

St James the Less Splash News
Week Beginning 17th November 2025

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Year 2 Class News

We are all now set up on our chrome books and are loving using these devices to enhance our learning.



We are having lots of fun in our Forest School sessions on a Monday and enjoying the tasty treats too! We enjoyed celebrating Children in Need on Friday and designed our own Pudsey Bear mascots. We are also enjoying playing on the newly renovated trim trail!



We have just finished learning about The Great Fire of London. Our knowledge is impressive! If you see us around school, please ask us for an interesting fact!

This week we have written our own stories based on the well-known story The Hare and The Tortoise.

"Their writing is impressive!" Mrs Broadleday

Curriculum Assemblies

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

21.11.2025 Year 1 **THIS FRIDAY**

28.11.2025 Year 4

05.12.2025 Year 3

Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

Stay and Pray Sessions

Our stay and pray sessions are listed below for this Autumn term. All sessions will start at 2.45pm.

25.11.2025 Year 3

02.12.2025 Reception

Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

Thank you to all our families who are coming along.

Dates for your diary

10.12.2025 Christmas dinner-book through ParentPay

15.12.2025 Reception Christmas Party in afternoon

16.12.2025 Y5/6 Christmas Party in afternoon

17.12.2025 Y1/2 Christmas Party in afternoon

18.12.2025 Y3/4 Christmas Party in afternoon

18.12.2025 Just Imagine Production & workshop

10.03.2026 Parents' Evening

11.03.2026 Parents' Evening

More details to follow

Year 6 Skiing

Year 6 will not ski on Thursday 11th December as it is the afternoon performance of our Y5/6 Christmas play. This lesson will take place on Friday 12th December.

IMPORTANT DATE

The closing date for Primary school applications is 15th January 2026.

All applications to be done on-line.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Please submit a SIF to school in support of your application. The SIF form can be found on our website: Parents/Policies & Documents/Application of Faith Request

Christmas Holiday

School closes on Friday 19th December at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 5th January at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.



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PPTA Noticeboard

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported our coffee morning. We raised a whopping £155.

Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday 27th November at 6pm in school. Please pop along or join us on-line. All welcome.

Tesco Bag Pack

03/12/2025 Bag pack, Tesco Haslingden.

There are time slots to sign up on our fb page.

Please spare 30 minutes where you can. The children really enjoyed doing this last year.

Christmas Artwork

The first phase of ordered merchandise has been sent home. Orders will re-open for the second phase soon. Keep an eye on our fb page please.

Movie Events

Thank you to all who supported our infant classes film event. A total of £240 was raised.

Thank you to all who supported our junior classes event. A total of £290 was raised.

Raffle Prizes

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.

Children in Need

Thank you to all who supported our fundraising. The amount raised to date is £238.

This is still available on ParentPay. The amount of £373 was raised from the sale of merchandise.

Website Calendar

The calendar on our website contains lots of important info. Please take a look.

Christmas Productions

The dates of our Christmas Productions are on the calendar on our website. This information is also on September's Splashnews.

Christmas Fayre

Our Parish Christmas Fair will be held at St Peter's Parish hall on Sunday 30th November. On this day masses at St Peter's and St James the Less will both be at 10am. The fayre will start straight after the 10am masses and continue into the afternoon. There are further details on the Church newsletter on our PPTA fb page & on the church website. Please pop along if only for an hour or so to support our church fayre. Donations can be dropped at church or school.

The summer fayre will be held in the grounds of St James the Less Church in June/July 2026.

Raffle Tickets

Please do your best to sell them and return ticket stubs and monies to school. Thank you to those who've already bought tickets.

Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Boxes

Please do your best to make a contribution. Please return them by Wednesday 26th November as they will be collected on Thursday 27th November. Thank you.

Mass

There will be an Advent wreath mass in school at 9.30am on Tuesday 2nd December. All welcome to join in the celebration of mass.

Mary's Meals

Our chaplains and mini vinnies are organising a cake sale supporting Mary's meals. **Mary's Meals is a global charity which serves life-changing school meals to some of the world's poorest children. They serve meals to more than three million children, in 16 countries, every school day.**

We are looking for donations of cakes, baked goods etc. Please note we are a nut free school. The sale will take place after the Advent wreath mass. Please send cash (£1) in with your child if they'd like to buy a cake. Please send donations in on the Monday/Tues am. Thank you.

Parish Charity Shop

Thinking of having a clear out before Christmas? Our charity shop would love donations of clean clothing, toys, household items etc. These can be dropped at school and staff will take them to the shop. Further info on church newsletter. Thank you.

