



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th 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. Sowing Seeds of Kindness'.

Dear Parents

We are now entering test season where several of our year groups will be tested in a variety of ways. Y6 have their SATS next week, Y2 will also sit their sats in May. Y4 have their multiplication check in June and Y1 and 2 will have a phonics test in June too. We wish them all the very best – however, we are always proud of our children as they are a gift from God and wonderful to be with every day. They illustrate our school values in all they do and say and behave beautifully. They have kind hearts and have built wonderful relationships with their peers, the adults in school and with visitors who drop by.

So, we would like to thank them for all they do every day, not just at testing time. We see the whole child, the child who smiles in the morning and the child who tries their best when faced with new learning – the child who shares their things with others and the child who cares for others when they are hurt. You are wonderful, children, and we are proud of you every day – know that we all love and care for you regardless of any test outcome. Be delighted with who you are – I know I am proud to lead such a wonderful school with amazing children who are a joy to be with!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, we will see you all bright and ready for another week ahead on Monday morning.

Miss Brady,

Headteacher



Happy 100th Birthday to Sir David Attenborough. Today we celebrated all the amazing contributions that he has made to our natural world. He is an inspiration to us all.

A Prayer for our School

Dear God,
Thank you for looking after our School.
Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.
Help us to learn, play and share together,
So that the wonderful world you have made becomes more beautiful everyday.
Amen.



A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who participated in the netball competition at Haslingden High school. Mr Marren and Mr Simister were incredibly proud of the children who demonstrated impressive skills and effort.

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St James' Super Stars

Star Award	Speaker of the week	Writer of the week	Golden Tie
Rec Eleeha Year 1 Lilly Year 2 Lea Year 3 Samson Year 4 Jake Year 5 Isa Year 6 Rayn	Rec Hamza Year 1 Taslin Year 2 Blake Year 3 Pax Year 4 Yusairah Year 5 Muzammil Year 6 Kayan	Rec Aaron Year 1 Harun Year 2 Eylul Year 3 Umayr Year 4 Brooke Year 5 Aayath Year 6 Tahira	Rec Arifa Year 1 Aahil Year 2 Maddisyn Year 3 Yousuf Year 4 Deborah Year 5 Haleema Year 6 Logan

Picture News

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](https://www.gov.uk)

What's happening in the news this week?




Let's have a look at this week's poster! 4th - 10th May 2026

Think together and talk

- Is a nature documentary just a TV programme or is it a lesson? Why?
- In Sir David Attenborough's early documentaries, he talked about how beautiful nature is. In his later shows, he talks about damage to the planet. Why do you think his story has changed?
- Who is responsible for looking after the planet? What is the best way to show someone else how to be kind to nature?

The Bible teaches that humanity has been given a special responsibility to protect and care for the world around us. It is our duty to ensure the planet remains a healthy home for all living things. This reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness toward our environment can make a big difference.




Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100th birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

Year 6 are the tidiest class this week!



Staff Shout Out!

This week we are celebrating Mrs McMahan for always being there to lend a helping hand



Diary Dates



Day	Date	Time	Event
Monday	4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
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
Friday	22 nd May	SCHOOL CLOSED	
Monday	1 st June	School re-opens at 8.45am	
Monday	1 st June	Year 4 multiplication check this week	
Friday	5 th June	All day	Scout Fit in school

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The School's Attendance Target is 96%

Class	Attendance %
Reception	87%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	93%
Total	94.2%

This week's winner... Year 5