



St James' CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st May 2026



Message from our Deputy Headteacher...

As we reach the end of another busy week, it's hard to believe we are already halfway through the half-term—time really does fly!

Last week, it was wonderful to welcome so many families into school for the PTFA's Chocolate Bingo event. It was a great success once again and a really enjoyable evening for all. A huge thank you to our PTFA for their hard work and dedication, and to all the parents and carers who supported the event. Your contributions make such a difference to our school and we cannot thank you enough.

In our worship this week, we have been thinking about how Jesus is always with us to guide and support us. We shared the words from **John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."** We see this message lived out every day in our school, as our pupils continue to impress us with their achievements, kindness, and personal growth linked to our SKATs—the wonderful "fruit" they produce in so many different ways.

As part of our commitment to celebrating and respecting diversity at St James', pupils have been learning about protected characteristics and the nine areas that are legally safeguarded. These important discussions are helping our children to understand, respect, and appreciate the differences that make us all unique.

With the lovely warmer weather this week, we have enjoyed making the most of our outdoor spaces. Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic time during their Geography fieldwork, exploring the local area to identify human and physical features and bring their map skills to life.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have been enjoying their yoga and mindfulness sessions outdoors, using the peaceful environment to relax and recharge in preparation for their SATs.

As we approach the Year 6 SATs, we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of our pupils and the effort they have shown throughout the year. To help them feel calm and ready, we will be running a special Year 6 breakfast club during the week beginning 11th May, giving them a positive and supportive start to each day.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful Bank Holiday 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:



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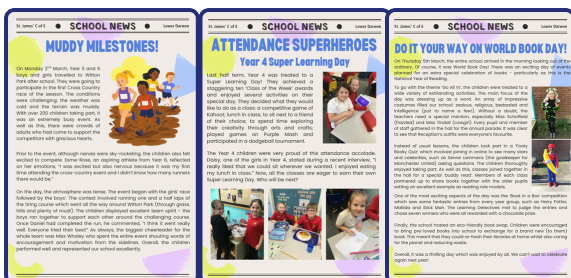
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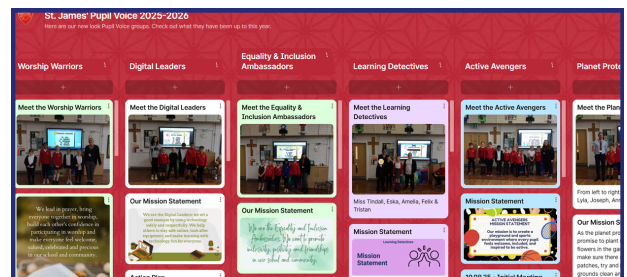
St James' Journalists

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 24th April 2026



YR - Ivy S, Y1 - Eliza B, Y2 - Alanna T,
Y3 - Lottie Mae M, Y4 - Kaleb M, Y5 - Lottie C
and Y6 - Jacob K

Friday 1st May 2026



YR - Liliana B, Y1 - Adam J, Y2 - Kimberley C,
Y3 - Alayna A, Y4 - Ebony N, Y5 - Ameya J
and Y6 - Summer A



Coming up...

Year 6 SATS Breakfast Club

As we approach the Year 6 SATs week, we want to ensure our pupils feel as calm, prepared, and supported as possible. This year, the tests will take place from **Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May.**

To help the children start their day on a positive note, we will be hosting a dedicated SATs Breakfast Club each morning in the Year 6 classroom.

When: 11th May – 14th May

Time: Between 8:20am and 8:30am

Entry: Through the front office.

Cost: This club is provided **free of charge.**

The Y6 SATs breakfast club is a wonderful opportunity for the children to:

Settle into school early avoiding a rushed start.

Relax and socialise with their friends in a familiar environment.

Enjoy some food to fuel their concentration.

Chat with staff to ease any last-minute nerves and ensure a calm start to the day.

Dates for your Diary

May

Monday 4th

Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 11th - Friday 15th

Y6 SATS week

Thursday 14th

Showcase (3.15pm - 4.15pm)

Reception Stay & Play (2pm - 3pm)

Tuesday 19th

Year 4 Stay and Learn (9am - 10am)

Wednesday 20th

YR Class Worship (9am - 9.30am)

Thursday 21st

Gym Jam Jog - PTFA (7.30am - 9am)

Friday 22nd

Sports Day

Break up for Half term



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.