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# St James' Lower Darwen CE Primary



## Friday 3rd October 2025 Message from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to let you know that, from this term onwards, we will be holding lockdown practices once each half term.

All schools are required to have a clear emergency plan in place to keep both children and staff safe. Just as we regularly hold fire drills, these lockdown practices will become a routine part of our safety procedures.

To help us introduce this well, we've invited the Emergency Contingency Team (specialists in school safety) to come in and speak to all the children. They will talk to them about how we keep safe in school, using language and examples that are appropriate for their age.

Our aim is to make these practices feel as normal and calm as possible. We will explain them carefully and carry them out with sensitivity. The ultimate goal is to ensure that, should we ever need to use these procedures in a real situation, everyone knows exactly what to do and feels prepared.

We know that safety drills aren't the most cheerful part of school life, but they are an important one. With regular practice, they'll become as familiar and uneventful as our fire drills; just another way we look after one another.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our whole school community safe and ready.

***"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you."***

**Isaiah 41:10**

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Tindall

### Diary Dates

#### October

##### **Tuesday 7th**

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

##### **Thursday 9th**

Parents Phonics Workshop (9am for YR & Y1 parents)

##### **Friday 10th**

Hello Yellow Day—Wear yellow to celebrate mental health awareness week

##### **Monday 13th**

Bikeability for Y5

##### **Tuesday 14th**

Bikeability for Y5

Y3 Class Assembly

(9am - Y3 parents invited)

##### **Tuesday 21st**

Life Education Visit

## St. James' C of E Primary School Lower Darwen

Open Day  
7th October

Drop in and  
visit us!

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

St James' Church of England  
Primary School  
Off Stopes Brow  
Lower Darwen  
BB3 0QP

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### Star of the Week!

#### 26/09/2025

YR - George B

Y1 - Esther W

Y2 - Benedict A

Y3 - Evie B

Y4 - Amelia S

Y5 - Emilia D

Y6 - Dale C

#### 03/10/2025

YR - Arthur P

Y1 - Andrea J

Y2 - Joseph C

Y3 - Louie D

Y4 - Ishika A

Y5 - Meraj Q

Y6 - Lois R

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