



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th April 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

Welcome back to a new term at St James! We launched the new term with a wonderful service in Church led by Y6 – they were superb, and some wonderful acting took place! We all celebrated that Jesus is ALIVE and all of the events leading up to this over Easter.

We also had a visitor from a Viking in Y3 which the children enjoyed and threw themselves into the historical era with gusto!

This is an important term as we head towards end of year assessments as well as trips, visitors and events ahead – please ensure you keep up to date with these either on the calendar on this newsletter, via dojo message or on our school website.

A new menu for school lunches was shared on dojo by Miss Brewer this week – summer picnics are now on the menu!

Next week we have our Engineering Challenge workshop for KS2 parents and children – please contact Mrs Humberstone as there are a few places left! EYFS have pop in and play on Wednesday at 9am and Y3 have their trip to Brockholes on Tuesday. We also have Y3 out to go to The Whittaker on Thursday and Y4 are out that day at Eureka! For their trip. We welcome 3 work experience children from Haslingden High for the Week as well as Move and Groove again on Monday after school. Phew! A busy week ahead!

A quick plea – can parents ensure that children are safe online by using parental tools. Also, ensure children are not on devices for too long in the evenings. We are seeing an increase in online use impacting learning and safety in school. If you would like any help with this, please come in and let us know. We are happy to help.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you safe and well on Monday.

Miss Brady, Headteacher



Picture News

We have received a badge in recognition of our 6 years with Picture News. The children love finding out about recent events in the news and discussing these topical issues in their class rooms.

We have been thinking about the theme of forgiveness this week, particularly in light of Jesus' forgiveness of those who hurt him but also that he died for us so that we can be forgiven.



Lord, forgive me for my mistakes. Help me do better. Grant me the strength to learn from my faults and the grace to grow into a better person. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Year 3 had an exciting visit from a Viking on Tuesday. They explored different types of Viking villages and formed their own village teams. The Viking taught Year 3 how to play a game of knuckles and even crowned a class Jarl, which means an important leader.

Year 1 had the pleasure of visiting reception class to look after the special chicks that have been in school this week. They enjoyed handling the chicks and showed care, love and patience.



St James' Super Stars



Star Award	Speaker of the week	Writer of the week	Golden Tie
Rec Zachariya Year 1 Shayan Year 2 Hanzala Year 3 Abu Bakr Year 4 Isaac Year 5 Ibrahim Year 6 Noah	Rec Aaron Year 1 Adam Year 2 Muntaha Year 3 Aliya Year 4 Zayan Year 5 Isla-Rose Year 6 Saif	Rec Eleeha Year 1 Samira Year 2 Blake Year 3 Hashir Year 4 Theo Year 5 Ashton Year 6 Zain	Rec Zamin Year 1 Mehjabeen Year 2 Saafir Year 3 Mariyah Year 4 Zack Year 5 Aryan Year 6 Arwa



Picture News

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster! 19th - 19th April 2024

Let's look at this week's story



A new town, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area. It will include around twenty thousand homes, as well as schools, parks, and shops for people to use. Many people are expected to move there in the future as the area continues to grow.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#). Watch this week's useful video [here](#). This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



Reflection



A place isn't just about where we live – what really matters is how we live together. How we care for our local community can make a big difference to everyone.



Year Y4 are the tidiest class this week!



Staff Shout Out!

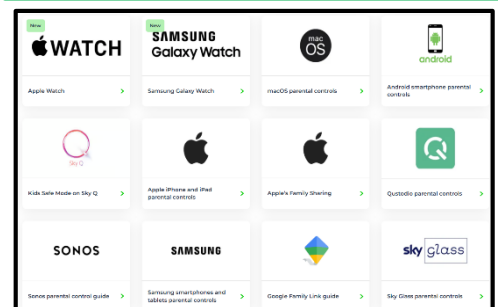


This week we are celebrating **Miss Crilly** because she cares for all of our children every day.

Online Safety

Internet Matters has **step-by-step guides** for different phone models that you can use to help you set up restrictions on things like social media, in-app purchasing and photo-sharing.

[Guides for Apple and Android devices parental controls](#) | [Internet Matters](#)



The School's Attendance Target is 96%

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	20 th April	1.15pm-3.15pm	Engineering Challenge KS2 Parent and child workshop
Monday	20 th April	3.30-4.30pm	Move and Groove afterschool club
Tuesday	21 st April	All day	Y3 trip to Brockholes
Wednesday	22 nd April	9am-9.45	EYFA pop in and play
Thursday	23 rd April	All day	Y4 trip to Eureka
Thursday	23 rd April	All day	Y3 trip The Whittaker
Monday	27 th April	All day	EYFS, Y2, Y4, Y5 Lancashire Library Workshops
Monday	27 th April	3.30-4.30pm	Move and Groove afterschool club
Tuesday	28 th April	All day	Stuart Reid Reading Rocks Author Event
Wednesday	29 th April	9-9.25am	Year 2 Poetry class Assembly-parents welcome
Thursday	30 th April	10.30am	EYFS visiting Haslingden Library

Class	Attendance %
Reception	89%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	93%
Total	93%

This week's winner... Year 4