

St James the Less Splash News
Week Beginning 9th February 2026

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Year 4 Class News

We have really enjoyed our Art topic this spring term. We know the difference between a tint and a shade and we have mixed our own tints and shades by adding black or white paint. Using this technique, we were able to carefully consider how we can adapt colour to create a 3D effect. Once we mastered tints and shades, we moved on to trying different arrangements of objects for a composition. Then, we produced a sketch that reflected the arrangement of the objects. Finally, it was time for the messy part! We began painting our still life pictures with care and control. We are very pleased with our final pieces!



"We loved learning about tints and shades. We also loved drawing everyday items like dictionaries, glue sticks and bottles for a still life painting. We LOVED getting messy with paint even if we did need to clean up after! We had so much fun." Bets and Nicholas

"We love swimming because we learn lots of strokes and every week we get free play. We have so much fun! We also learn how to be safe in water and that is important to know."

Aubrey and Kai

Curriculum Assemblies

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

13.02.2026 Year 4 **THIS FRIDAY**
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.

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
23.06.2026 Mass, 1pm, followed by Heritage Tea party
02.07.2026 Invitation day to Alder Grange, All Saints, BRGS & Haslingden High.
17.07.2026 Leavers assembly 2.30pm

Year 4 Swimming

Y4 are participating in swimming lessons for the entire academic year.

Swimming and water safety are statutory parts of the primary school National Curriculum for PE.

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.



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. We will also have a card machine outside school on the day if you wish to contribute via the machine.

Pancakes

We will serve pancakes this Friday afternoon. Thank you to those who are helping.

Coffee Morning

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

Spring Fayre

We will hold our first Spring Fayre in the social centre/parish grounds on Sunday 22nd March straight after 11am mass. We are looking for stall holders/helpers and donations. There's more information on our fb page. Please pop a message on our fb page or pop into the office. Thank you.

St Carlo Acutis

Some children visited the relics of Saint Carlo Acutis who is also the patron saint of Y6. Our school name was placed on an intentions card which will be laid under Carlo's tomb and offered during a mass in Assisi. It was a deeply meaningful experience for all.



Act of Kindness

Our school office were on the receiving end of a very thoughtful act of kindness. Mrs Stretch and Mrs Shell are very touched. Thank you.

Uniform

All long hair i.e. shoulder length or longer, must be tied back in a discreet bobble that **matches hair colour or uniform. Red Headbands and clips are permitted and small red/white bows.** Any other hair accessories are not permitted. Thank you for your support.

School Nurse Drop in Sessions

Our next drop in session is Wednesday 25th February 8.30-9.30am. A form has been sent out to book appointments.

Parents' Evenings

10.03.2026 Parents' Evening **4.00pm-6.30pm**
11.03.2026 Parents' Evening **3.30pm-6.00pm**

Book Fair

The book fair will be open straight after school from Thursday 26th February until Tuesday 3rd March. Please pop along to the book fair with your children.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday on 18th February. Please check our parish newsletter for mass times on this day.

Church Newsletter

Our church newsletter is available on the fb page of Holy Apostles Rossendale. It is also available on our PPTA fb page.

Educational Visits

Planning and preparation for our educational visits is well underway with some visits already confirmed. More details to follow. A HUGE THANK YOU to our PPTA who are making a £200 contribution towards each class visit reducing the cost to parents by £6/7. Please support our PPTA with their fundraising efforts.

Rossendale Hospice Penny Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed. We raised £235.90.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for supporting our poppy appeal. £364.68 was raised for the Royal British Legion. This super amount means we are the school who raised the most amount of money of schools in Rossendale (pro rata).

