



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

At St James' Church of England Primary School, we focus on our 'Core Values' of **Endurance, Forgiveness, Friendship, Koinonia, Peace, Thankfulness** and **Trust**.

Our School Motto is based on Matthew 13 – Parable of the Sower,
'Growing in God's love, learning as we go.'

Dear Parents/ Carers,

WELCOME BACK! It was wonderful to see our children return to school on Tuesday – so smartly dressed and with smiles for everyone! We had a super first day back together and the children have now settled into their classrooms and their new routines. We said a cheerful 'hello' to our new reception children and to some new children in other year groups too. All new children have settled well and made a great start.

We welcomed parents in to school on Wednesday to meet their child/ren's new teacher(s) and to discuss the year ahead. It was super to see our parents visit school with such a supportive and positive start to the year. We also welcomed Miss Pickering to Year 4 – she has been excited to start with us here at St James and has settled in beautifully. We know you will make her very welcome.

A quick reminder about uniform – school ties must be worn please, these can be purchased from the school office. Also, please ensure girls have their hair tied back each day and that skirts are worn at/below the knee (not above). Our children look so smart this week as ambassadors of our school. Thank you for your hard work in this endeavour.

Coming up: clubs will start soon, please be on the lookout for these and sign up children for clubs they are interested in. A new electronic payment process will be up and running via the office very soon, please sign up to this so that our school becomes cashless and makes payments easier.

If you have any concerns, please do come and see myself, Mrs Humberstone as our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Jamil as our SENCO or Miss Brewer and Mrs Wild in our school office. We are here to help.

With every best wish for a super year ahead

Miss Brady
Headteacher



"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school." *Amen.*

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Star Award

Year 1 *Shayan*
Year 2 *Renezmai*
Year 3 *Iní*
Year 4 *Keira*
Year 5 *Ayden*
Year 6 *Kayan*



Speaker of the Week

Year 1 *Amaan*
Year 2 *Felix*
Year 3 *Roman*
Year 4 *Zack*
Year 5 *Reagan*
Year 6 *Ire*



Writer of the Week

Year 1 *Taslim*
Year 2 *Ayra*
Year 3 *Amanah*
Year 4 *Ayan A*
Year 5 *Musa*
Year 6 *Selena*



Kindness Golden Tie

Year 1 *Aahil*
Year 2 *Arlo*
Year 3 *Eshaal*
Year 4 *Theo*
Year 5 *Aayath*
Year 6 *Naeem*



Message from St James Church

Welcome back from St. James' Haslingden to children and staff of our church schools. We offer a warm invitation to join us in worship. Our children's ministry group meets during service each Sunday 10:45 - 11:35.

St James' Church Children's ministry group are linking with the Wrapup charity to run a coat collection as part of the Harvest program.

Our Harvest service is planned for Sunday 5 October.

The children have made posters to encourage donations of coats that you may have grown out of, or simply no longer wear, but could still be of use. Collection boxes will be in church for 7 weeks from Sunday 14 September until Sunday 26 October.

Thank you.



September

Day	Date	Time	Event
Friday	12th	14.30	Y6 Macmillan coffee morning
Wednesday	17th	AM	Individual school photo's

October

Thursday	2nd	9.00	Church Harvest Service
Friday	10th	All day	Hello Yellow Day
Friday	17th	All day	Wear Red Day
Tuesday	21st	All day	Y6 Trip Outdoor Elements
Wednesday	22nd	All day	Flu Vaccinations N-Y6
Thursday	23rd		School closes 15.20 for half term

November

Tuesday	4th		School re-opens 08.45.
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Online Safety Tip

Reduced screen time is one of the many benefits of schools re-opening in September. NHS guidance attached has tips to prise devices from children at bedtime to ensure restful nights in preparation for busy school days!



[Screen time - a helpful guide :: Oxfordshire Healthier Together](#)

Food in school



Can we please ask that children finish all food before entering school. Children entering classrooms with lollipops or finishing breakfast are a distraction to other children. Please ensure that unless children are in breakfast club breakfast is completed before school drop off. Thank you.



Healthy lunchboxes are a requirement. Please keep lunchboxes free of sweets, chocolate and try to include fruit, vegetables and brown bread where possible. [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)

Appointments and children arriving/leaving school throughout the school day

We are aware of the difficulty faced by parents trying to obtain dental and medical appointments.

Please give consideration when taking your children out of school throughout the school day.

Attempts should be made to keep routine appointments to school holidays/after school.

Disruption is felt throughout the class when children are coming and going which should only extended to only those children requiring medical attention. Thank you.

The School's Attendance Target is
96%
Attendance w/e 05.09.25
Reception Class: 96%
Year 1: 90%
Year 2: 89%
Year 3: 94.7%
Year 4: 94.8%
Year 5: 96%
Year 6: 95.7%
Whole School 95%
This week's winners are Class 5 + R!

