

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 22nd September 2025

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### Reception Class

We have had lots of fun over the last couple of weeks settling into school life. We have enjoyed making new friends and learning new things. We've also enjoyed spending time with our Year 6 buddies.

We loved our gingerbread figures!!



### Reception Class Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in school straight after 8.45am drop off on Friday 26th September. All welcome to have a cuppa. Please pop in.

### Reception Class

17.10.2025 Stay & play, 9am-10am. Drop your child off as usual. Come to the office/foyer where you'll be admitted into the building. Spend some time in Reception class with your child. This is a lovely event, please do your best to pop in. If you can only stay part of the hour, that's absolutely fine.

### Reception Class

Please return the health questionnaire asap. Thank you

### Christmas Productions

Here are the dates for our Christmas Productions:

09.12.2025 Year 1 & Year 2 - 1.30pm start School Hall

09.12.2025 Year 1 & Year 2 - 6pm start School Hall

10.12.2025 Year 3 & Year 4 - 6pm start Church

11.12.2025 Year 5 & Year 6 - 1.30pm start School Hall

11.12.2025 Year 5 & Year 6 - 6pm start School Hall

19.12.2025 Reception Christmas songs - 9am start School Hall

More details to follow

### Important

**We are a nut-free school. Please ensure all packed lunches & snacks do not contain nuts. Please note this includes pesto sauce. We have a child in school with a nut allergy and carries an epipen. Thank you.**

### Half Term Holiday

School closes on Friday 24th October at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 3rd November at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.

### Holiday List

Our holiday list for this academic year 2025-2026 is available on our website. Please check this list.

Our holidays may differ from other local primary and secondary schools.

Also, our holiday list for the academic year 2026-2027 is available on our website.

**Holidays must be taken during school closure as holidays during term time will not be authorised and unauthorised absences carry with them the risk of a penalty notice or a prosecution. Further details under holidays on our website.**

### Silent Disco

Our very first silent disco was a roaring success. All our children had a super time enjoying music and dance together.

### Curriculum Assemblies

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

24.10.2025 Year 6

07.11.2025 Year 5

14.11.2025 Year 2

21.11.2025 Year 1

28.11.2025 Year 4

05.12.2025 Year 3

Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

### Dates for your diary

**23.10.25** Nasal Flu immunisation for all classes 8.45am -12.30pm. A link to complete the forms has already been emailed out. Please carefully read the notes accompanying the link.



### PPTA Noticeboard

#### Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who baked, helped, bought and supported our coffee morning. A total of £89.65 was raised for PPTA funds. Our next coffee morning will be on Sunday 12th October.

#### Meeting

Our next meeting will be in school on Tuesday 30th September at 6pm. All welcome. Meetings are informal & last no longer than 1 hour.

The meeting will also be available on Teams/Zoom

#### Non-uniform Fundraiser

There will be a non uniform fundraiser day on Friday 24th October. More details to follow.

#### Gingerbread Figures

Thank you to those who organised a gingerbread figure for every child in Reception class.

#### Welcome disco

Our welcome disco for our new Reception Class will be held on Saturday 4th October. A letter has already gone home with details. Please ensure you return the reply slip. Thank you to all those who have organised it and are helping on the day. We're all looking forward to a great afternoon.

### 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.

### Church Newsletter

Our church newsletter is available on the fb page of Holy Apostles Rossendale.

It is also available on our PPTA fb page.

### Privacy Notice

This can be found on our website:

Parents/Policies & Documents/Data Protection Policy

### Harvest Festival Foodbank

A letter has already been emailed out requesting donations towards our Harvest Festival Foodbank. We're collecting items from Monday 29th until Friday 10th October. Thank you.

### Rossendale Hospice Penny Pinching Boxes

These boxes will be sent home this week. Please do your best to make a contribution. Please return them no earlier than Wednesday 26th November. Thank you.

### Parents' Evening

This will be held on Tuesday 7th October in the school hall from 3.30-6.15pm. Communication has already been sent home regarding this event. Appointments are 5 minute slots and the booking system opens THIS Sunday. If you have more than one child in school please book appointments as a matter of urgency to enable you to get appointment slots close together. Please attend your appointment at your allocated time. As this parents' evening is very early in the academic year there will not be work available in classrooms. Work will be available at our parents' evening during the spring term.

### Long Hair

All long hair i.e. shoulder length or longer, must be tied back. This applies equally to all children. Thank you.

### IMPORTANT DATE

**The closing date for Secondary school applications is Friday 31st October 2025.**

**All applications to be done on-line.**

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