

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 12th January 2026

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### Reception Class News

We have been enjoying our first Forest School sessions this spring term. Neil (Forest School leader), has given us plenty of time to explore the grounds, play in the mud kitchen, and warm up with some delicious hot juice and biscuits.

He also put together some fantastic dens, which were a huge hit during the wet weather. We have been developing our teamwork skills, working together and supporting one another while playing games.

*"I have enjoyed playing on the swings."* -Iris

*"I have enjoyed climbing up the ladders."* James R

*"I have enjoyed playing in the mud!"* Esme H

*"We have all enjoyed the hot juice and biscuits."*



Fun in the mud!!



### Curriculum Assemblies

Our assemblies are listed below for this Spring term.

All assemblies will start at 9am.

30.01.2026 Year 6

06.02.2026 Year 5

13.02.2026 Year 4

27.02.2026 Year 3

13.03.2026 Year 2

20.03.2026 Year 1

27.03.2026 Reception class

Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

Please note no photos to be put on social media.

### Dates for your Diary

26.02.2026 School Photographer

03.03.2026-04.03.2026 Life Education Programme

27.06.2026 First Holy Communion Mass 11am

### Year 6 Dates for your diary

Week beginning 11.05.2026 SAT's week

15.05.2026 Celebratory SAT's breakfast

02.07.2026 Invitation day to Alder Grange, All Saints, BRGS & Haslingden High.

17.07.2026 Leavers assembly 2.30pm

### Skiing

Y5 are currently enjoying skiing lessons on Thursdays.

Y6 have now completed their skiing lessons.

Please take a look at the footage on our sports fb page which can be found on our PPTA fb page.

Y6 have had a great time, skiing, snowboarding and tubing—all part of the curriculum and FREE!!

### Forest School

Reception class are currently enjoying Forest School sessions on Monday mornings.

Y1 are currently enjoying Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons.

### Reception Class Vision Screening

This is booked for Tuesday 10th February in the morning. A link will be sent out soon.

### Half Term

School closes on Friday 13th February and re-opens on Tuesday 24th February at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.

**Please note Monday 23rd February is an inset day.**



### PPTA Noticeboard

#### Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported our coffee morning. We raised a much appreciated £94.60.

#### Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday 26th February at 4.30pm in school. Please pop along or join us on-line. All welcome.

#### Spring Fayre

We will hold a Spring Fayre in the social centre on Sunday 22nd March straight after 11am mass. Save the date!!

More details to follow.

### Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026 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.

#### Important

We are a nut-free school. Please ensure all packed lunches & snacks do not contain nuts. Please note this includes pesto sauce. Thank you

#### Privacy Notice

This can be found on our website:

Parents/Policies & Documents/Data Protection Policy

#### Surplus Gifts

Perhaps you have received duplicate gifts.

Perhaps you have unwanted gifts.

Our parish charity shop could make good use of them. Just pop them in the red box in the school foyer and staff will take them to the charity shop. Thank you.

#### The Old School Charity Shop

Our parish charity is open for business.

Opening hours are Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday and Monday closed.

Our shop is also accepting donations of goods so please donate when you're having a sort out. Donations can be taken directly to the shop or dropped off at school and staff will take down to the shop. Thank you.

**The shop has raised a whopping £9,658.72 for parish funds since it opened at the beginning of July.**

### Attendance

If your child is absent you must contact school and leave a reason for absence (eg. headache, sore throat etc) on the absence line before 9.00am on the first day of absence. **Thank you to all who already do this. If you fail to do this the absence will be unauthorised. If your child has come home from school, unwell, during the school day and will not be in school the following day, you must still leave a message on the absence line. Thank you to all those who already do this.**

If your child will be arriving to school late, for example, due to medical appointment, again please inform the office. Some parent/carers are sharing this information with their child's teacher on class dojo or verbally which is great, but please ensure the office are informed as they are responsible for documenting the details into attendance registers. Thank you.

### Late Arrivals

**Pupils arriving after 8.45am will be marked late and must enter the building by the front door.**

**Parent/carers must sign children into the building. Please provide a reason for lateness. Thank you.**

### Christmas Cards

Our pupils made Christmas cards which Fr Stamp and the parish sisters distributed to our elderly and house bound parishioners.

*"I treasure this card. It's lovely to know someone was thinking of me and made me a card."*

Lily

Well done to our pupils who made the cards.



### Birthdays during January

Happy Birthday to Eddie (Y6), Alisa (Y3), Ellis (Y1), Isaac (Y6), Jacob (Y6), Holly (Y3), Jenson (Y2), Mabel (Y4), Edie-Alice (Y4), Amelia H (Rec), Maya (3), Florence (Y3), Henry (Y4), Theo (Y5), Ollie (Y6), Cecily (Y2), Zeus (Y2), Enna (3), Amelia G (Rec) and Rose (Y2).

We hope they had/have a great day

