

St James' CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026

A Message from our Headteacher...

As we reach the end of the longest term of the year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been another busy and successful half term at St James'.

It was a pleasure to see Year 3 perform their class assembly all about Antarctica this week. The children absolutely shone, demonstrating impressive confidence through their oracy skills and remembering their lines so well. They shared their learning with enthusiasm and pride, and I know all those who attended were incredibly impressed.

Our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team have also made a fantastic start to their football league campaign. They have represented the school brilliantly and shown great teamwork and determination. We look forward to following their progress and seeing what happens next.

On Tuesday, we held the PTFA "Yee-Haw" Disco and, as a country music fan, I can honestly say it was a huge success! Thank you to all parents and carers for helping your children look the part. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying themselves and having such a fun evening. A huge thank you also goes to the PTFA and volunteers who made the event possible.

This week, our choir have taken part in a special workshop as they prepare for their performance at the Christmas Cathedral Concert on Monday 30th November. This will be the first time St James' has taken part in this event and, having already heard some of the preparations, I simply cannot wait to see them perform. It promises to be a very special experience for our children.

As you can see, it has been an incredibly busy term, filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences. I would like to thank all of our staff, children and families for your continued support throughout the term.

Over the half-term break, please make sure you take the time to rest, recharge and enjoy some quality time together. The children and staff have worked exceptionally hard and certainly deserve a well-earned break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Have a wonderful break.

Kind regards,

Miss Tindall

Headteacher

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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**

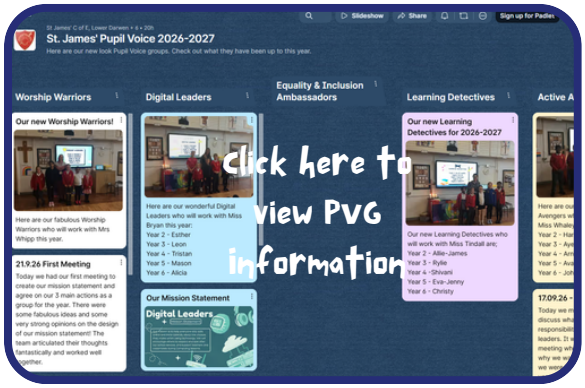
Enrichment Spotlight

In addition to our Pupil Voice Groups and extra-curricular clubs, this half term has been packed with exciting enrichment opportunities that have brought learning to life across the school. The entire school united to participate in an ambitious Guinness World Records attempt for the most people reading online in 12 hours, enjoying interactive webinars, draw-along illustration sessions, and dedicated reading time. Year 6 gained a captivating glimpse into the creative world of writing during a live read-and-draw workshop with a real-life author, while our talented choir children tuned up their vocal skills in an inspiring singing workshop. On top of these events, every class took trips to our local library to explore the collections, share books, and enjoy relaxing story times together. We are so proud to offer such a vibrant range of activities to nurture a love of learning in every child here at St. James'.

St James' Journalists



Pupil Voice



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Stars of the week



YR -Jewel S, Y1 - Fynn H, Y2 - Jason R, Y3 - Ayeesha P, Y4 - Louie D - Y5 - Kaleb M and Y6 - Lottie C

Class of the week is Year 4 with 99% attendance



YR -Hannah G, Y1 - Arthur P, Y2 - Andrea J, Y3 - Leo D, Y4 - Ebony C, Y5 - Maisie-Rae A and Y6 - Alfie B

Class of the week is Year 3 with 99.3% attendance

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SOUNDGLOBAL TRADING LTD T/A STERLING ALUMINIUM SYSTEMS



St James' Church Lower Darwen are collecting bottles for their Christmas Fayre. Please donate to school by Friday 6th November if you want to and are able to.



Sign-up will open on 2nd November and then close on 4th November. Please remember to be on the Arbor app ready to sign up as fast as possible as places do go pretty quickly!



Dates for your Diary

October

Monday 26th - Friday 30th
Half-term Holidays

November

Monday 2nd
First day back after half-term

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th
Y6 Edale Trip

Tuesday 10th
KS2 trip to King Georges Hall (9.45am-12pm)

Thursday 12th
Y4 and Y5 Class Trip - Ski Rossendale

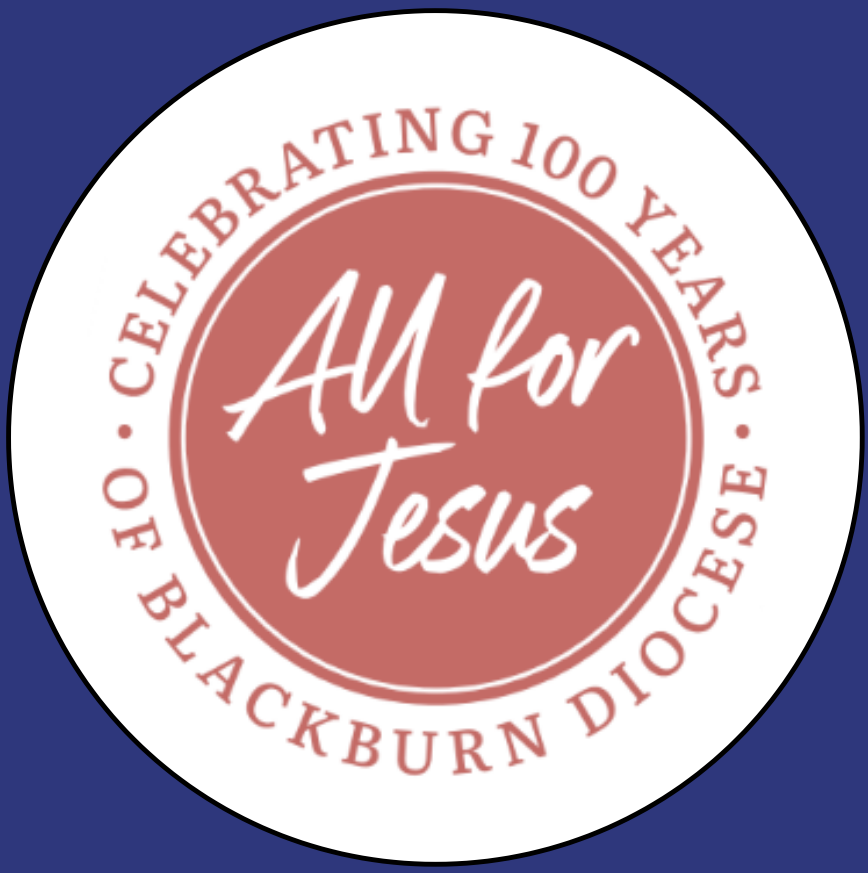
Thursday 19th
Y6 Stay & Learn (Y6 parents/carers invited 9am-10am)

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.