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# St James' Lower Darwen CE Primary



## Friday 5th September 2025 Message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year at St James' and a warm welcome to our new families who have had children starting their journey at St James' this week. It has been a joy to see our children return with such enthusiasm, looking incredibly smart in their new uniforms and settling beautifully into their new classes. The atmosphere across school has been calm, focused and full of positivity; what a fantastic start!

Our staff have been so impressed with how quickly the children have adapted to new routines and embraced their learning. We are excited for the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring.

This year, we are placing a strong emphasis on parental engagement. As a staff team, we've been planning a series of exciting Stay & Learn sessions throughout the year. These sessions will give you the chance to join your child in the hall to see their learning in action and celebrate their progress together. We hope these moments will strengthen the partnership between home and school and make learning even more meaningful for our children.

I am also thrilled to launch our new Team Points, replacing Planet Points. This year, every child and member of staff will be placed into one of four teams, each named after a precious stone mentioned in the Bible:

**Ruby**  
**Amethyst**  
**Emerald**  
**Sapphire**

These stones are also rich in biblical symbolism, representing strength, wisdom and faith. In our Worship sessions this term, we will explore what each stone represents in Scripture and how these values can guide us in our daily lives.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make this year one of growth, joy and shared success.  
Warm regards,

**Miss Tindall**  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

#### September

**Friday 12th**

Pupil Voice Group Elections

**Tuesday 23rd**

Y1 library visit

**Friday 26th**

Y5 & Y6 library visit

Flu vaccinations (whole school)

**Tuesday 30th**

Y3 library visit

#### October

**Tuesday 14th**

Y3 Class Assembly

### Reminders/Notices

If your child needs medication to be administered by school staff you will need to complete a medication form at the office

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Please send your child with a coat daily in case the weather deteriorates. We have had many children arriving at school with no coat.

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**STERLING P.V.C.U.**  
WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES

**Star of the Week!** 

**04/07/2025**

Y1 - Arlo G  
Y2 - Syd N  
Y3 - Millie M  
Y4 - Eva-Jenny M  
Y5 - Lilly H  
Y6 - Summer A

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