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St James' Lower Darwen CE Primary

Friday 19th September 2025
Message from the Headteacher…

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had. I am so proud of how calm, positive and settled everyone has been; it really does set the tone for everything that follows. The children have come back ready to learn, ready to support one another and full of energy for the year ahead.

This week has been an especially exciting one, as it was time for our Pupil Voice Elections**.** Over the past fortnight, many children bravely wrote and shared their manifestos, putting themselves forward for a range of leadership roles. Last week, every child cast their vote, and on Wednesday we gathered together in a whole school worship to hear the results.

I can honestly say it was one of those truly memorable moments as a Headteacher. As each group of coordinators was announced, the whole hall erupted in cheers, claps and genuine encouragement. It was such a powerful reminder of what makes our school so special - how our children live out our values of *love, compassion and thankfulness* in such visible, heartfelt ways.

We now have **51 Pupil Voice Coordinators**, and each one will soon be awarded a special badge linked to their group. I cannot wait to see the ideas they bring and the difference they make this year. A huge *well done* to every single child who applied, whether elected or not, you showed courage, creativity and commitment. Also, a special thank you to Mrs Bibby for coordinating the entire process so brilliantly.

Here are our Pupil Voice groups for this year:

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

Well done, everyone. I couldn't be prouder.

Warm regards,
Miss Tindall

Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 23rd
Y1 library visit

Friday 26th
Y5 & Y6 library visit
Flu vaccinations (whole school)

Tuesday 30th
Y3 & Y4 library visit

October

Tuesday 7th
Open Day (9.30am-11.30am and 1.30pm-3pm)

Reminders/Notices

Please can we remind all parents and carers that the pathway from Stopes Brow to the main entrance is not to be used for driving along in order to drop off children. Your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our children is greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

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Star of the Week!

12/09/2025	19/09/2025
	YR - Jaxon M
Y1 - Hannah W	Y1 - Gabriel N
Y2 - Hannah L	Y2 - Muhammed-Zayn S
Y3 - Sanudaya	Y3 - Harriet G
Y4 - Anais M	Y4 - Zuzanna Z
Y5 - Christymol	Y5 - Eska T
Y6 - Paisley H	Y6 - Thomas R

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Useful Links ….

Family Hub Online

St James Church