



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd December 2023



At St James' Church of England Primary School, we reflect many Christian Values. We also 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/ Carers,

This week we have continued our festivities with a variety of fun activities and events. The school has been decorated for Christmas with classes going the extra mile with a Festive Door competition. Our School Council carefully judged the amazing efforts with our winners being **Year 1** (Key Stage 1) and **Year 6** (Key Stage 2).

From everyone at St James', we would like to thank you all for your support during what has been a busy term. Thank you for all your kind donations over this term, it has all been greatly received and appreciated. Finally, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for a healthy and happy start to 2024 when we return on **Tuesday 9th January 2024**.

Best wishes

Frances Brady & Gary Lloyd

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher



★ Merit Awards ★

R – Ayra	4 – Kayan
R – Alinah	4 – Zoey
R – Ayash	4 – Logan
1 – Aliya	5 – Mosa
1 – Hashir	5 – Raahiba
1 – Elliot	5 – Abbas
2 – Brooke	6 – Faiza
2 – Zack	6 – Mizan
2 – Olliver	6 – Aleesa
3 – Maymoonah	Well done to all our Merit Winners
3 – Ajay	
3 – Adam	



Neatest Handwriting Improved Handwriting

R Harrisa	R Daniel
1 Yahya	1 Eshaal
2 Bareerah	2 Yusairah
3 Ibraheem	3 Maliha
4 Tasnim	4 Noah
5 Hania	5 Amara
6 Faiza	6 Sufian
Key Stage 1 Headteacher Award ★	Key Stage 2 Headteacher Award ★
Riyadh A Yr2	Reece S Yr6

The School's Attendance

Target is 96%

Class	Attendance
Reception	91%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	96%
TOTAL	94%

This term's winner is...
Year 2

Key Stage 1 Nativity Service

Congratulations to all our Key Stage 1 children and staff for their fantastic Nativity in Church on Thursday morning, it was fantastic to hear the amazing speakers, enjoy the festive singing and see all your hard work pay off. It was amazing to see the church packed with parents and families who were able to attend to share the children's hard work and celebrations too.



Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 19th December 2023

On Tuesday, all the school gathered to enjoy a fantastic Christmas Lunch. Thank you to all our kitchen and welfare staff for their amazing efforts in organising the hall and providing a fantastic lunch. The loud 3 cheers and thank you at the end by the children highlighted how grateful they were for the amazing lunch.



Casual Welfare Assistant

As we prepare for the Spring Term, we are recruiting for a Casual Lunchtime Welfare Assistant. This is to support school during lunchtime working with the children. If you would like to find out more or apply for this position, please contact Miss Brewer in the school office.



Curriculum in Action: RE – Christmas Around the World (Year 3)

Year 3 carried out some fantastic research on how Christmas is celebrated around the world in different cultures and countries. They produced some fantastic reports about their chosen countries.

[Yr3 RE – Christmas Around the World | St James \(haslingden-st-james.lancs.sch.uk\)](https://www.stjameshaslingden.lancs.sch.uk/)



Worship and Reflection

Thank you, God, for all the good things that we enjoy at Christmastime. Help us to reflect on that very first Christmas. Help us to remember that without Jesus, there wouldn't be Christmas. Please help us to focus on the things that really matter this Christmas. Help us to remember about Jesus' birth.

Amen.

"Growing in God's love, learning as we go"



Dates for The Diary

9th January 2024 – Return to school to start the Spring Term



Online Safety Tip

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later.

[Visit our online safety webpage for more details](#)



Picture News & British Value!

Are decorations an important part of celebrations?

British Values

Democracy

The residents of Twinpike Way collectively decided not to decorate their homes this year. When making decisions with others, it is important to share your own thoughts, listen and show respect.

Staff Shout Out

Each week we celebrate our amazing staff and the hard work they put in for everybody at school. Our winner this week is.....



Ms McNally

because she worked hard with all her team to produce an amazing Christmas Lunch for everybody in school.

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