



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

A Big Well Done to Our London Explorers!

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children and staff who went on the London Residential trip! Taking such a large group to our busy capital city takes months of planning and lots of hard work.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Hargreaves, who carefully planned every detail of the trip. Thank you also to the amazing staff who gave up their time to go on the trip from early Sunday morning until late Tuesday night, and to the staff back at school who supported behind the scenes.

The children had an unforgettable time, packed with exciting experiences they'll be talking about for years to come! We were so proud to hear from members of the public who said how polite, kind, and respectful our pupils were in the museums. Even the coach driver told us it was the best school trip he'd ever been on – thanks to the brilliant children and staff.

We're incredibly proud of everyone involved. Thank you to all who helped make this special adventure possible!

*Mrs Dugdale*



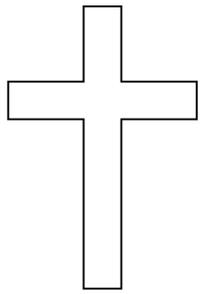


## Worship

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:

- **We're Part of God's Big Story**



## Class Worship

We have scheduled our class worships for the upcoming school year, which will be held at school. Families are invited into school to come and watch. Please see below for the date/time of your child's class.

**Ash Class - Tuesday 1st July @ 2.30pm**



## 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!

**This week's results are in!**

**Remember to check your email to see if you've won!**

**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>**

**Have a great weekend everyone!**





## *Class Allocation - September 2025*

### Class Allocation

The Governing Board is writing to inform you of the class structure for the academic year 2025- 2026. We are very pleased that we are a school that has a full intake again. Many schools do not. We also have a waiting list for families who want their child to attend the school. **As you are all made fully aware when your child came to our school, we are a mixed age school, with a 40 intake and have 9 classes, therefore the classes are changed each year and children do get the opportunity to be with new friends.**

We do appreciate that mixed age classes can produce challenges to our school staff such as the curriculum coverage there are many benefits to this teaching approach. Our school staff are very capable and confident to ensure that the children are getting the correct curriculum. Many have years of experience doing this task.

School teachers and education professionals decide based on their extensive knowledge of all children and where children will be best placed to thrive academically and socially in every child's best interests. Whilst the Governing Board does appreciate that some parents may have concerns as to which class their children are part of, all children do keep daily contact with those in their age cohort and as a school every parent / carer is fully aware that we are a mixed age class school. Governors must therefore utilise the decision of the professionals in school rather than parental preference in order to operate a fair system. If this is not something you want for your child, then there are many schools who do not operate this system.

We want to clarify the frequently asked questions to our staff -

### How are the classes are decided?

#### Reception Year

When children join St James' Lanehead, in reception year, the children are split by age. They are assessed throughout the reception year.

#### What happens in Year 1 to Year 6 ?

Whilst still moving up the school, in line with their cohort, they are split into classes based on Reading ability primarily in the other year groups.

#### How will I know if my child is making progress in a mixed age class with younger or older children?

In terms of progress, families receive three reports a year and parents consultation evenings. You are also invited into school if the teaching staff have concerns regarding progress. Key stage leaders collate books, assessments , speak with pupils and carry out teaching and learning audits in all classrooms.

We hope that this clarifies the decisions made by the board, and we pray that all our children and staff flourish in the academic year of 2025- 2026 with the support of all the families. Whatever class your child is allocated you will all, we are sure, be confident that they have a wonderful teacher and support staff member teaching them and enabling them to flourish.

The Governing Board of St James' Lanehead.



## Sports Day 2025

Our Sports Day is taking place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting.

EYFS & KS1 will take part in the morning between 10.00am - 11.30am

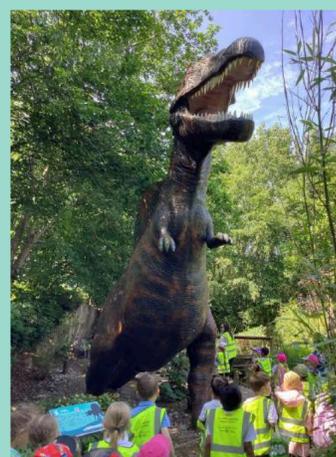
KS2 will take place in the afternoon between 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Parents are invited into school to come and watch. Information regarding this has been sent through the school spider app.



## Blackpool Zoo

Elm Class, Beech Class and Willow Class all had days out to Blackpool Zoo this half term. The children behaved exceptionally making all the staff very proud. We all had a brilliant time.





## Ash Class - St Anne's

Ash class went to St Anne's Beach for the day this half term. The children had a fabulous time building sandcastles and collecting pebbles.



Your paragraph text

## Swimming Pool

Swimming lessons will start W/C 30<sup>th</sup> June for pupils in years 4,5 & 6.

You should have received your child's swimming days through the school app. If you are unsure when these are, please call the school office.

Children are assessed during their swimming lessons and if we feel they will benefit from further lessons, we will let you know each Friday.





## *London 2025*

**Our Year 6 Residential to London was a great success! A brilliant time was had by all and we were so proud of our children. After an early start on Sunday morning, we arrived in London and visited the Science Museum and enjoyed our matinee performance of 'Wicked!' Monday included a visit to the National History Museum, a climb to the 'Whispering Gallery' and the 'Golden Gallery' (528 steps) at St. Paul's Cathedral and a flight on the London Eye. After leaving London on Tuesday, we had a costume workshop at the Harry Potter Studio Tour before being amazed by all the set, costumes and attractions of the tour. An exciting and busy trip but some tired children and staff by the end! Thank you Year 6 for being such great company and a credit to our school. And also a massive thank you to all the staff who supported the trip to allow our children to have this experience.**





## Reading Heroes

### Reading Heroes

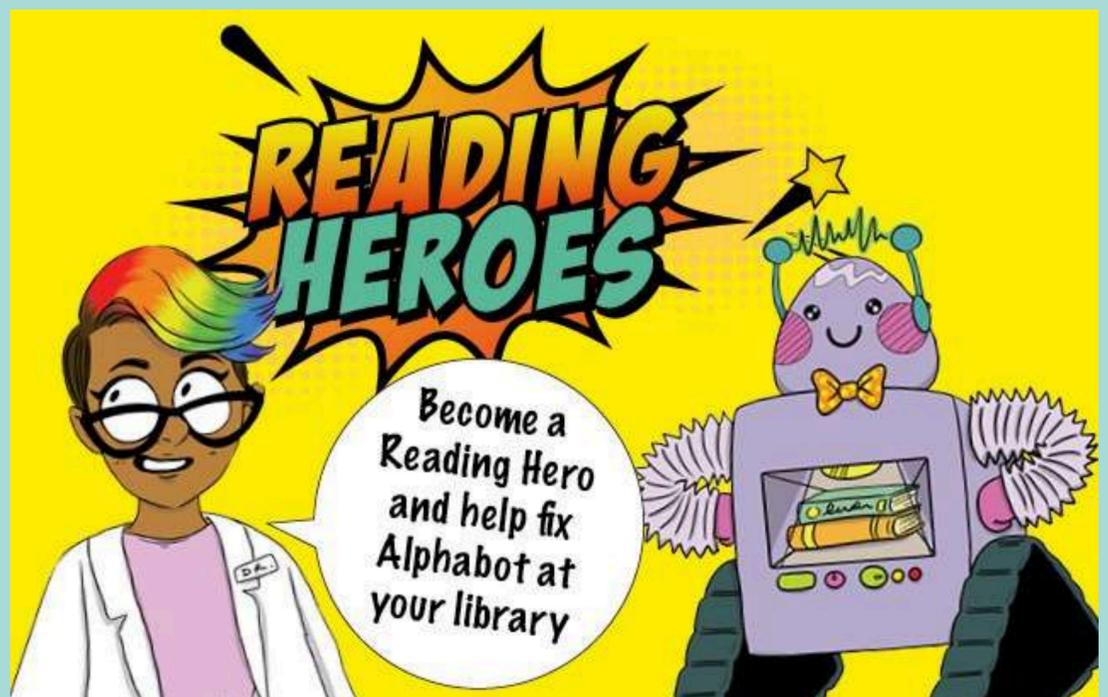
This summer, we challenge you to be a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner investigate the strange cases of wrecked robots happening in our libraries. Could there be someone sinister behind it?

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.





## Summer Festival

St James Lanehead CofE Primary School's

# Summer Festival

2<sup>nd</sup> July | 3:30pm | Free Entry



Food &  
Drink



Raffle



Carnival  
Games



Glitter  
Tattoos

Tombola

Face  
Painting



Ice cream



Bouncy  
Castle  
(weather  
dependant)

Water Or  
Wine?



And  
much  
more!



## Upcoming Events



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Summer Festival

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Hawthorn Family Friday



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Mad Science Morning -  
Hazel and Rowan



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Production  
Year 6 Party



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Year 6 Leavers Service - St James' Church  
Year 6 Leavers Lunch



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

School Closes at 1.30pm for  
Summer





## *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 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
Mid Term Closure	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025 (inclusive)
Re-open to Pupils	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Closure after school	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1.30pm

#### **Spring Term 2026**

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

#### **Summer Term 2026**

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