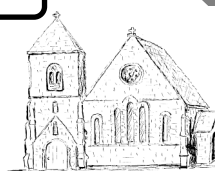


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Hothersall Lodge Educational Residential Visit

Our current Y5 class will have their educational residential visit to Hothersall Lodge from 13th-15th October 2025.

Payment for this visit is already on ParentPay. Please note there is a payment item for a deposit and a payment item for the balance. The deposit is to be paid as a one off payment item and the balance can be paid in instalments. Any queries regarding payment for this visit, please see Mrs Shell. Thank you to those families who have already paid the deposit. Also thank you to those families who are already making payment to the balance.

Year 6 Skiing

Year 6 will have skiing lessons on a Thursday afternoon throughout the autumn term. A letter has already been emailed out. Please text reply info required by Wednesday 9th July. Thank you.

New Reception Class 2025

Please ensure completed documents have been returned to school.

Dates for your Diary

26.09.2025 Coffee morning in school straight after 8.45am drop off.

04.10.2025 Welcome disco in the afternoon
More details closer to the dates.

Sports Afternoon

This is rescheduled for Thursday 17th July. All details remain the same. Gates open at 1.15pm in readiness for a 1.30pm start.

Y3 Skiing

Y3 will ski on Tuesday 15th July due to rearranged sports day. Please bring ski kits on Monday 14th July as we are at church on Tuesday morning and space is limited. Thank you.

More Retirement News

Our cook, Sharon is retiring at the end of the summer term. Sharon has been here with us for 25 years. We thank her for her years of cooking and baking expertise and her dedication. We shall miss her "can do" attitude and her generous portions! We come together to wish Sharon a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Curriculum Assemblies

Our assemblies are listed below for this Summer term. All assemblies will start at 9am with the exception of Y6.

04.07.2025 Year 1 **THIS FRIDAY**

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

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. Parents are invited to this special mass.

18.07.2025 Leavers assembly 2.30pm

Dates for your Diary

11.07.2025 PPTA non-uniform day

15.07.2025 Whole school mass in CHURCH 9am

17.07.2025 Sports afternoon

End of Academic Year Mass

This mass will be held on Tuesday 15th July at 9am in CHURCH. At this mass, Canon Lupton and Canon McBride will return to concelebrate with Father Stamp. During the mass we will pray for Mr Hall who is retiring at the end of the summer term. Children should be taken straight to church in the morning. Staff will be available at church from 8.45am. Children who attend breakfast club will be walked down to church by staff. All welcome to join in the celebration of mass. As usual, we are looking for help to walk the children back to school. Please pop a message on our PPTA fb page or text reply. Thank you.

Summer Holiday

School closes on Friday 18th July at 3.15pm and re-opens on Wednesday 3rd September at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.



PPTA Noticeboard

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

Thank you to all who attended this meeting.

New PPTA Committee Posts

Chair: Mr Tom Mackie

Vice Chair: Miss Gemma Ferguson

Treasurer: Mrs Sarah Mackie

Secretary: Ms Rachel Cassidy

Thank you to these volunteers for stepping forward to continue the valuable work our PPTA do for our school.

Thank you

A huge THANK YOU to our outgoing committee post holders. Debbie Prince, Victoria Hester, Amanda Cunningham and Catherine Heys. Between them they have served our PPTA for many years. They have been very generous with their time and constantly went above and beyond. We thank them for all they have done to enrich the educational lives of our children of St James the Less.

Non-uniform Day

This will be on Friday 11th July. 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. We will also have a card machine outside school on the day if you wish to contribute via the machine.

Summer Fair/Duck Derby

Our PPTA stall will have face painting/glitter/temp tattoos and we will also have guess the name of the teddy bear.

Please come and say "hello."

We are still looking for helpers for the summer fair. If you are interested in helping just pop a message on our fb page. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on Sunday 13th July after 11am mass. Bakers and helpers required. Please pop a message on our fb page.

Summer Fair/Duck Derby

This will be held in Saint James the Less church grounds THIS Sunday 6th July, straight after 11am mass.

Please do your best to pop along.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets in support of the summer fair have already been sent home. Please do your best to sell them and return ticket stubs and money to school.

Thank you to all who've already bought tickets.

Ticket stubs and money to be returned to school by THIS Thursday or taken straight to the fair on Sunday.

Parish Charity Shop

Our parish charity shop which is in the old school room will open on Sunday. Everything is very keenly priced!! Please pop in while you're at the summer fair.

Please note it will be payment by cash only at this point in time.

Dance Troupe

Relay for Life-Cancer Research UK

Our dance troupe have 2 performances lined up this weekend. The first performance will be at the Rossendale Relay for Life event.

Summer Fair/Duck Derby

Their second performance will be at our summer fair. A letter detailing arrangements has already been sent out.

A big thank you to our dancers and their very supportive families. A special big thank you to Mrs K., Mrs D. and Josh K.

Church Newsletter

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

Our church newsletter is also available on the fb page of our PPTA.

Birthdays during July

Happy Birthday to Sophia (Y1), Arlo (Y4), Archie (Y5), Frankie (Rec), Remy (Y2), Zaid (Y6), Kobie (Y3), Esme (Y4), Lucie (Y4), Betsy (Y4), Esme (Y6) and Ava (Y5). Also happy birthday to Heidi (Y5), Cece (Y1), Harvey (Y5), Jacob (Y5), Willem (Y6), Luke (Y6), Freya (Y3), Harry (Y4), Nieve (Y6), Evie (Y2) and Martha (Y3). We hope they have a great day



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Heritage Tea Party

Y6 pupils with their grandparents/invited guests/parishioners at our mass and tea party. It really is a very special occasion. These events are possible due to the huge number of PPTA volunteers who "make it happen." Huge thanks to our volunteers, including former parents .

