



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th 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

We now approach the season of advent. The children have all been given a chocolate 'Real Advent' calendar each today to bring home to open throughout advent, read the story of advent and enjoy a chocolate each day. A big thank you to Mr Adnitt, our chair of governors, who has arranged this for us. In return, we ask that children follow the 'kindness advent calendar' supplied so that they can spread kindness throughout advent. This may include actions to take but also donations to make in class. Class teachers will be discussing this with the children over the coming weeks and encouraging them to donate to the reverse advent calendars in classes so that we can donate to the foodbanks to help those in need over Christmas.

Today, the whole school enjoyed their trip to the panto, Snow White, in Blackburn. Everyone had a lovely time and this was a wonderful way to start the season of advent and our Christmas events calendar. Please do note the dates coming up for key events. Also, if you have not managed to pay for the panto, it is not too late, as we continue to take contributions which will help school to continue to subsidise future trips.

We will be decorating school next week and the stage will be up to begin the rehearsals for the nativity. We are also expecting a couple of visits from Santa soon. Don't forget Santa's Craft workshop on 5th December too.

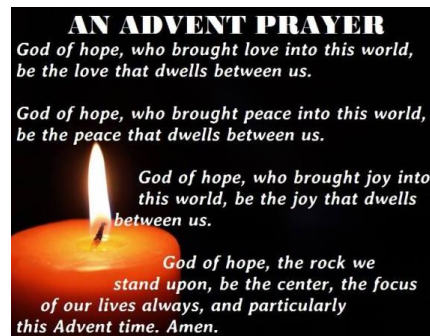
With only 3 weeks of term ahead, we are racing towards our Christmas break – there is still lots of learning to be done and busy events coming up. Please ensure children continue to read regularly at home during this time as it is essential for their development.

We look forward to seeing you all safe and well on Monday.

Best wishes

F Brady, Headteacher

Join me on Friday 5th
December at 10am-11.45am
to join in with Santa's Craft
House activities and fun
with your child! Message
Mrs Humberstone to secure
your place.



St James' Super Stars

Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Speaker of the Week	Kindness/Golden Tie
Rec Grace Year 1 Shayan Year 2 Muntaha Year 3 Aaifa Year 4 Zack Year 5 Muzammil Year 6 Kiki	Rec Radmeht Year 1 Harun Year 2 Hamzah Year 3 Mariyah Year 4 Marley Year 5 Haleema Year 6 Noah	Rec Hamza Year 1 Taslim Year 2 Renezmai Year 3 Azim Year 4 Keyan Year 5 Aayath Year 6 Zayyan	Rec Haya Year 1 Mehjabeen Year 2 Muntaha Year 3 Yousuf Year 4 Ayaan Year 5 Sufyaan Year 6 Adina



Headteacher Award



Picture News

McDonalds have made all of their Happy Meal boxes white for children to design for themselves. The company have said this is so children can express their ideas and feelings though drawing. Use the think together and talk to support your discussions.



Today Ayaan was awarded with a special Headteachers Award for all of his hard work during his time at St James. We wish Ayaan lots of good luck as he starts his new adventure at his new school. We will all miss him terribly, but are confident that he will continue to thrive in his new school.



Key Dates for your diaries



November			
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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Staff Shout Out!

This week we are celebrating Mr Paul Adnitt for his wonderful contributions at the pantomime today.



Christmas Arrangements

We have refreshed how we will be performing our Christmas and future performances across the year. Please note the following changes:

Christmas Show - EYFS, Y1 and Y2 performing with Y6 singing

Christmas Service in Church - Carol Service with Y6 leading

Moving forwards, we want to give Y6 a wonderful memory to leave us with so they will be having their own show in summer before they leave. We look forward to their amazing talents being on show as they celebrate their time with us.