

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 4th December 2023

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### Year 5 Class News

*"We are now Young mental Health Champions after attending a training session at Valley Academy. We have worked really hard at this role and have chosen two deputies, Isla and Rosie- to help us carry out this role. Summer has also volunteered her time to help us with this important role. We have decorated the buddy room and made it into a cosy, welcoming area. We hope that we will be able to help children at St James the Less to find strategies to take care of their mental health."* Written by Willem and Ellie

Daniel sings with the Halle choir and he was invited to sing in the Children in Need television production.



Daniel, front, extreme left!!



*"We were in the studio six hours before we went on stage! When Pudsey walked through the door, everyone sprinted into a line to get a picture with him. On the way to the stage, we met a few celebrities, Jason Manford, Vernon Kay, and Lenny Rush!"* Written by Daniel

### Assemblies

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

**08.12.2023 Year 4 THIS FRIDAY**

**15.12.2023 Year 3**

**22.12.2023 Year Reception Christmas Sing Song**

Parents/carers are invited to these assemblies.

### Christmas Parties

The dates of the parties are:

Year 5 /Year 6—Tuesday 19th December pm.

Year 3/ Year 4 —Wednesday 20th December pm.

Rec/Year 1/Year 2 —Thursday 21st December pm.

**Children may wear their own clothes on their Christmas party day!**

We hope there will be a special visitor coming to the Infant department parties. HO, HO,HO!

### School Christmas Dinner

This will be held on Wednesday 13th December. If you have not booked a dinner through ParentPay you must send a packed lunch with your child.

**Come to school in uniform on Christmas dinner day but wear something Christmas related eg jumper, hat, headband, tinsel etc.**

### Reception Class Christmas Sing Song

Reception class children can wear their own Christmassy clothes on this day.

### Y4 Swimming

There will be NO swimming lessons on Wednesday 13th December and Wednesday 20th December. Lessons will resume on Wednesday 10th January.

### Forest Schools

Year 3 will start Forest School sessions in January. Year 4 will also start Forest School sessions in January. Letters will be sent out next week.

### Christmas Holidays

School closes on Friday 22nd December and re-opens on Monday 8th January at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.



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**PPTA Noticeboard**

**Coffee Morning**

Our next coffee morning will be THIS Sunday 10th December after the 11am Mass. It will be held in the Old School Room. Bakers & helpers required. Please pop a message on our PPTA Facebook page

**PPTA Meeting**

Thank you to all who attended our last meeting. The minutes are available on our fb page.

**Christmas Fundraising**

**Christmas Raffle**

There will be a raffle at the Christmas Productions. We are looking for donations of raffle prizes. Please send any donations into school. Depending on donations there may be stand alone prizes and donations made up into hampers. Bottles, biscuits, chocolates, food items, beauty items, vouchers etc all make great raffle prizes. Thank you to those who have already donated.

**Refreshments**

There will be mince pies & mulled wine available, £2.50

**Calendars**

Our legendary calendar will be available, cost £6

**Photographs**

There will be photos available of the children in their nativity costumes.

**Please bring cash with you on the night to enable you to buy tickets/refreshments/calendars/photographs.**

**A Big Thank You**

Our very busy PPTA have been busy funding a number of projects within school.

They have paid for a school theatrical production and workshop activities.

“The North Pole Experience” visits us on Monday 11th December. Quite simply, we can’t wait!!

Funding has been provided for bean bags for our buddy room.

Wellingtons have also been bought to use in our Forest School sessions.

Bibles, religious crosses and prayer trees have also been bought for our classes.

**School Mass**

There will be a whole school mass in SCHOOL on Tuesday 19th December at 9am. All welcome to join in the celebration of mass.

**Christmas Fayre**

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas fayre. The fantastic sum of £5,032 was raised.

**Children in Need**

Thank you to all who supported our Children in Need event. We donated £100.00 to this charity from donations brought into school. A further £349 was raised through selling merchandise.

**IMPORTANT DATE**

**The closing date for Primary school applications is 15th January 2024. All applications to be done on-line.**

**[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)**

**Please submit a SIF to school in support of your application. Thank you.**

**Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**

If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 you are required to complete a SIF/Faith Request Form.

This can be found on our website in:

Parents/Policies & Documents/Application of Faith Request

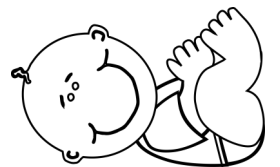
Thank you to those who have already submitted this form.

**Baby News**

In October Miss Barnes gave birth to her beautiful baby GIRL—Eeva!

Last month Miss Hall gave birth to her beautiful baby BOY—Roman!

We look forward to seeing them soon.



**Birthdays during December**

Happy Birthday to Eloise (Y3), Harriet (Y3), Priya (Y6), Rosie (Y5), Lily-Rose (Y4), Ellie (Y5), Nancy (Y1), Isaac (Y4), Tilly (Y6), Katy (Y1), Molly (Y1), Indie (Y5), Penny (Y1), Rohan (Y6) and Francine (Y3).

We hope they have a great day.



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