



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th February 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

We come to the end of another half term and look forward to lighter days ahead! We have raced through the last 6 weeks and our children have made great progress and been very patient with the poor weather!

We wish you all a restful half term break. I would also like to say thank you to our amazing staff whose dedication and care of all our children is a joy to see every day. I am so proud to have such a wonderful team at St James'.

Next half term is extremely short (just 5 weeks) with Lent and Ramadan during that time. Please can we ensure that our children attend school every day so that they make the most of the short half term and are able to illustrate good progress by Easter.

We will be collecting for the foodbank throughout Lent – every donation is gratefully received; we appreciate how generous our families are – thank you for your support.

From all of us here at St James', have a super half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 23rd February from 8.45am as usual.

With every best wish

F Brady,

Headteacher

A huge well done to the interhouse dodgeball players for representing their teams and showing friendship, teamwork and endurance.

KS2 House Dodgeball competition brought to you by the Sports Council

RESULTS:

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|--------|-------------|
| Year 6 | Birch |
| Year 5 | Sycamore |
| Year 4 | Oak |
| Year 3 | Oak & Birch |

Overall house points earned:

Hazel = 10 points

Sycamore = 15 points

Birch = 25 points

Oak = 25 points

Well done to everyone who took part and represented their team – showing friendship and endurance!



Year 4 are the tidiest class this week!



Please call the office if your child is not going to be in school, do not send messages via Class Dojo. It is important that we speak to you over the phone. If we do not hear from you before the close of registration, we will contact you via the telephone numbers we have on file. If no contact is made a home visit may take place by our attendance officers.

St James' Super Stars



| Special SCARF Award | Writer of the Week | Speaker of the Week | Kindness/Golden Tie |
|---|---|--|--|
| Rec whole class Year 1 Adam Year 2 Muntaha Year 3 Khamilah Year 4 Brooke Year 5 Ajay Year 6 Yaseen  | Rec Arifa Year 1 Aahil Year 2 Saafir Year 3 Samson Year 4 Jenson Year 5 Ashton Year 6 Tahira  | Rec Radmeht Year 1 Harun Year 2 Aydin Year 3 Abdur Raheem Year 4 Lincoln Year 5 Hawa Year 6 Rayan  | Rec Aiyla Year 1 Taslim Year 2 Sophia Year 3 Yahya Year 4 Ayan Year 5 Zayan Year 6 Aleena  |

Picture News



Think together and talk

- What do you think good mental health looks like?
- What are some different ways we can look after our mental health?
- Why is it important to look after our mental health?

Online Safety

Statement: [Protecting children from harms online](#)

Three out of ten 8-12-year-olds

(31%) that go online have seen something that they found worrying or nasty



The Bible teaches that to be happy we must be kind to ourselves. We need to be careful about what we watch, read and listen to, because what we think about affects how we live.



Staff Shout Out!

This week we are celebrating Mr Marren for being an amazing sporting role model to all of our children.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Diary Dates

| Day | Date | Time | Event |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Friday | 13 th Feb | 3.20pm | School closes for half term |
| Half Term | | | |
| Monday | 23 rd Feb | 8.45am | School re-opens |
| Tuesday | 3 rd March | 9-10am | EYFS Pop in and play session for parents |
| Thursday | 5 th March | All day | World Book Day |
| Friday | 6 th March | 1.15-3.15pm | Have a go with Lego parent and child session |
| Monday | 9 th March | 1.30pm | Year 4 Haslingden Library visit |
| Monday | 16 th March | All day in school | Year 4 preparing for their English Folklore Festival |
| Wednesday | 18 th March | 9am | Year 3 Class Poetry Assembly |
| Thursday | 19 th March | 3.20pm | Mid Term Reports home |
| Friday | 20 th March | 9.30-11.30am | Easter Craft Session for parents and children |

The School's Attendance Target is 96%

| Class | Attendance % |
|--------------|---------------|
| Reception | 88% |
| Year 1 | 89% |
| Year 2 | 92% |
| Year 3 | 96% |
| Year 4 | 93% |
| Year 5 | 97% |
| Year 6 | 93% |
| Total | 92.5 % |

This week's winner... Year 5