

St James the Less Splash News
Week Beginning 3rd February 2025

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Reception Class News

We have been enjoying the Chinese New Year celebrations. When we arrived on Monday, we had lots of new areas to explore and find out about the festival. Our favourite area was the Chinese Restaurant. We enjoyed being chefs, waiters/ waitresses and serving the customers their delicious Chinese food.



We enjoyed painting our own snakes, in the outdoor area, as 2025 is the Year of the Snake.



We also enjoyed learning the story of 'The Great Race'. We loved using the stick puppets to recreate the race.



We made some Chinese lanterns and practised our cutting skills; it was very tricky, but we did it!

The dates of Chinese New Year varies from year to year as it is linked to the cycle of the moon. This year it runs from 29th January to 12th February. Chinese New Year is also known as **Spring Festival**.



"Kung Hei Fat Choi."

Finally, we enjoyed tasting some lovely Chinese food. The noodles and prawn crackers were delicious.



Curriculum Assemblies

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

14.02.2025 Year 5
28.02.2025 Year 6
07.03.2025 Year 4
14.03.2025 Year 2
21.03.2025 Year 3
28.03.2025 Year 1
04.04.2025 Reception class
Parents/Carers/Family members are invited.

Dates for your Diary

27.02.2025 School Photographer
11.03.2025-12.03.2025 Life Education Programme
14.06.2025 First Holy Communion Mass 11am

Year 6 Dates for your diary

26.03.2025 Educational visit Lowry Theatre
Week beginning 12.05.2025 SAT's week
16.05.2025 Celebratory SAT's breakfast
03.07.2025 Invitation day to Alder Grange, All Saints, BRGS & Haslingden High.
18.07.2025 Leavers assembly 2.30pm

Parents' Evenings

04.03.2025 Parents' Evening **3.30pm-7.30pm**
05.03.2025 Parents' Evening **3.30pm-5.30pm**

Booking appointments will be done through Teachers2Parents. 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.

Sacramental Programme

Father Stamp has finalised the dates for the Sacramental programme for Year 3 and the schedule has been emailed to parents and carers. Please keep these details to hand so as not to miss any meetings, workshops or masses. Thank you.

Sacramental Programme Mass

This will be held THIS Sunday 9th February at 11am.



PPTA Noticeboard

Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our recent meeting. Our next meeting is in school on Tuesday 1st April at 6pm.

Pancakes

We will serve pancakes during the afternoon of Tuesday 4th March. We are looking for helpers. Please pop a message on our fb page. Thank you.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on 9th March.

Movie Event

This will be held straight after school, in our school hall on Thursday 20th March. More details to follow.

Thank you

Thank you to our families who donated supplies of socks/tights/underwear to replenish our dwindling supplies.

Thank you to our hugely supportive PPTA who also shopped and donated these much needed items. 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.

Sports Kits

If your child has represented our school at a sports event and has been given a sports kit, please wash and return their kit asap. It's very disappointing for children who are representing our school at subsequent events if there isn't a full kit for them to wear.

Our children are extremely proud to put on our sports kits, go out and do their best. Thank you to all our families who already return kits promptly.

Parent Governor

We are looking for a Parent Governor to join our team. If this is of interest to you, please pop into the office for more details.

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.

Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

If you have a child due to start school in September 2025 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.

Book Fair

We will be hosting a book fair during next half term. The fair will be open straight after school from Thursday 27th February until Tuesday 4th March. More details to follow.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 5th March. There will be Mass in school at 9am. All welcome to join in the celebration of Mass. Year 4 will not attend mass with their swimming lesson taking place as usual on this day.

Ice Packs

If your child has had a bump at school and brings home an ice-pack. Please return it to school the following day. Our supply of ice-packs in school is dwindling and we are continually buying new packs. Thank you.

Half Term

School closes on Friday 14th February and re-opens on Tuesday 25th February at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.

Please note Monday 24th February is an inset day.

Birthdays during February

Happy Birthday to Reece (Y5), Ella (Y3), Sebastian (Y1), Evelyn (Y6), Rocco (Y6), Neo (Y6), William (Y4), Bets (Y3), Charlie (Rec), Adalyn (Y5), Martha (Rec), Sonny (Y2), Esme (Y4), Jack (Y6) and Alfie (Y4). We hope they had/have a great day

