

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 26th January 2026

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### Year 5 Class News

*"In Design and Technology, we made some really fun doodle bots. We wired them to draw pictures and shapes. We used teamwork skills and they turned out amazing. Some of the groups even managed to add an on/off switch to the circuit."*

By Jaxon and Ezra.



We had a Friendship Workshop delivered by the charity 52 Lives. After the workshop we were inspired to help other people and created posters to show the benefits of kindness. We received a certificate for completing kindness activities and we also learnt about how the charity, 52 Lives, donates to children to help make their world better.

*"I enjoyed working with your students so much; they were so engaged with some well-thought-out answers. I was also impressed by the kind and wonderful things they made. Thank you to all of them and to the adults and for welcoming me as your facilitator."* Krish



### Curriculum Assemblies

Our assemblies are listed below for this Spring term.

All assemblies will start at 9am.

30.01.2026 Year 6 **THIS FRIDAY**

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-this will be followed by a stay & play session for parents/carers.

Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

Please note no photos to be put on social media.

### Stay and Pray

Our stay and pray sessions are listed below for this Spring term. The sessions are from 2.45pm-3.00pm.

03.02.2026 Year 6

10.02.2026 Year 4

24.02.2026 Year 5

17.03.2026 Year 3

31.03.2026 Reception class

Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

### 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

30.06.2026 Sports day in the afternoon

10.07.2026 Reserve Sports Day in the afternoon

### 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

### Reception Class Vision Screening

This is booked for Tuesday 10th February in the morning. Information has already been sent out.

### 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.**



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**PPTA Noticeboard**

**Meeting**

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

**Non-uniform Day**

This will be on Friday 13th February. Minimum £1 donation but this amount can be edited to make the donation of your choice. This is available on ParentPay. Cash donations can also be brought into school on the day.

**Pancakes**

We will serve pancakes during the afternoon of Friday 13th February. We are looking for helpers. Please pop a message on our fb page. Thank you.

**Coffee Morning**

Our next coffee morning will be on Sunday 8th March.

**Spring Fayre**

We will hold a Spring Fayre in the social centre/ parish grounds on Sunday 22nd March straight after 11am mass.

Save the date!! See attached poster.

**Building Fund**

**An email was sent out last term regarding making a payment towards our Building Fund. Thank you to those families who have already made a payment. This item is available on ParentPay.**

**Long Hair**

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

**Thank you**

Thank you to our families who donated supplies of socks/tights/underwear to replenish our dwindling supplies. If your child has "borrowed" some of these items from school please wash and return the items asap. Thank you to those families who already do this.

**Educational Visits**

Planning and preparation for our educational visits is well underway with some visits already confirmed. More details to follow.

**School Nurse Drop in Sessions**

Our next drop in session is Wednesday 25th February 8.30-9.30am.

We will let you know when appointments are available to book.

**Parents' Evenings**

10.03.2026 Parents' Evening **4.00pm-6.30pm**

11.03.2026 Parents' Evening **3.30pm-6.00pm**

**Booking appointments will be done through Parents Booking. We will let you know when booking opens. If you are booking appointments for more than 1 pupil, please ensure you access the booking system promptly to avoid long waits between appointments. Thank you.**

**Book Fair**

We will be hosting a book fair during next half term. The fair will be open straight after school from Thursday 26th February until Tuesday 3rd March. 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.

**Valentine's Arts & Crafts**

This will be held on Thursday 12th February from 3.10-4.00pm. Please see attached poster for details. Children will be able to participate in craft activities. Cash donations suggested for craft activities please. There will also be items available (eg stationery) to buy so please bring some cash. It would be great if families could bake goodies for our cake stall please. Thank you. All proceeds to school funds.

**Birthdays during February**

Happy Birthday to Reece (Y6), Ella (Y4), Sebastian (Y2), Bertie (Rec), William (Y5), Bets (Y4), Esme A (Rec), Charlie (Y1), Adalyn (Y6), Martha (Y1), Sonny (Y3), Esme (Y5), Klay (Rec) and Alfie (Y5).  
We hope they have a great day

