

St James the Less Splash News
Week Beginning 10th March 2025

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Year 6 Class News

"Last week in recognition of International Women's Day, an author, named Kate Pankhurst, came into our school to talk to us about her books and inspirational women in history. She also showed us how to draw her characters and told us about her first book: Fantastically Great Women who Changed the World."



One of Kate's drawings



"She also brought volunteers to the front of the assembly, and dressed them as the women in her books!" Written by Nieve and Daniel



Book signing in our library

"All my books begin with drawing - I'll discuss my working process and demonstrate that from small doodles, BIG ideas can grow."
Kate Pankhurst

Curriculum Assemblies

Our assemblies are listed below for this Spring term.
All assemblies will start at 9am.

14.03.2025 Year 2 **THIS FRIDAY**

21.03.2025 Year 3

28.03.2025 Year 1

04.04.2025 Reception class

This assembly to be followed by a stay & play session for parents/carers. Assembly will finish approx. 9.30am. Stay & play will finish approx. 10.25am. Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

Dates for your Diary

14.06.2025 First Holy Communion Mass 11am

24.06.2025 Sports Day in the afternoon.

15.07.2025 End of year mass in Church at 9am.

Year 6 Dates for your diary

26.03.2025 Educational visit Lowry Theatre

Week beginning 12.05.2025 SAT's week

16.05.2025 Celebratory SAT's breakfast

03.07.2025 Invitation day to Alder Grange, All Saints, BRGS & Haslingden High.

15.07.2025 Leavers meal, Ninos 6pm

16.07.2025 Leavers mass in church, 11am, followed by a barbeque.

18.07.2025 Leavers assembly 2.30pm

Y5 Educational Visit

Letters have now been sent home and the visit is available for payment on ParentPay. Please note the visit is on Tuesday 22nd April which is the day we return to school following our Easter holiday weekend.

Reception Class Educational Visit

Letters have now been sent home and the visit is available for payment on ParentPay.

Educational Visits

Some of our end of year educational visits are now booked. Find below a list of our visits:

26.03.2025 Year 6 Lowry Theatre

01.04.2025 Rec Smithills Farm

15.04.2025 Year 3 Deva Roman Experience, Chester

22.04.2025 Year 5 Knowsley Safari Park

Plans and preparations are well underway for the visits for Years 1,2 and 4. Information will be sent out as soon as details are confirmed.



PPTA Noticeboard

Pancakes

Thank you to everyone who shopped, prepared and served pancakes to the whole school. Our children thoroughly enjoyed this treat!!



Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported our recent coffee morning. There was a great variety of cakes. Thank you to all our bakers. £100 raised!! Our next coffee morning is on Sunday 13th April and is a great opportunity to have a catch up.

Movie Event

This will be held straight after school, in our school hall on Thursday 20th March. There'll be a poll on our fb page tomorrow so you can have a say in film to be shown. Please vote!!

Tickets £5 including snack and a drink.

Committee Posts

Our current committee will be stepping down from their posts in May. Please consider coming along to our next meeting and getting involved in what we do. It really would be great to see you.

Meeting

Our next meeting is in school on Tuesday 1st April at 6pm. All welcome.

Easter Egg Raffle

We are holding our usual Easter egg raffle and are looking for donations of Easter eggs/confectionary. Eggs can be dropped off in school anytime from now. This item is now available on ParentPay. Default amount is £1, but can be edited to make payment of your choice.

Book Fair

Thank you to all those who supported our book fair and made it a fantastic success. Total sales were £1,077.87 meaning school gets £538.94 to spend on books. A big thank you to Mrs Broadleday who organised the book fair & a big thank you also to staff members who helped sell the books and merchandise.

Building Fund

An email was sent out last term regarding making a payment towards our Building Fund. Thank you to those families who have already made a payment. This item is available on ParentPay.

St Joseph's Penny Boxes

These boxes have now been sent home. Please pop some coins in them in support of this collection for Caritas. Thank you.

"Our mission is to help people across the Diocese of Salford experiencing poverty, disadvantage and discrimination to transform their lives with dignity." Caritas Boxes can be returned straight after our Easter holiday.

Thank You

A huge THANK YOU to our PPTA who are subsidising the cost of our educational visits reducing the price by approx. £6/7 per child.

Red Nose Day

This is on Friday 21st March. Make payment of £2 on ParentPay and your child will be given a red nose. Noses will be given out from Monday 17th March.

World Down Syndrome Day

We are asking children to come to school wearing mismatched socks on Friday 21st March to raise awareness of Down Syndrome. No donation required, just wear the socks of your choice. Thank you.

Transition Day

Transition day will be on Thursday 3rd July. On this day, pupils will spend the day in the classroom with the teacher who will teach them in the school year 2025/2026. Further details closer to the time.

Holiday

School closes on Friday 4th April and re-opens on Monday 14th April at 8.35 in readiness for a 8.45am start. (5 day closure)

School closes on Thursday 17th April (Maundy Thursday) and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April. (2 day closure). Closed for Good Friday & Easter Mon. Please make a note of these dates as they may vary from other local schools.



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More Year 6 News

“World Book Day is celebrated all over the world. In school we could do a variety of things, like dress up as our favourite book characters, or wear pyjamas to celebrate bedtime reading. In year six, we had lots of fun decorating and designing our own map from Kensuke's Kingdom. Mrs Bell-Shaw had even planned a special treasure hunt, which was all over the school, for everyone to enjoy. During the day, we completed fun and creative activities like:

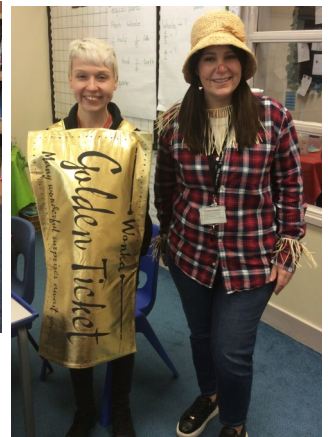
Writing a message in a bottle,

Creating a raft

Imagining a desert island scenario

And much more! We had a great World Book Day!”

Written by Indie and Louise



Kate Pankhurst book signing

