



St James' CE Primary

NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th September 2026

A Message from our Headteacher...

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of our St James' Family,
I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. We were certainly fortunate with the weather this year, and I hope everyone has returned feeling rested and ready for the exciting year ahead.

It has been a busy but very positive start to the new school year at St James'. The school has quickly filled once again with happy faces, enthusiastic learners and a real sense of purpose.

It has been a pleasure to see our children settling back into routines, reconnecting with friends and embracing new opportunities with such positivity.

In our collective worship this week, we have been reflecting on some wise words from Dolly Parton: **"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours."** We explored how this links closely to the teachings of Jesus, who showed kindness, compassion and love to everyone he met. As a school community, we discussed how we can model these values each day through simple acts of kindness, encouraging one another, and ensuring everyone feels welcomed, valued and cared for. These small actions can make a significant difference to the lives of others and help us to live out our Christian vision.

This week has also seen our pupil voice elections take place. We are incredibly proud of all the children who put themselves forward and shared their ideas for how they can help make our school even better. The successful candidates will be revealed very soon. At St James', we place great importance on listening to the voices of our pupils. We believe that children should play an active role in shaping their school experience, and we regularly make improvements and introduce changes based on their suggestions, ideas and needs. Their perspectives help us to ensure that St James' continues to be a place where every child can flourish.

As we begin this new academic year together, I would like to say how much of a privilege it is to lead such a wonderful school community. I am excited about the year ahead and all that we will achieve together.

As always, thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Your support plays a vital role in helping our children thrive.

With best wishes,
Miss Tindall.

class Page weekly updates



Our new website is live! A reminder to check your child's Class Page on the school website each week. Teachers upload a summary of what the children have been learning, along with photos. It's a great way to keep connected with what's happening in the classroom – we hope you enjoy having a peek at the wonderful learning taking place!

Click on the links below:



[Reception](#)



[Year 1](#)



[Year 2](#)



[Year 3](#)



[Year 4](#)



[Year 5](#)



[Year 6](#)

clubs for those signed up



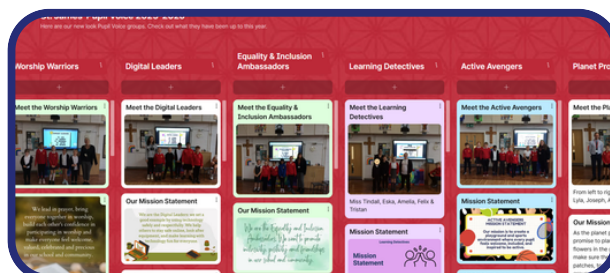
Club Overview

Autumn 1

 Monday 3.15-4.15pm KS2 Dodgeball Miss Smith	 Tuesday 8.00-8.40am Choir Miss Whaley	 Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm Y5&6 Girls Football Miss Whaley
 Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm KS1 Multisports	 Wednesday Lunchtime Music Club	 Thursday 3.15-4.15pm KS2 Dance Club

Pupil Voice

Click on the link below to see what our pupil voice groups have been up to...



Stars of the week



Y1 - Arabella M, Y2 - Hubert C, Y3 - KJ B,
Y4 - Archie C, Y5 - Kian C
and Y6 - Alaya B



Y1 - Ivy S, Y2 - Arron-Vernon B,
Y3 - Benedict A, Y4 - Darcey-Mae W,
Y5 - Eva-Jenny M and Y6 - Alicia W



St James' Journalists

Not read the latest newsletter
from our St James' Journalists?
Click on the picture below...



For any safeguarding, mental health,
wellbeing and family support,
please contact Mrs Jacques:

Email:

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Tel: (01254) 315005 or 07957653869

Useful Links



**Family
Hub**
Online



Dates for your Diary



September

Tuesday 15th (9am - 10am)

Phonics Workshop (For parents/carers of children in
Reception class and Y1)

Thursday 17th

Recycling Workshops for the whole school

October

Tuesday 20th

Y5 Stay & Learn (For Y5 parents/carers 9am - 10am)

**Tel: (01254) 698656 Email: office@stjld.blackburn.sch.uk
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Blackburn Diocese Centenary Prayer



Heavenly Father,

In our Centenary year

we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.

Send the Holy Spirit to give us confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service, and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed and many come home to you,
through your Son our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

