



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st May 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

What a wonderful week we have had in school—lots of promotion of reading and a love of a good book with Haslingden Library Service working with classes on Monday and the author Stuart Reid visiting on Tuesday to talk to the whole school and complete workshops with KS2. A joy of reading and the discovery of a good book was the theme of the week!

We continue to encourage appropriate uniform choices (see our uniform policy and information on our website) – particularly shoes and the wearing of a tie. Please can we focus on this aspect of the uniform for the remainder of this school year. Thank you.

We have pop in and play again on Wednesday next week in EYFS and Y5/6 mixed netball at Haslingden High on Tuesday after school. KS1 forest school continues after school on Thursday for those who have signed up for this.

We are heading towards our assessment weeks this term, please ensure children attend every day and have lots of sleep so they are ready to do their best!

Don't forget, next week we are closed for the bank holiday on Monday so we return on Tuesday as usual. Have a wonderful weekend, we hope the sun shines so that we can all make wonderful memories for our families.

Miss Brady,

Headteacher

For more light in the day, we thank you,
For gentle mornings, we thank you,
For nighttime conversations,
we thank you,
For friends and family,
we thank you,
For gardens and all manner of creatures,
we thank you.
Help us, Creator and lover of our souls.

Help us love this earth.
Help us dwell wholeheartedly in our lives
this day.
Help us pray as we walk, work, play, rest,
and create.

Amen.



Thank you to year 2 for presenting their poetry worship on Wednesday. We were all really impressed with your clear speaking when presenting to an audience. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch.

Healthy Packed Lunch Boxes

Packing a healthy lunch box for school is a wonderful way to support your child's learning. Choosing less sugary snacks and healthier food options can lead to improved attention and focus in the classroom. Think about including fruits, whole grains, and protein-rich foods to keep energy levels steady.

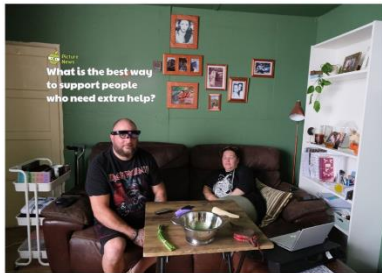
For families who may need support, remember that KS1 children are eligible for free school meals, providing a nutritious alternative. Let's make lunchtime a delicious and healthy experience!



St James' Super Stars

Star Award	Speaker of the week	Writer of the week	Golden Tie
Rec Whole class Year 1 Muaz Year 2 Archer Year 3 Benjamin Year 4 Theo Year 5 Maliha Year 6 Keyan	Rec Iqra Year 1 Cyrus Year 2 Arlo Year 3 Durre Fatima Year 4 Keira Year 5 Ajay Year 6 Rayan	Rec Teddy Year 1 Habibulahi Year 2 Ayra Year 3 Amanah Year 4 Manaahil Year 5 Amirul Year 6 Sophie	Rec Daisy Year 1 Momina Year 2 Jameel Year 3 Sklar Year 4 Keyan Year 5 Adyan Year 6 Naeem

Picture News



New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time. Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.

FIND OUT MORE ON THE LINK BELOW
 Children and parents to pilot social media bans, time limits and curfews at home, as government tests next steps to give UK kids their childhood back - GOV.UK

UK consulting on bringing in social media ban for under 16s



Think together and talk

- How might we notice when someone needs some extra care?
- What are some different ways we can show someone we care?
- Why does a caring community allow people to feel safer and happier?

The Bible teaches us to treat each other with kindness, to make sure everyone feels protected, appreciated, and loved. Choosing to care for one another allows us to create a supportive community where nobody feels left out.



Staff Shout Out!

This week we are celebrating Mr Simister. He brings music to life every day!

Year 3 are the tidiest class this week!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The School's Attendance Target is 96%

Class	Attendance %
Reception	90%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	94%
Total	95.3%

This week's winner... Year 1

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday	5 th May	1.30-2.30pm	Friends Reminisce at Haslingden Library (librarians and two Y1 and Y2 children)
Wednesday	6 th May	9-9.45am	EYFS Pop in and play session- understanding the world focus
Thursday	7 th May	3.20-4.15pm	Forest School After school Club
Friday	8 th May	10.30-11.30am	Friends Reminisce at Haslingden Community Link (Well-being council)
Monday	11 th May	3.30-4.15pm	Move and Groove after school club
Wednesday	13 th May	All day	Year 1 Trip to St Annes
Thursday	14 th May	3.20-4.15pm	Forest School After school Club
Monday	18 th May	3.30-4.15pm	Move and Groove after school club
Wednesday	20 th May	All day	Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school
Wednesday	20 th May	9am-9.45am	EYFS Pop in and play session for parents