

St James' CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2026

A Message from our Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week in school, and it has been lovely to see our children continuing to learn, grow and enjoy everything that school life has to offer.

A particular highlight this week was seeing so many of our children and staff wearing yellow to support Mental Health Day. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped us to raise awareness of such an important issue.

As a Christian school, we believe that every child is precious, valued and loved, and that looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health. It is important that our children know that it is okay to talk about how they are feeling and that there are always people around them who will listen, care and help.

We also want our families to know that this support extends beyond the school day. If you, or your child, are ever struggling or you would simply like some advice or someone to talk to, please remember that we have an open-door policy. Our staff are always happy to listen, offer support where we can, and help you find the right support if needed. Please do not ever feel that you have to face something alone.

Our Open Day - Monday 12th October

A reminder that Monday is our Open Day, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming prospective families into our school.

We would be delighted if our current school families could help us spread the word to any friends, relatives or families they know who may be considering a place for their child with us in September. Please encourage them to come along, meet our wonderful staff, see our school in action and discover what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

As a school, we are proud of the warm, caring and inclusive community we have built, and we would love to welcome new families into that community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school family.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing many of you on Monday.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Tindall

Headteacher

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:

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Reception	**Year 1**	**Year 2**	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**	**Year 6**

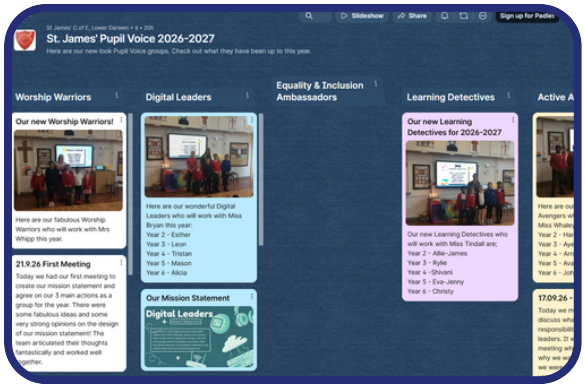
Enrichment Spotlight

What's Happening in Our Clubs?

It has been an action-packed half-term across our extra-curricular clubs! We are so lucky to have an amazing staff team who run these clubs and offer such fantastic, enriching opportunities to our children. In Multi-Skills, pupils are sharpening different athletic fundamentals each week—from dodging to dribbling—before testing them in sports like dodgeball, basketball, football, and handball. Meanwhile, our Y5/6 Girls' Football Club has been busy preparing for upcoming league fixtures, developing core skills, teamwork, and confidence through engaging small-sided games. Over in Dodgeball Club, unpredictable wildcard rules and cross-year-group teams are keeping games exciting and bringing students together from across the school. Finally, creativity is flowing in Music Club, where pupils have crafted their own instruments, mastered body percussion to popular hits, composed original group rhythms, and put their knowledge to the test in a music quiz. A huge thank you to all the staff members who make these opportunities possible!



Pupil Voice



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Stars of the week



YR - Maahir C, Y1 - Erick N, Y2 - Adam J, Y3 - Muhammed-Zayn S, Y4 - Waleed K, Y5 - Ava J and Y6 - Ameya J

Class of the week is Reception Class with 98.2% attendance



YR - Noah H, Y1 - Neila O, Y2 - Abbie F,
Y3 - Onix T, Y4 - Jude J, Y5 - Ishika A and Y6 - Lilly H

Class of the week is Year 6 with 100% attendance

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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)

PTFA YEE HAW DISCO
(Session 1: 3:30pm-4:30pm Session 2: 5pm-6pm)

Wednesday 21st
Edale Meeting for Y6 parents/carers (5.45pm-6.45pm)

Thursday 22nd
Y3 Class Assembly
(Y3 parents/carers invited 9am-9.30am)

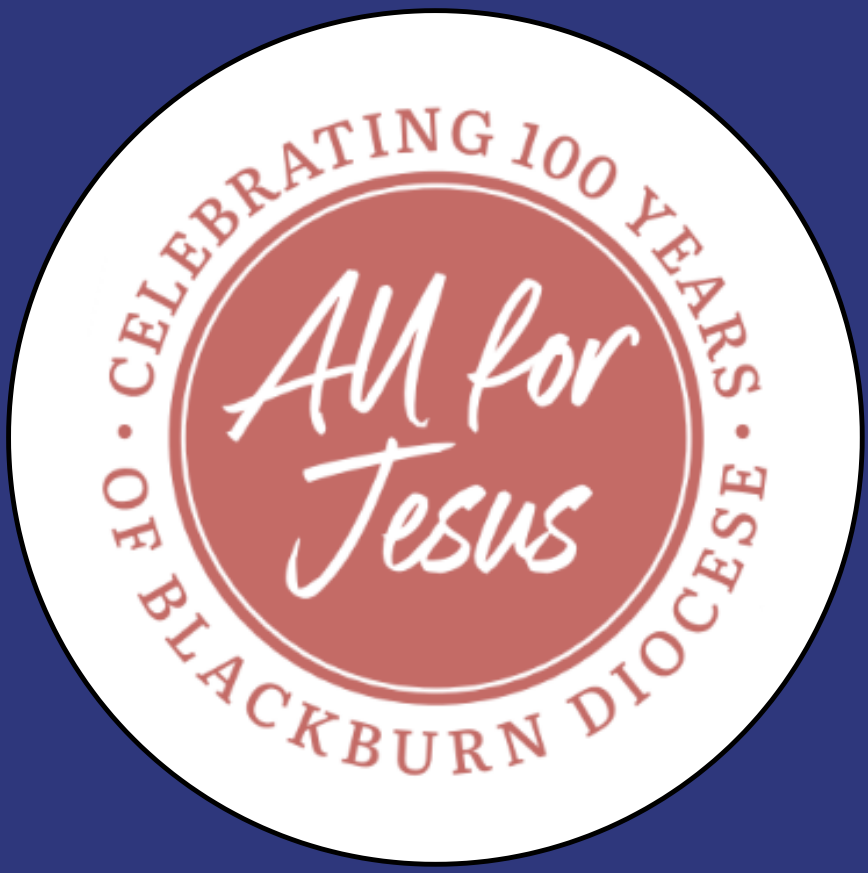
Monday 26th - Friday 30th
Half-term Holidays

Safeguarding & Support

For any safeguarding, mental health, wellbeing and family support, please contact Mrs Jacques:
Email: lesley.jacques@stjld.blackburn.sch.uk
Tel: (01254) 315005 or 07957653869 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.