



St James' CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2026



Message from our headteacher...

J-Factor!

Happy Friday.

It has been lovely to see Spring returning - what a difference it makes! Last week in school was just incredible! After an eight-year break, The J-Factor made its long-awaited return - and what a show it was!

As staff, we are incredibly proud of each and every child who entered, stepped onto the stage, and showcased their God-given talents. The confidence, courage, and joy on display were truly inspiring. It was an unforgettable evening and certainly one of my most memorable events at St James.

It was particularly special to reflect on the words from Romans 12:6:

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

How beautifully this was demonstrated on the night: every performance unique, every talent different, and every child shining in their own way.

Thank you to all of you for purchasing tickets, buying raffle tickets, and supporting our school so generously. Your encouragement and presence made the evening even more special for our children.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our wonderful judges - Claire, one of our school Governors; Lisa, representing Blackburn with Darwen Diocese; and Jacqui, our former Chair of Governors. What an incredibly difficult job they had! The standard of talent on display made choosing winners no easy task, and we are so grateful for the time, care, and thoughtfulness they gave to their role.

A huge thank you must also go to all of the staff involved, who dedicated many hours behind the scenes preparing for the big night. Their commitment, enthusiasm, and teamwork ensured the event was such a tremendous success. I always feel incredibly blessed to work alongside such a passionate and dedicated team.

I am delighted to say that the J-Factor will return in 2028. It will be bigger and even better - so watch this space!

With thanks for your continued support,

Miss Tindall

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:



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



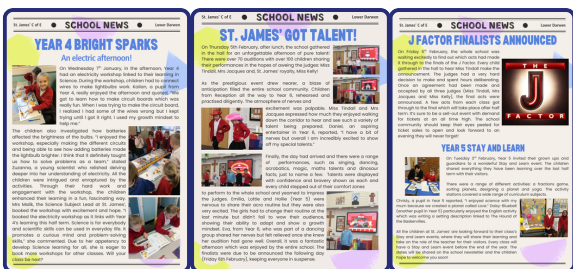
Year 5



Year 6

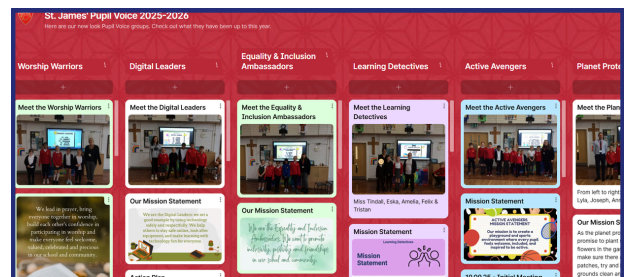
St James' Journalists

Not read the latest newsletter from our St James' Journalists? Click on the picture below...



Pupil Voice

Click on the link below to see what our pupil voice groups have been up to...



Stars of the week

Friday 27th February 2026



YR - Mary-Louise S, Y1 - Anvith A, Y2 - Hunter P,
Y3 - Freddie F, Y4 - Shay M, Y5 - Sophie T,
Y6 - Amelia B

Friday 6th March 2026



YR - Sebastian P, Y1 - Kason P, Y2 - Rylie-Rose M
Y4 - Scarlett M, Y5 - Johan P, Y6 - Asher H



Learner of the week



Monday 2nd March 2026

Effy (YR)

for learning a dance routine and
performing at the J Factor
Presented by the Learning
Detectives 2025-26

Parents Evening

Arbor booking function will be available to
book your timeslot with the teacher starting
Sunday 8th March at 3pm and will close on
Friday 13th March at 3pm

In our efforts to make sure Parents Evening
is as productive as possible, we kindly
request that you attend without children.

Thank you for making any necessary
childcare arrangements.

We look forward to welcoming you on these
evenings and engaging in meaningful
discussions about your child.

Dates for your Diary

March

Tuesday 17th

Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th

Parents Evening

Monday 23rd

YR and Y1 trip to Blackpool Zoo

Tuesday 24th

Year 3 Stay and Learn (Y3 parents invited 9am)

PTFA School Disco

(Infants 3:30-4:30pm - juniors 5:00-6:00pm)

Thursday 26th

Y1 Class Worship (Y1 parents invited 9am)

Friday 27th

Break up for Easter holidays

April

Monday 13th

Return to school after the Easter holidays



For any safeguarding, mental health,
wellbeing and family support,
please contact Mrs Jacques:

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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.