



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school.

We would like to say a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined St James' this week.

Welcome to the new members of staff Mr Davies and Mrs Fyles, who have settled into school life well. Congratulations to Miss Rushton who got married over the summer holidays, she is now called Mrs Crorken.

Please take a look through this newsletter as it includes upcoming dates for events taking place over this academic year and important information.

We hope everyone has a great term, we are looking forward to all the wonderful learning that is going to take place.

Reminder -

School Opening Times:

School is open from 8.45am - 3.30pm

Please ensure your child arrives and is collected from school on time.



Open Days 2025



St James' Lanehead Primary School



Reception Open Days 2025

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

We would like to invite you in to see our wonderful school. Tours are available on the dates below. This is an opportunity to meet our staff and find out about all the things we have to offer here at St James' Lanehead. Our staff would be delighted to show you round and answer all of your questions.

Tuesday 30th September - 9.30am

Thursday 2nd October - 9.30am & 1.30pm

Tuesday 7th October - 9.30am

Thursday 9th October - 9.30am & 1.30pm

Tuesday 14th October - 9.30am

Thursday 16th October - 9.30am & 1.30pm

Tuesday 4th November - 9.30am

Thursday 6th November - 9.30am & 1.30pm

**Please call the school office on
01282 426833 to book.**



The deadline for primary school admissions is

15th January 2026



To book one of the tours, please call the school office or click the link below.
<https://forms.office.com/e/bZbcv2iw9n>



St James' Church, Briercliffe

A New Vicar for St James, Briercliffe & St John the Evangelist, Worsthorne!

The congregation was filled with joy on the evening of Tuesday 22nd July as Rev. Michael Read was officially installed as the new vicar of the benefice of St James Briercliffe and St. John The Evangelist Worsthorne. For several years of faithful prayer for new leadership, the appointment of Fr. Michael felt like an answer to the hopes of both parishes, who have patiently journeyed through a time of vacancy supported by dedicated clergy and lay leaders. The service, led by the Rt Revd Bishop Philip North, was attended by members of both churches, local and diocesan clergy, and several special guests including the Mayor of Burnley and the Headteacher of St James' Primary School.

The atmosphere was one of celebration and renewal, as the community gathered to welcome not only Fr. Michael but also his family—Sharon, Ian and Lucy into the heart of parish life. The occasion marked the beginning of a new chapter for the benefice, filled with hope, shared faith, and the promise of deeper connection with the wider community. Both parishes extend their heartfelt thanks to all who have supported them during the interregnum and give thanks to God for guiding Michael to this place and this people.





St James' Church Briercliffe

St James Church, Briercliffe are holding a Christmas event at Church on Friday 14th November.

Any donations of bottles, toiletries and chocolates would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate, please send any items in to school W/C 10th November.



Thank you.

PTFA

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>



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





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

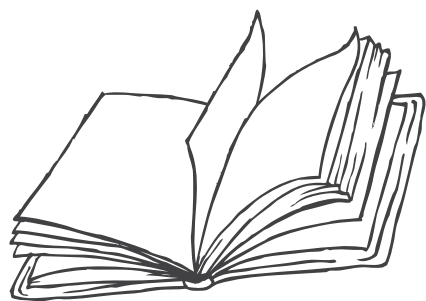
Beech Class - Tuesday 12th May 2026

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



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