

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 1st December 2025

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### Year 3 Class News

We are having lots of fun at Forest school. We have enjoyed building habitats for animals and camouflaging them with leaves. We have had lots of fun in the mud kitchen and played games with our friends too! Using our building skills, we created a ladder and then bravely used it to cross a stream.



This week we have begun our Advent journey. We have loved making our Advent wreath and have displayed it in our classroom. We watched the first candle being lit, which represents hope. The candles of Advent are:

Hope: Purple Candle  
Peace: Purple Candle  
Joy: Pink Candle  
Love: Purple Candle  
Christ: White Candle

Our Advent banners are displayed on the fencing outside. Please take a look at them.



### School Christmas Dinner

This will be held on Wednesday 10th 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.**

### Christmas Parties

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

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

### 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](http://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

### Sacramental Programme Presentation Mass

This mass is on Sunday 7th December at 11am in Saint James the Less Church.

### Sacramental Programme

Father Stamp has finalised the dates for the Sacramental programme for Year 3 and the schedule has been emailed to parents and carers. Please keep these details to hand so as not to miss any meetings, workshops or masses. These dates are also on the calendar on our website. Thank you.

### Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Boxes

Thank you to all who brought in boxes. We will let you know the amount raised as soon as we know.



### PPTA Noticeboard

#### Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on Sunday 14th December. Bakers and helpers required please. Please pop a message on our fb page.

#### Meeting

Thank you to all who came along/joined our meeting.

#### Tesco Bag Pack

Thank you to the families who supported our fundraising bag pack at Tesco.

#### 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.

#### Calendar

Our calendar is in the final stages of production and will soon be available to buy. A huge thank you to all the companies/businesses who have sponsored our calendar.

#### Christmas Productions

There will be raffle tickets and calendars on sale before our performances. Preferred method of payment is cash.

#### Advent Wreaths

All classes made their own Advent wreaths. Father Stamp came in to look at them to select the best wreath.....and the winner will be announced in assembly on Friday.

#### Gymnastics Class

There will be an after school gymnastics class in the Spring term. Information will be sent out as soon as we have it.

#### Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all who supported our hugely successfully fayre. £4,000 was raised for parish funds. A list of winning tickets results has already been emailed out.

#### Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets. A total of £188 was raised from raffle tickets sold through school.

#### Cake Sale in support of Mary's Meals

Thank you to all who baked & donated goodies for our cake sale. Your response was overwhelming. We will let you know monies raised as soon as we've counted!

#### 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.

#### School Dinners

Our system for selecting school meals for your child/ren allows you to choose a specific meal for your child. Please make every effort to book meals for your child/ren for the entire month to ensure the smooth running of this system.

**Meals are available to book up until the end of January. The closing date to book meals is always 5 days before the end of the month so bookings for January will close during the Christmas holiday period.**

Please remember to scroll past half term/holidays when there is no menu available. If you encounter difficulties scrolling past a holiday period, type the date into the drop down box.

Where meals are not booked it means extra work for teachers, classroom staff, office staff and kitchen staff. When children do not have meals selected we have upset and disappointed children.

Please do not leave it to the last minute to book meals. As a school we have worked really hard to put this selection system in place, so please use it for the benefit of children and staff. Thank you.



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