



BIG NEWS—Staffing Update

NEW HEADTEACHER

It gives me great pleasure to inform you all that the governors, guided by 2 school advisers, have chosen Mrs J Bell-Shaw, currently our Assistant Headteacher and Year 6 teacher, to be the next headteacher of St James the Less. Having worked with Mrs Bell-Shaw for these past few years, within our leadership team, I can honestly say that I have every confidence that she will excel in the position. Congratulations to her and to our school for this next chapter of St James the Less. Mrs Bell-Shaw will take on the role of headteacher on 1st September 2025.

My last day in school will be the same as our Year 6, 18th July. It will be nice to leave at the same time as this lovely bunch of children.

TEACHER LEAVING

Mr Emmott, who has taught Year 4 for the past two years, will be leaving our school at the end of the summer term to work in a local high school. Thank you, Mr Emmott, for the excellent work you have done with our Year 4 pupils. You'll be missed.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Beaumont-Gill, part time KS2 teacher, married recently and has taken the name of Mrs Moores. Congratulations to the happy couple!

OFFICE UPDATE

Mrs Shell, one of our school-office administrators, has been unwell for a few weeks and is likely to need some further recovery time. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Mindful of Mrs Shell's absence, please bear with us with some of our normal office functions

Thank you all for you ongoing support

Kind regards

Mr H

Curriculum Assemblies

Our assemblies are listed below for the Summer term. Assemblies will start at 9am with the exception of Y6 which will start at 2.30pm

22.05.2025 Year 4 Please note this is a Thursday

13.06.2025 Year 5

20.06.2025 Year 2

27.06.2025 Year Reception

04.07.2025 Year 1

11.07.2025 Year 3

18.07.2025 Year 6 2.30pm

Parents/carers/family members are invited to these assemblies.

Year 6 Dates for your diary

23.05.2025 Year 6 and Year R Photographer

25.06.2025 Heritage Mass and tea party

01.07.2025 Colour Run (TBC)

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

04.07.2025 Invitation day to BRGS

15.07.2025 Leavers meal, Ninos 6pm

16.07.2025 Leavers mass in church, 11am, followed by a barbeque. **Y6 PARENTS INVITED**

18.07.2025 Leavers assembly 2.30pm

Other Dates

Year 4— wc 09.06.2025 Times tables check week

Hothersall Lodge 2025

Our current Y5 class will have their educational residential visit to Hothersall Lodge from 13th-15th October 2025. Please make a note of these dates.

Educational Visits

Some of our end of year educational visits are now booked. Find below a list of our visits: Plans and preparations are well underway for the visits for Years 1 and 4.

Year 4—20th May 2025— MOSI

Year 2—22nd May 2025 Eureka

Year 1—19th June 2025—Wild Discovery



IMPORTANT **PPTA Noticeboard**

New Members Needed!

These are some of the things that our PPTA make happen. Without this group of volunteers, these things probably wouldn't have happened:

- Christmas Production (Just Imagine)
- Christmas gifts KS1
- Whole school—selection boxes
- Whole school—pancakes
- Subsidised funding for school trips
- Y6 Leavers gifts (i.e. hoodies, gift packs)
- Y6 leavers meal
- YR Welcome disco
- Ice-cream van
- Heritage tea party
- Forest school supplies for children
- Library revamp
- Funding for play equipment
- Pre-loved discount school uniform
- **ANY MANY MORE THINGS**

Committee Posts

Posts for chair, treasurer and secretary last for 2 years and the current members, who have been brilliant, come to an end THIS MAY. In order to continue fundraising and spending as above, we need 3 new people to step forward and take on these 3 roles. Please consider if this is of interest and join the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is an opportunity to ensure our children continue to receive additional benefits that cannot be taken from school budgets.

NEXT Meeting AGM 20th May, 6:30pm, at school. All welcome. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to put your name forward to be considered for the role, please contact the school office.

Our children would love the PPTA to continue. Please find out more.



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