

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 8th September 2025

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### Welcome Letter

Please read welcome letter already emailed to all families. Lots of important information included.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

### Hothersall Lodge

Our Year 6 pupils will have their residential experience at Hothersall Lodge from 13th October to 15th October inclusive. The excitement is growing!

### 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.

### Silent Disco

The equipment has been delivered and we are all systems GO for our silent disco during the school tomorrow. Exciting!!

### Uniform

**Please, Please, remember to put names in school uniform and book bags. Every year we have upset children and parents as uniform has been "lost."**

### 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.

### Reception Class 2025

#### Dates for your Diary

26.09.2025 Coffee morning in school straight after 8.45am drop off. All welcome to have a cuppa.

Please pop in.

04.10.2025 Welcome disco in the afternoon

### Mass in Church

There will be a mass in CHURCH on Friday 19th September at 9am. This mass will be for Y1-Y6 children. Reception class children should come to school as usual. Drop children at church first and then bring your Reception class child to school. Don't worry if you're a little late getting to school.

Y1-Y6 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.

### Birthdays during September

Happy Birthday to Evelyn (Y2), Markiian (Y1), Esmae (Y5), Eden (Rec), Oliver (Y3), Mimi (Y2), Zachary (Y4), Rafael (Y3), Addison (Rec) and Arthur (Rec).

Happy Birthday also to Keaton (Y3), Oana (Y6), Francis (Y5), Ellis (Y1), Max (Y4) and Felicity (Rec). We hope they have/had a great day.



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**PPTA Noticeboard**

**Coffee Morning**

Our next coffee morning will be THIS Sunday 14th July after 11am mass. Bakers and helpers required. Please pop a message on our fb page.

**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.

**ParentPay**

All new parents have received log in details for ParentPay. Please activate your account. Several new parents still haven't activated their accounts.

**School Dinners**

Booking for October dinners closes on 24th September. Please ensure dinners are booked. If dinners are not booked children will be on the jacket potato/sandwich option for the month of October. Thank you.

**Dropping off & Picking Up Arrangements**

Just a polite reminder of our one way system for dropping off & picking up to ensure a smooth flow through some of the narrow areas around school. Enter the grounds through the gates to the right of the main entrance and follow the path through the infant yard past the junior classrooms. Please do not open any gates which are closed. Thank you for your support.

**The Old School Charity Shop**

Our parish charity is now open for business. Opening hours are Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, Sunday and Monday closed. Our shop is also accepting donations of goods so please donate when you're having a sort out. Donations can be taken directly to the shop. Thank you.

**Pupil Premium Grant / Free School Meal Entitlement**

All infant children receive universal free school meals, but **ALL** children are entitled to more than this if their parents receive certain benefits, such as Universal Credit, Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, and other criteria. If you receive any of these benefits your child would qualify for Pupil Premium Grant (PPG), which provides school with extra money to spend on your child. PPG children are automatically given free school meals in every year group (not just infants), free school uniform, vouchers towards groceries in the school holidays & HAF vouchers (subject to LCC approval), limited free access to after school clubs and many other teaching enhancements including extra tuition. If you have any doubts, please follow this link for more information. The form is completed online and won't take long to complete:-  
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>



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