



St James' CE Primary

NEWSLETTER



Friday 25th September 2026

A Message from our Deputy Headteacher...

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our St James' Family,

As we approach the halfway point of this half-term, we reflect on the wonderful start all our pupils have made to the school year. The children have settled back into school life with enthusiasm and passion that has been a joy to see.

Last week was particularly exciting as we held our Pupil Voice Elections. At the start of term, many children bravely wrote and shared manifestos to apply for various pupil leadership roles. On Wednesday, we gathered as a whole school for worship to hear the results. It is always a privilege to witness the children celebrating their peers; the hall was filled with clapping, cheering, and encouragement, beautifully demonstrating our school values of love, compassion, and thankfulness.

We are delighted to introduce our 50 new Pupil Voice Coordinators from Years 2-6, who will soon receive their badges representing the following groups:

- Digital Leaders
- Equality and Inclusion Ambassadors
- Learning Detectives
- Active Avengers
- Planet Protectors
- St. James' Journalists
- Courageous Advocates
- Talk Team: Oracy Champions
- Worship Warriors

A special thank you to Mrs Bibby for organising the elections and counting the votes to ensure every child's vote mattered. We cannot wait to see the impact these young leaders will make across the school this year.

In Matthew 19:14, Jesus says, **"Let the little children come, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these,"** reminding us of the immense value and importance of our children's voices.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mr Barker

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!

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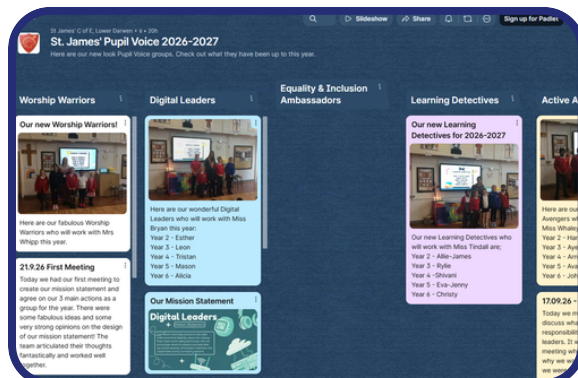


[Year 6](#)

Enrichment Spotlight

The school year has officially kicked off with our annual Pupil Voice group elections! Students stepped up by writing and presenting fantastic manifestos, followed by a tense and exciting wait for the election results. With the first official meetings now underway, a real buzz of activity is sweeping through the school. Stay tuned for upcoming events, creative ideas, and exciting community projects from our newly formed groups!

Pupil Voice



Stars of the Week



Y1 -Kyra S, Y2 - Arthur C, Y3 - Storm B,
Y4 - Evie B, Y5 - Ebony N and Y6 Christy J
Class of the week is Reception Class with 99.1% attendance



YR - Lorenska D, Y1 - Jace M,
Y2 - Phoebe-Grace W, Y3 - Francois D,
Y4 - Arnie C, Y5 - Zuzanna Z and Y6 - Eska T
Class of the week is Year 1 with 100% attendance



Dates for your Diary



October

Monday 12th

Open Day (9.30am - 11.30am and 1.30pm - 3pm)

Tuesday 20th

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

Thursday 22nd

Y3 Class Assembly

(Y3 parents/carers invited 9am - 9.30am)

Monday 26th - Friday 30th

Half-term Holidays

November

Monday 2nd

First day back after half-term holiday

St James' Open Day

For Reception Class starters
2027-2028

St. James'
C of E Primary
School
Lower Darwen

Open Day
12th October

Drop in and
visit us!

9:30-11:30am
1:30-3:00pm

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Primary School
Off Stopes Brow
Lower Darwen
BB3 0QP



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Useful Links



Family
Hub
Online



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.

