



St James' CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March 2026



Message from our Deputy headteacher...

As we quickly come towards the end of another busy and rewarding term, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the many wonderful achievements of our pupils and reflect on some truly special moments we have shared as a school community.

Thank you for all those who attended parents' evening earlier this week. It was a lovely opportunity for teachers to discuss the children's successes in school.

On Monday our amazing school choir, led by Miss Whaley, represented the school in the Last Choir Singing competition. The choir were a true reflection of the St. James' community, as their dedication, enthusiasm, and confidence shone through in every note they sang and they were truly winners in all our hearts.

Earlier this week, we also enjoyed a very special worship centred around the Last Supper. Each class came into the hall, and had a meaningful experience in which they shared bread and juice together just as Jesus and his disciples did. It was a powerful opportunity for reflection, helping the children to understand the importance of kindness, sacrifice, and togetherness.

As we are now deep into the season of Lent, and Easter is fast approaching, we take the time to pause and reflect. Lent reminds us of the importance of compassion, generosity, and hope, which we should take with us each day.

Next week we hope to spread some of the kindness, compassion and togetherness into the Lower Darwen community, with our 'School Big Clean' on Wednesday straight after school. We hope you can join us as a school community to try and make some difference in the community.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

– Galatians 6:9

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Barker
Deputy Headteacher

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



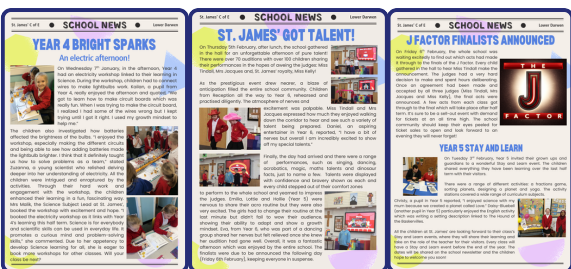
Year 5



Year 6

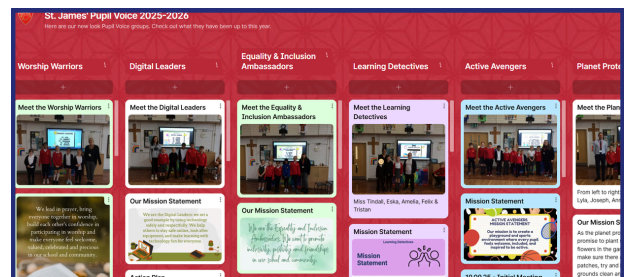
St James' Journalists

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

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YR - Leo O, Y1 - Harry H, Y2 - Francois D, Y3 - Jyothis M, Y4 - Aubrey B, Y5 - Eska T and Y6 - Theo F

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YR - Jace M, Y1 - Abbie F, Y2 - Ellie O, Y3 - Lola-Mae H, Y4 - Amelia H, Y5 - Harley W and Y6 - Flora L



Learner of the week

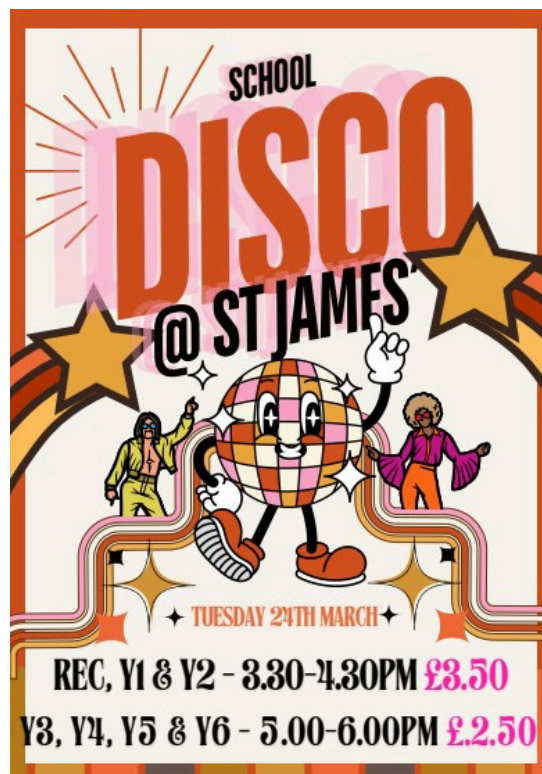


Monday 16th March 2026

Thomas (Y6)

for learning how to use backhand to return the tennis ball in PE

Presented by the Learning Detectives 2025-26



Dates for your Diary

March

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)

Wednesday 25th

The Big School Clean (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

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

Friday 17th

PTFA Non-uniform day for chocolate donations



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.