



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st November 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

The weather this week has been challenging with the temperatures plummeting! We have continued to ensure our children have wonderful experiences as Y5 and 6 attended their athletics event at TVLA on Monday, Y1 and 2 continuing their nativity rehearsals, Y6 visiting the library and the whole school completing a fun 'hide and seek' lockdown practice. All of the children were excellent at this game and were able to hide quietly while we walked around school – every class were winners!

Moving forward next week we have the pantomime to look forward to on Friday as the whole school from Reception to Y6 travel to Blackburn to attend a performance of Snow White! I wonder which adult will join the cast on stage this year?!

Advent begins soon and we will be completing reverse advent calendars in classes so that we can contribute to those in need for the Christmas season. Our theme this year is kindness – being kind in our actions by the things we say and do but also by donating to others. More information to follow soon!

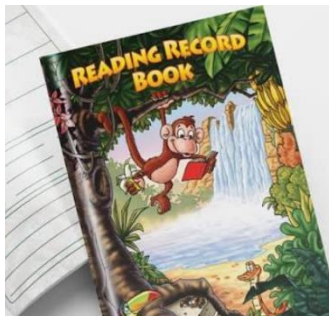
A big thank you to parents for your continued support this week – please do continue to check in on dojo for key messages which are vital for the education of your children. More particularly, Mrs Humberstone has requested that children read regularly at home – this is an essential life skill, we appreciate the regular dedication by parents who ensure this is completed each week, thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend, when I believe the temperatures will increase to a balmy 6 degrees. Take care everyone, and we look forward to seeing you safe and well on Monday.

Best wishes

F Brady, Headteacher

Don't forget to read your reading books at least 3 times each week. We have seen an improvement in some classes, which is great, but this needs to be consistent across the school.







A PRAYER FOR KINDNESS

GOD, HELP ME TO
SHOW KINDNESS TO
EVERYONE I MEET.
LET YOUR LOVE
SHINE THROUGH
ME. AMEN.



St James' Super Stars



Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Speaker of the Week	Kindness/Golden Tie
Rec Hamza Year 1 Adam Year 2 Daniel Year 3 Amanah Year 4 Zayaan Year 5 Aayath Year 6 Kiki 	Rec Asiya Year 1 Faith Year 2 Nellie Year 3 Dennis Year 4 Aryan Year 5 Muzammil Year 6 Tasnim 	Rec Haniya Year 1 Mohammad Year 2 Ayra Year 3 Hashir Year 4 Edward Year 5 Isa Year 6 Selena 	Rec Eleeha Year 1 Momina Year 2 Abdullah Year 3 Samson Year 4 Maazim Year 5 Ashton Year 6 Tahira 

The School's Attendance Target is 96%

Class	Attendance
Reception	94%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	97%
TOTAL	95%
This week's winner is...	
Year 4	

Picture News

Take some time this weekend to discuss this week's picture news with your child. Nike have designed a new shoe to reduce tiredness and make movement easier. Can technology ever help us too much? Use the think together and talk to support your discussions.

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

17th - 23rd November 2025

Think together and talk

- What technology do you use in your day-to-day life? How is it helpful?
- What is your favourite technology? Why?
- What are some benefits to using technology?
- How do you think technology might change the future? If you could invent a new technology, what would it be and why?



Key Dates for your diaries



November

Friday	21 st	2.15pm	School Nurse-parent session drop in
Friday	28 th	Morning	Pantomime-Snow White

December

Thursday	4 th	Afternoon	NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6
Friday	5 th	10am-11.45	Santa's Craft House Parent/child workshop
Wednesday	10 th	10am	KS1 and EYFS Christmas Nativity
Thursday	11 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday	11 th	2.15pm	KS1 and EYFS Christmas Nativity
Friday	12 th	2pm	Christmas Fair and Father Christmas
Tuesday	16 th	1pm	Christmas Parties and a visit from Father Christmas
Wednesday	17 th	12pm	Christmas Lunch
Thursday	18 th	9.05am	Carol Service in Church
Friday	19 th	1.30pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

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Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



End-to-end encryption and keeping your child safe online: A guide for parents and carers

This guide from the Internet Watch Foundation explains what parents and carers need to know about end-to-end encryption and how to keep children safe online.

[Download the guide](#)

[Keeping children safe online | Barnardo's](#)

Reception are the tidiest class this week!



Staff Shout Out!

This week we are celebrating Mrs Jamil for always being kind to everyone in school.



Year 6 Amazing Athletic Team



Well done to our Year 6 Athletics Team who participated in the Rossendale Sports Hall Athletics Competition! The children were fantastic, demonstrating endurance, perseverance, and teamwork while representing our school incredibly well. We're proud of you all!