



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

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

It has been an exciting week in school where children have all taken part in first aid training with Panda Paramedics. All of the children have been fully involved in learning about first aid – this is part of a programme we will continue over the coming years so that all children are fully trained!

We have also had Y6 completing their bikeability course as they learn how to be safe out and about on their bicycles. Luckily, the weather has been kind during their cycling in Haslingden!

With the darker days of January behind us, we are racing towards the half term break in February. We have lots planned in the coming fortnight (please take a look at the school calendar) including visits and trips to bring learning to life for our children.

It is National Storytelling Week next week and we encourage all our parents to read with their children at home and share their favourite book with their children – sharing our stories will ensure our children build a love of reading and literature.

Thank you to all our parents for your continued support – particularly those who completed our recent questionnaire. Mrs Humberstone is busy putting together the outcomes from this (which were, overall, very positive!) and information which parents have requested too. If you have any issues or questions do contact your child's class teacher as first port of call, or speak to a member of our senior leadership team in the mornings as we are always on duty each day.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Best wishes

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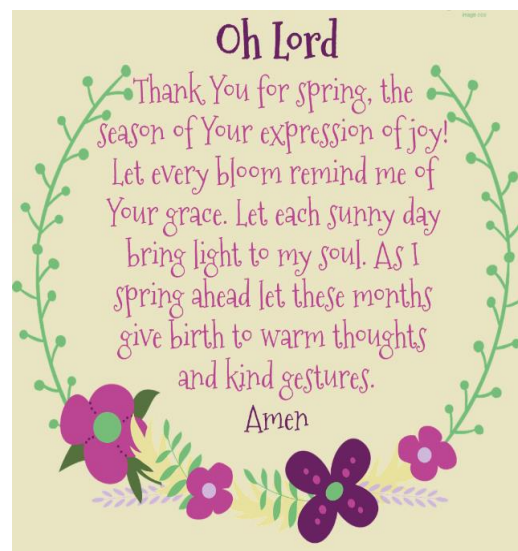
Headteacher



Year 3 have had two mystery readers.

A huge thankyou to both parents for coming in and reading to the class.

There is still time for EYFS & Y3 parents to sign up!



St James' Super Stars

Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Speaker of the Week	Kindness/Golden Tie
Rec Haniya Year 1 Zishan Year 2 Alina Year 3 Inioluwa Year 4 Bareerah Year 5 Aayath Year 6 whole of Y6	Rec Iqra Year 1 Harun Year 2 Archer Year 3 Yousef Year 4 Hibba Year 5 Adyan Year 6 Amelia	Rec Idris Year 1 Deontay Year 2 Harissa Year 3 Hashir Year 4 Riyadh Year 5 Haleema Year 6 Zakir	Rec Radmeht Year 1 Lilly Year 2 Rocky Year 3 Amanah Year 4 Aliyaah Year 5 Daaniya Year 6 Yaseen

Picture News

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour.

What's happening in the news this week?



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

25th January - 1st February 2025

Think together and talk

- What does it mean to treat others the way you wish to be treated? Why is this important?
- What are some different ways we can show respect?
- Does respect only apply to people, or should we show respect to things and places too?

Talking to children about AI

Learn how to talk to children about artificial intelligence (AI) and support them while they discover this growing technology.

[Talking to children about AI | NSPCC](#)

Year 1 are the tidiest class this week!



The School's Attendance Target is 96%

Class	Attendance %
Reception	87%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96%
Total	94.6 %

This week's winner...

Year 4

★ Staff Shout Out! ★

This week we are celebrating Mrs Lambert For being a super attendance officer



Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	2 nd Feb	All week	National Storytelling Week
Thursday	5 th Feb	9-10am	Mad Science Water Cycle assembly
Monday	9 th Feb	All week	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday & Tuesday	9 th -10 th Feb	All day	Life Education Bus
Thursday	12 th Feb	9-10am	EYFS Pop in and play session for parents
Friday	13 th Feb	3.20pm	School closes for half term
Half Term			
Monday	23 rd Feb	8.45am	School re-opens