



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another wonderful school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible experiences our pupils have enjoyed and the remarkable achievements we've celebrated together as a school community.

The summer festival was an absolute triumph! What a fantastic celebration it was, bringing together families, staff, and pupils in the most delightful way. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, joy, and that wonderful sense of community that makes St James' Lanehead so special. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a memorable occasion. We all appreciate the PTFA and give thanks for all the hard work that you do!

I'm delighted to share that our swimming pool has been a tremendous success this year. Watching our pupils develop their confidence in the water has been truly rewarding. The progress they've made, from tentative first splashes to confident swimmers, has been remarkable to witness. Thank you to Mrs Hassan for supervising and Miss Wren for coordinating the swimming this year.

Our Year 6 production was simply outstanding! The talent, dedication, and hard work displayed by our pupils was extraordinary. They delivered performances to the school and families that were very entertaining, showcasing not only their artistic abilities but also their growth in confidence and teamwork. It was a fitting celebration of their primary school journey and a wonderful way to mark this significant milestone. Thank you also goes to the year 6 staff team and in particular, Mrs Hargreaves.

As you prepare to move on to secondary school, I want to acknowledge the significance of this moment. Moving to secondary school is an exciting new chapter filled with opportunities to explore new subjects, make new friends, and discover more about yourselves. It is a time of change, sometimes accompanied by nervousness, but also by great hope and promise. I encourage you all to approach this transition with confidence and an open mind. Remember that the skills and values you have learned here—perseverance, kindness, resilience, and respect—will serve you well as you face new challenges. Secondary school will be different, but it will also be a place where you can continue to shine and grow. In addition to embracing new experiences, I urge you to hold on to the friendships you have built here. True friends provide support and encouragement, especially when things feel uncertain. Keep in touch, support one another, and remember the St James' community that has enabled you all to flourish.

As we look ahead, I'm filled with pride for all that we've accomplished and excitement for what lies ahead. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making St James Lanehead such a wonderful place for our pupils to learn and grow.

On behalf of the staff it is important to say a fond farewell to the staff who are leaving our school this summer after many years of dedicated service, Mrs Moses, Mr Holt, Mrs Burnett and Mrs Bradley. We all wish them every success. Mrs Moses leaves her 35 year career in teaching and she will receive a long service award to education. Well done, Mrs Moses and enjoy your EARLY retirement.

In September, we welcome Mr Davies our new Willow Class teacher who has been into school already to meet his new class. Congratulations to Mrs Wilkinson on her promotion to full time HLTA and we also welcome Mrs Fyles to the school as a HLTA. Please make the new staff feel very welcome.

With warm regards, enjoy your family time this summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September

Mrs Dugdale



Mad Science Morning

We have had a wonderful morning in our Mad Science workshops. We carried out different investigations linked to the two different topics.

Mission Nutrition

In our first workshop, we learnt all about nutrition and the different food groups. We found out about digestion and a balanced diet. We saw a tube that was as long as a small intestine in an adult. We could not believe how long it was!

Magnetic Magic

In our second workshop, we observed how magnets attract and repel. We carried out some magic tricks, making paperclips magnetic! We made our paperclips into a temporary magnet and learnt about how this happened. We then got three magnets and had to figure out how to make them bounce!

What did we think?

Isaac - I enjoyed using the magnets on the iron filings, we saw them changing direction.

Saidah - I liked the way the scientists answered our difficult questions!

Cole - I enjoyed watching the scientist burn the crisp to show how much energy was being used.

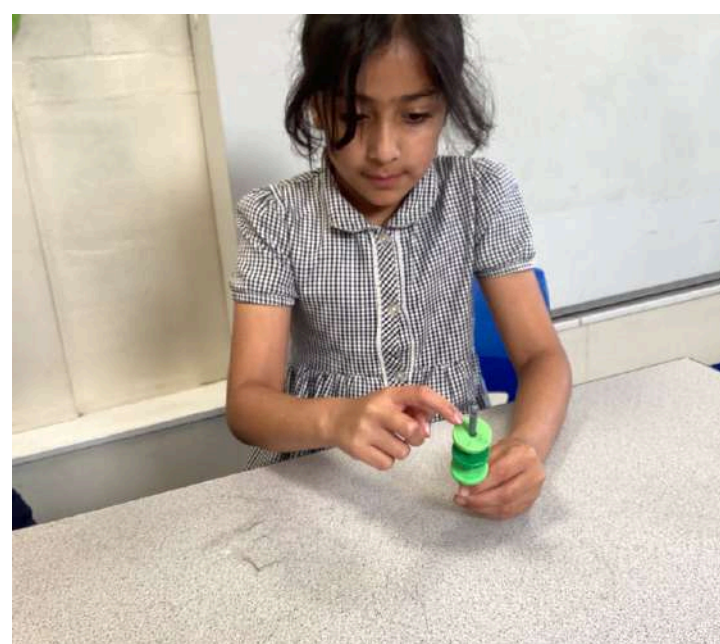
Anaya - I was shocked when the iron powder moved with the magnet.

Joseph - I liked making the paperclip on the string float.

Parker - I was speechless when the paperclip floated!

Lyla-Rose - I enjoyed having a magnet race.

Ella - I liked how the magnets flipped and moved depending on which poles you put together.



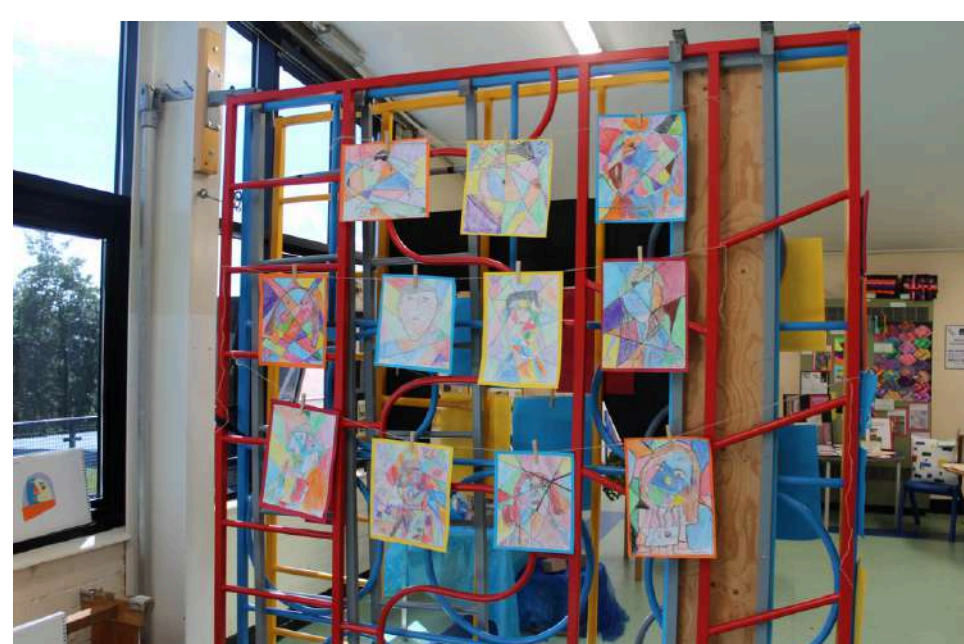
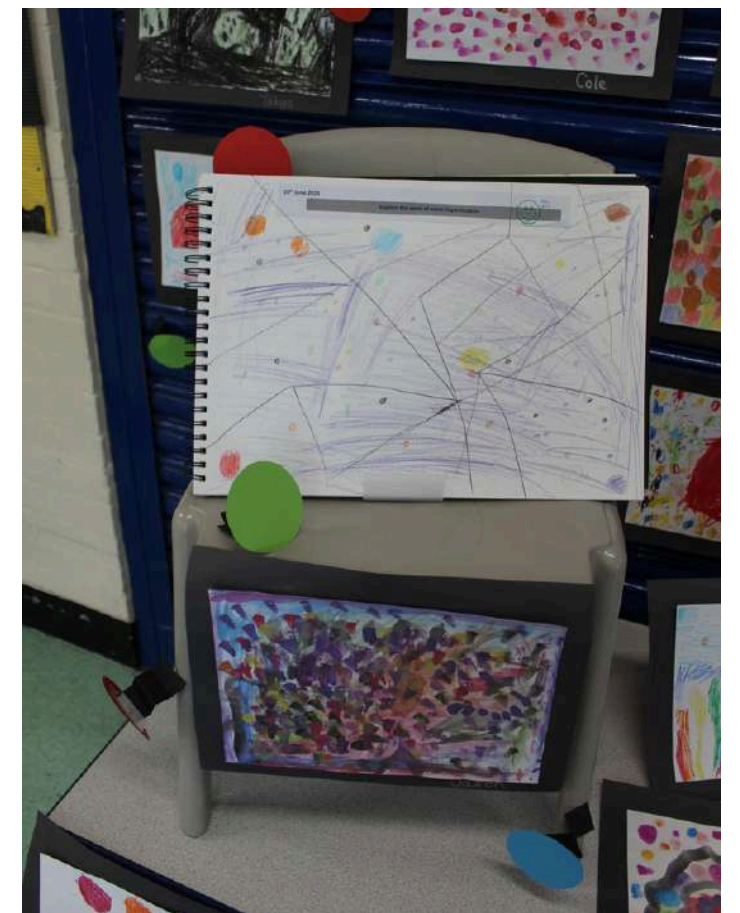


Art Showcase

This half-term, all classes have been completing an Artist Study, with each class exploring the work of a different artist. After researching about their artists and exploring their work, pupils created their own art work inspired by the work of their artist. It was a truly tremendous sight, to see the art work of all our pupils displayed proudly in the hall. We would like to thank everyone who came to visit our Art Showcase. We hope you enjoyed viewing our art exhibitions as much as we did.

Here is a list of the artists that we have explored through school:

Ash Class - Andy Goldsworthy
Elm Class - Yayoi Kusama
Beech Class - Giuseppe Arcimboldo
Willow Class - Andy Warhol
Hazel Class - Pablo Picasso
Rowan Class - Michelle Reader
Sycamore Class - Gunta Stolzl
Hawthorn Class - Claude Monet
Oak Class - Joseph Cornell





Art Showcase





Year 6 Production

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their amazing production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'

The staff and children worked so hard to ensure it was an enjoyable experience for the audience.





PTFA

We would like to say a big thank you to all our PTFA members who have worked so hard this year.

The children would not be able to take part in such wonderful activities and experiences if it wasn't for your dedication.

We are hoping to hold lots more events throughout the next academic year.

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!

If you haven't signed up yet visit our lottery here:
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-james-lanehead-church-of-england-primary-school>



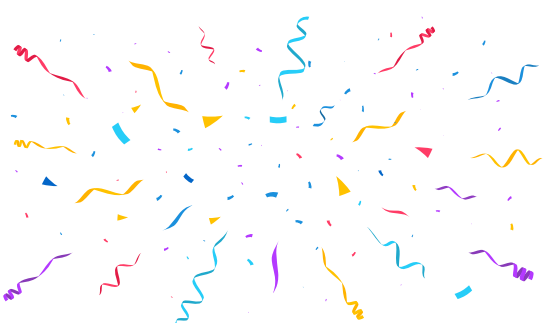
Awards Service

An Awards service was held in school on Friday 18th July, to celebrate the pupils and all their amazing achievements this year.

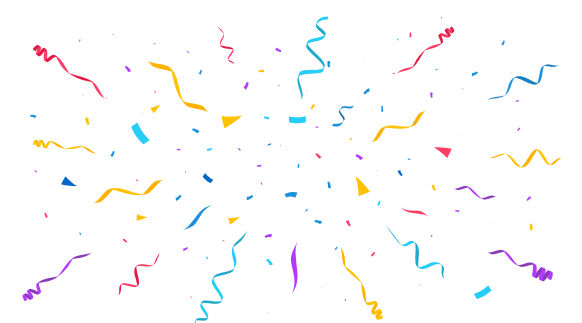
We would like to say a huge well done to all the winners, you should be very proud!

Also, a big well done to all our Year 5 pupils who have been selected to be part of the Pupil Leadership Team in September.

We are sure that you will all be amazing in your new roles!



Congratulations





Reading Heroes

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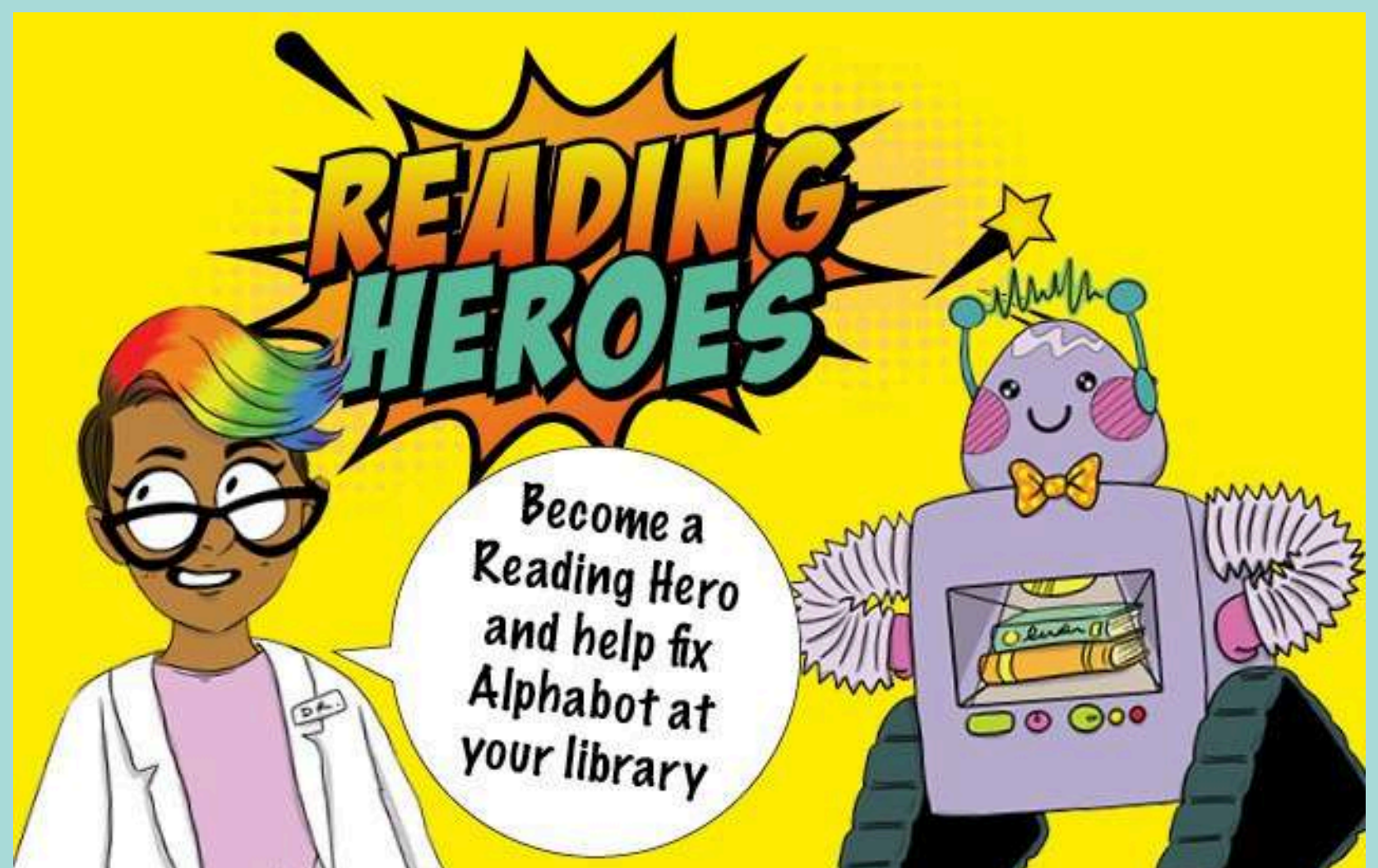
This summer, we challenge you to be a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner investigate the strange cases of wrecked robots happening in our libraries. Could there be someone sinister behind it?

If you are aged between 4 and 12, then YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU. Keep up your reading over the summer, complete some cool science experiments, and bag prizes along the way.

Now back for its third year with a new story, new villain, and new prizes!

How it works

- Sign up for free at your local library and receive a booklet containing all the information you need to help fix Alphabot, including a comic book story to unlock along the way.
- To become a Reading Hero, read five books over the course of the summer, collecting stickers and prizes as you go!
- To become a Reading Superhero, read five books and complete 3 of the tasks in the booklet. Reading Superheroes enter a prize draw for a £50 Lego kit of your choice!
- If you're taking part, you can explore one of Lancashire's amazing museums for free (except Lancaster Castle, where you get 20% off), and don't miss our great Reading Heroes events at all our libraries in Lancashire.





Events - 2025/2026

Class Worship

All class worships will be taking place at St James' Church at 2.30pm.

Oak Class - Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Sycamore Class - Tuesday 14th October 2025

Hawthorn Class - Tuesday 18th November 2025

Rowan Class - Tuesday 27th January 2026

Hazel Class - Tuesday 10th February 2026

Willow Class - Tuesday 10th March 2026

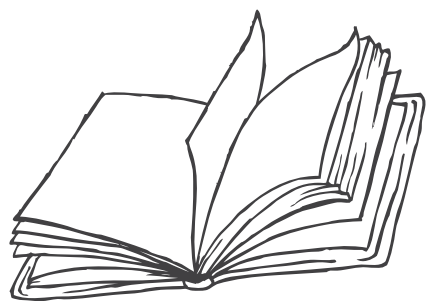
Beech Class - Tuesday 12th May 2026

Elm Class - Tuesday 23rd June 2026

Ash Class - Tuesday 7th July 2026



Parent's Evenings



Autumn Term

Wednesday 12th November 2025 & Wednesday 19th November 2025

Spring Term

Wednesday 4th March 2026 & Wednesday 11th March 2026

Family Fridays

All family Fridays run from 2.30pm in school

EYFS - Friday 12th September 2025

Willow Class - Friday 10th October 2025

Hazel Class - Friday 7th November 2025

Rowan Class - Friday 21st November 2025

Beech Class - Friday 23rd January 2026

Sycamore Class - Friday 6th February 2026

Hawthorn Class - Friday 27th February 2026

Elm Class - Friday 25th April 2026

Oak Class - Friday 22nd May 2026

Ash Class - Friday 3rd July 2026





Events - 2025/2026

Family Fridays Continued

Mother's Day - Coffee and Cake

- Friday 13th March 2026
- Friday 20th March 2026



Easter Celebration - Friday 27th March 2026

Eid Celebration - Friday 12th June 2026

Father's Day - Coffee and Cake

- Friday 19th June 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026

December Events



Thursday 4th December - EYFS Nativity
10.00am
2.00pm

Thursday 11th December - KS1 Nativity
10.00am
2.00pm

Wednesday 17th December - KS2 Carol Service
10.00am
1.00pm

Sports Day

Thursday 21st May 2026





Forest School Timetable

Forest School Timetable - 2025/2026

Autumn term

Date	Class
2/9/25	Hawthorn
9/9/25	Sycamore
16/9/25	Oak
23/9/25	Hawthorn
30/9/25	Sycamore
7/10/25	Oak
14/10/25	Hawthorn
4/11/25	Oak
11/11/25	Hawthorn
18/11/25	Sycamore
25/11/25	Oak
2/12/25	Hawthorn
9/12/25	Sycamore
16/12/25	Oak

Spring term

Date	Class
6/01/26	Willow
13/01/26	Hazel
20/01/26	Rowan
27/01/26	Willow
3/02/26	Hazel
10/02/26	Rowan
24/02/26	Willow
3/03/26	Hazel
10/03/26	Rowan
17/03/26	Willow
24/03/26	Hazel
31/03/26	Rowan

Summer term

Date	Class
14/04/26	Ash
21/04/26	Elm
28/04/26	Beech
05/05/26	Elm
12/05/26	Ash
19/05/26	Beech
9/06/26	Ash
16/06/26	Elm
23/06/26	Beech
30/06/26	Ash
07/07/26	Elm
14/07/26	Beech



PE Timetable - September 2025

Ash Class - Friday

Elm Class - Tuesday & Friday

Beech Class - Monday & Tuesday

Willow Class - Tuesday & Wednesday

Hazel Class - Monday & Thursday

Rowan Class - Wednesday & Thursday

Sycamore Class - Monday (all children) & Thursday (Year 5 only)

Hawthorn Class - Monday & Wednesday

Oak Class - Wednesday & Thursday



Thank you!

We would like to wish all our year 6 pupils the best of luck as they start their new adventures at high school.

We hope you keep in touch!



Thank you to all our families for your continued support this year!

From all the staff at St James', we hope you all have a lovely break over the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you back in September!



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