



Message from the Headteacher

Dear families,

I am delighted to welcome our new families into our school community. The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time, filled with fresh opportunities and potential. It has been great to hear such brilliant parental feedback from parents who really support the school. We as a leadership team often talk about how brilliant the children's education is here at St James and it is no surprise that we do have a huge waiting list and phone calls all the time from parents wanting to send their child here! We recently had school advisers into school and they commented just how wonderful the school staff are and how much the school is forward thinking, innovative and a great learning environment for adults and children.

One of the highlights this month has been our fantastic team building games. These activities are so much more than just fun – they are crucial in helping our pupils develop essential skills like collaboration, communication, and mutual respect. Watching our pupils work together, support each other, and learn through play have wonderful moments of connection, allowing pupils to get to know each other better and build strong, supportive relationships. These experiences are fundamental to creating positive classrooms. As we move forward into the autumn term, we look forward to continuing to nurture these connections and create memorable learning experiences for all our pupils. We also look forward to working alongside Father Michael as he starts his role in the parish. It was a joy to formally welcome Father Michael at the service held for him at St James' Church. We will work together and we pray for success in the community. Father Michael will be coming into the school to lead worship and has taken up his role as a Governor at the school joining the already strong Governing Board working together to support the school. A reminder that the family service at St James Church is on Thursday evenings.

Mrs Turner and Mrs Ormerod have been busy working on our social media platform, and this will be launched soon. Keep your eyes peeled. We will still be sending out the normal information via school spider but the Facebook page will be another tool for people to see our brilliant school.

Mrs Dugdale

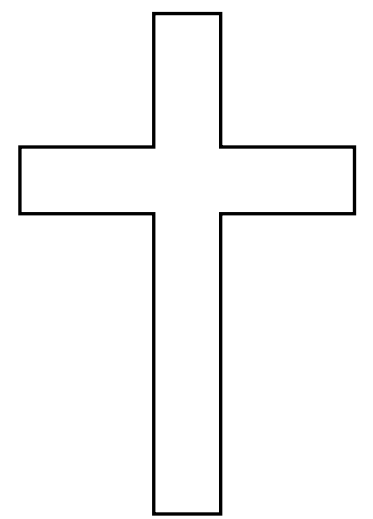


Collective Worship

This year in collective worship we are continuing to learn about Gods Big Story through the Blackburn Diocese Board of Education.

Next month we will be learning all about:

- Heroes of Hope - Abba Moses
- Ananias - Being an Agent of God
- The Genius of George Washington Carver



PTFA . School Lottery

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for funding some new equipment for our Forest School area. The children are really excited to start using their new tools.



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>



Congratulations to the lucky winners of our school lottery over the last month:

20th September Mrs D £9.30

13th September Mrs G £9.30

6th September Mrs H £9.30

30th August Mrs D £17.10

23rd August Mrs D £9.90



House Teams Launch Week

This month the children took part in lots of team building games to launch the new house teams for this year.

The children and staff all had a fantastic time cheering on their teammates!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who came to our Macmillan Coffee morning this month, we raised a total of £135.57





Bonkers for Conkers!

This Autumn St James' are going 'Bonkers for Conkers' again as part of our Butterfly Moments.

If you see any conkers on the ground, please collect these if you are out and about.

The St James' Conker Competition will take place during the last week of the half term.

As everyone knows, playing conkers does come with some risks.

We have a risk assessment in place and all children will be supervised by our staff, but there is a chance of knuckles being hit.

If you would like your child to take part in this, please send their conkers into school on the last week of half term, already drilled with string/lace attached.

Any other conkers the children bring in will be used for Autumn art activities throughout the week. It's so exciting and we can't wait for the Autumn events!

Harvest Festival

We are collecting tins and dried foods for our Harvest Festival next month. Please can these items be sent into school the week commencing 13th October.

The donations will be shared between The Community Grocery and Safenet.





Upcoming Events:

Friday 10th October

Willow Class Family Friday @ 2.30pm

Tuesday 14th October

Sycamore Class Worship @ St James Church



Friday 17th October

School Closes at 3.30pm - October Half Term

Monday 3rd November

School re-opens to pupils



Tuesday 4th November

Beech Class Trip - Brockholes

Friday 7th November

Hazel Class Family Friday @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 12th November

Parents Evening 1 of 2

Thursday 13th November

Flu Vaccinations in school

Friday 14th November

Elm Class Trip - Brockholes





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



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Monthly Issue No 2: 30th September 2025

Open Days 2025



St James' Lanehead Primary School



Reception Open Days 2025



**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
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>