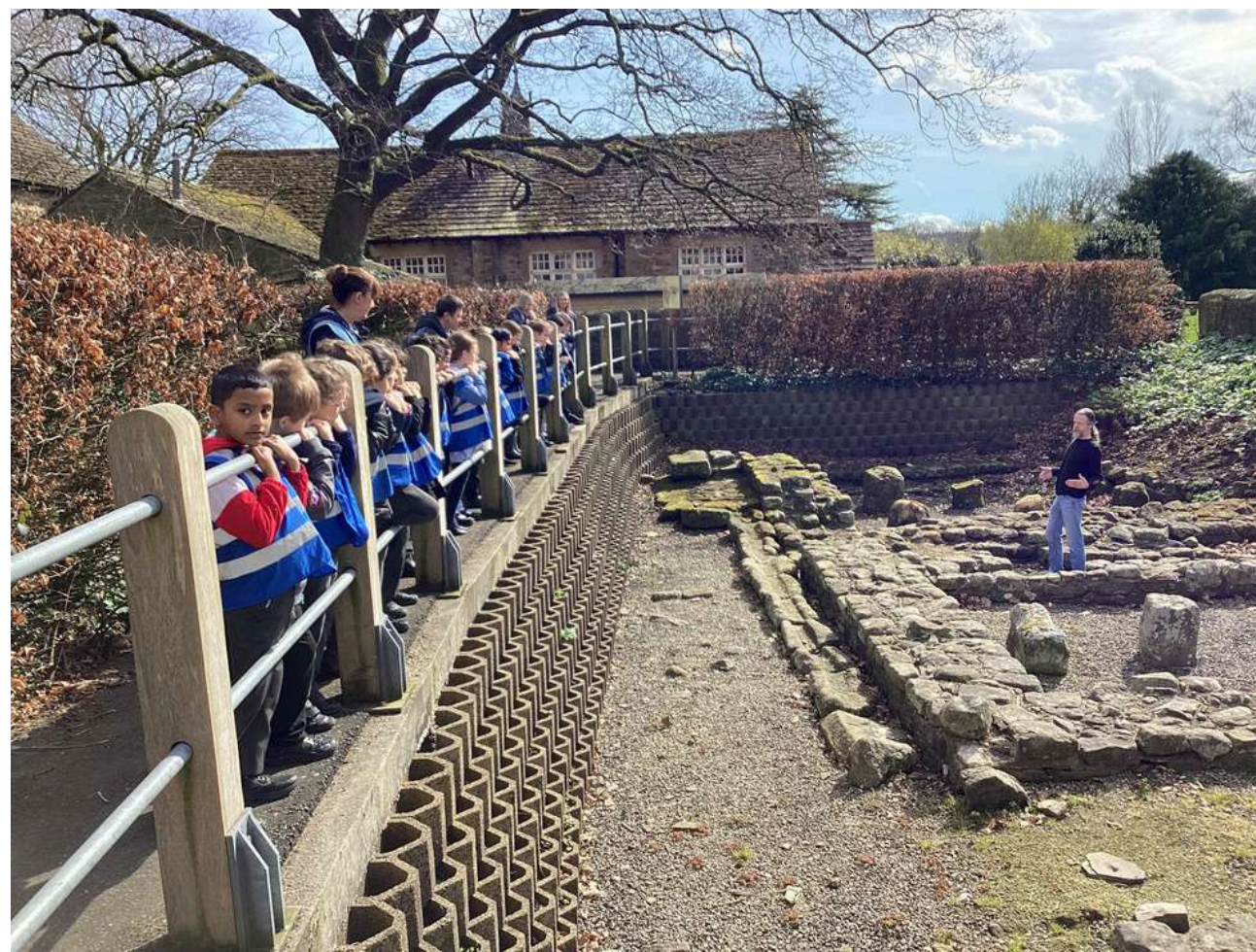
Matilda - It was very interesting because it linked to what we had been learning about in History.

Lennie - I enjoyed wearing the Roman armour - a helmet, shield and chest plate.

Noah - The helmet, shield and armour were very heavy! The soldiers must've been strong to carry and wear it.

Lyla-Rose - I enjoyed dressing up as a real Roman soldier.

Anaya - It was such a fun day. I enjoyed watching my friends dress up in the armour too.





Upcoming Events



Tuesday 1st April

Bikeability (Year 5) - Group 1
EYFS - Teddy Bear's Picnic

Beech Class Worship at St James' Church - 2.30pm

Wednesday 2nd April

Bikeability (Year 5) - Group 2



Thursday 3rd April

Bikeability (Year 5) - Group 2

Friday 4th April

Bunny Hop for Pendleside Hospice
School closes at 1.30pm for Easter



Wednesday 23rd April

School re-opens to pupils
Willow Class - Lytham St Anne's Trip



Thursday 24th April

Beech Class - Lytham St Anne's Trip

Friday 25th April

Eid Family Friday





Term Dates 2024/2025

**Please see below our Term Dates for the 2024/2025
Academic Year.**



School Term & Holiday Patterns 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Mid Term Closure	Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th October (inclusive)
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 28 th October 2024
Re-open to Pupils	Tuesday 29 th October 2024
Closure after school	Thursday 19 th December at 1.30pm
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Friday 20 th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Re-open to pupils	Monday 6 th January 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2025 (inclusive)
Closure after school	Friday 4 th April 2025 at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2025

INSET (Closed to pupils)	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Re-open to pupils	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025 (inclusive)
INSET (Closed to pupils)	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Re-open to pupils	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025
Closure after school	Tuesday 22 nd July at 1.30pm



Term Dates 2025/2026

**Please see below our Term Dates for the 2025/2026
Academic Year.**



School Term & Holiday Patterns 2025-26

Autumn Term 2025

Re-open to pupils	Monday 1 st September 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 20 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open to Pupils	Monday 3 rd November
Closure after school	Friday 19 th December 2025 at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2026

Re-open to pupils	Monday 5 th January 2026
Mid Term Closure	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026 (inclusive)
Re-open to Pupils	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Closure after school	Thursday 2 nd April 2026 at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2026

Re-open to pupils	Monday 13 th April 2026
May Day Closure	Monday 4 th May 2026
Mid Term Closure	Monday 25 th May to Friday 5 th June 2026 (inclusive)
Re-open to pupils	Monday 8 th June 2026
Closure after school	Monday 20 th July at 1.30pm