

St James the Less Splash News  
Week Beginning 16th December 2024

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### Big News – Staffing Update

#### Mrs Cordey Hanson (Kath) is leaving



After nearly two decades, working as a teaching assistant at St James the Less, Mrs Cordey-Hanson is leaving our school to take on a new challenge.



World Book day—a few years ago

Although we are happy that Mrs Cordey-Hanson is able to try something different, we are really going to miss her.

Throughout her time at this school, she has been driven to serve with great kindness in the lives of so many children in every class. As well as her impact on pupils, she has made an indelible mark on her colleagues who will miss her fantastic sense of humour and boundless positivity. Kath, you leave this school with the highest possible praises from everyone who has had the pleasure to know and work with you. Sincere best wishes for the future. Thank you for everything!

**NOTE:** There will be a final assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9am for the staff and children to say our formal goodbye to Mrs Cordey Hanson. This event will have an open invitation for parents/carers to attend.

#### Other Departures

We say our goodbyes to Mrs Preston, who has covered two maternity absences in Year 1 and Year 2. Thank you for supporting these children for the past year. Miss Carroll also leaves this time as she moves from being a teaching assistant to work as a teacher. We wish both Mrs Preston and Miss Carroll every success for the future.

#### Year 2 Teacher – Mrs Broadleday returns

After the Christmas holidays, Mrs Broadleday will take over as Year 2 class teacher. She has already spent some time with the children who are both sad to see Mrs Preston leave and yet happy to have Mrs Broadleday for the rest of this academic year.

#### Merry Christmas!

On behalf of all the team, I wish each of you a very happy festive period.

God Bless

Mr G Hall (Headteacher)

### Year 2 Class News

We enjoyed making our advent wreath and have written our own prayers about what we are thankful for. We had fun decorating our classroom and Christmas tree.



We are currently writing our own Christmas invitations and are learning how to write command sentences and how to use formal language to write these. We have received an invitation to an elf party for the last week of term and are very excited about this!

Our favourite activity this term has been making our own moving monsters. Everybody did a wonderful job!

In maths we have been singing pop songs to help us recall our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables!

#### School Christmas Dinner

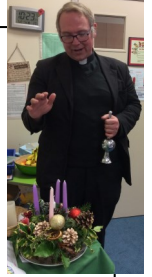
A huge thank you to our kitchen staff who prepared lunch for 165 children and 7 adults! WOW!!

*“Christmas lunch was delicious, we got to wear Christmas outfits like a jumper or a headband with tinsel.”*



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**PPTA Noticeboard**

**Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all who supported our recent coffee morning. A total of £86 was raised.

Our next coffee morning is 12th January.

**Christmas Production and Workshops**

Just Imagine Theatre are coming into school on Thursday 19th December. This event costs £1,800 and is totally funded by our very generous PPTA. Thank you to all those who support PPTA fundraising campaigns so our pupils can benefit from amazing opportunities afforded to our school by our PPTA.

**Raffle**

Thank you to those who donated raffle prizes. Thank you to all those who bought raffle tickets. The draw has now taken place and raffle prizes will be sent home this week.

**Calendar**

Our calendar is now available to buy. A huge thank you to all the companies/businesses who have sponsored our calendar. If you didn't buy a calendar on the evenings of our Christmas productions, you can make payment on ParentPay and a calendar will be sent home. Please note the last date to order calendars to receive before Christmas is Wednesday 18th December. Calendars will still be available to buy after Christmas if we have stock left!! Price is £5!!

**Advent Wreaths**

All classes made their own Advent wreaths. Father Stamp came in to look at them to select the best wreath.....and the winner is Year 5.

**Year 4 Swimming**

NO swimming lesson on Wednesday 18th December. Lessons resume on Wednesday 8th January.

**Y5 Skiing**

Year 5 will start skiing lessons on Thursday 9th January. Letters with details have already been emailed out.

**Forest Schools**

Year 3 will start Forest School sessions on Monday 6th January.  
Year 2 will also start Forest School sessions on Monday 6th January.  
Letters with details have been emailed to parents.

**Christmas Holiday**

School closes on Friday 20th December at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 6th January at 8.35am in readiness for a 8.45am start.

**Thank You**

A huge thank you to all who work so tirelessly as part of our PPTA. Our PPTA volunteers are small in numbers but mighty in spirit and enthusiasm.

**IMPORTANT DATE**

The closing date for Primary school applications is 15th January 2025.

All applications to be done on-line.

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

Please submit a SIF to school in support of your application. Thank you.

**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.

**Christmas Productions**

All of our Christmas productions were hugely successful and great fun!! A big thank you to all our families for their support.

**Christmas Mass Times**

Christmas Mass times can be found on our PPTA fb page and on the parish newsletter. This information has also been emailed to families. Please take a look.

**School Mass**

There will be a whole school mass in SCHOOL on Friday 10th January at 9am. This mass is to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany.

All welcome to join in the celebration of mass.

