



## St. James' Church of England Primary School



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### Vision Statement

Guided by our Christian Values, we endeavour to inspire, cherish and serve our school community. We strive to be exceptional in all we do. We will nurture a love of all God's children. We seek to build respect for all faiths and beliefs.

*'Serve one another in love' (Galatians 5.13)*



### Mission Statement

Together we value, inspire and develop each other within a happy, safe community based on Christian values and respect for other faiths.

*'Show respect to everyone' (Peter 1 2.17)*

## THE SCHOOL FOCUSES THIS YEAR ARE: READING, RE & WORSHIP

### Uniform donations

The cost of school uniform is continually rising, and replacing lost, old, or outgrown school clothing can be a considerable financial burden for many families. We are therefore inviting parents to donate their children's uniforms that are no longer used due to clothes being too small or children moving schools.

Please can donations be handed to the school office and please can clothes come into school washed and in a respectable condition.

Thank you very much for your continued support.



### Harvest

Harvest at St. James' is a perfect time for school to cherish and serve our community as stated in the school's vision. Harvest is a celebration of the annual gathering of farmer's crops and thanking God for this.

Please can parents/ carers send unopened packaged food products into school with children that can be donated to Al-Imdaad and the local foodbank. These will then be distributed to families in need and can make a huge difference to people's lives. Thank you for your continued support.



### Parent Governor Election

Please ensure that any parent governor forms are handed in before the 30th September by 12pm. If you are enthusiastic about your child's school and would like to make an impact, please hand your form into the school office in an envelope.

## Sports Premium Funding

Year 3 and Year 5 were lucky enough to enjoy not just the warm weather outside, but an enriching, activity packed day. Children of 3J, 3P, 5B and 5N had their trip funded by Sports Premium meaning that parents didn't need to pay for the days out.

The days started at 9:00am, as all the children boarded the double decker bus to Great Harwood.

The children arrived at Bowley Scout Camp and were greeted with harnesses and helmets.

Children faced their fears by climbing trees, jumping from platforms, and zipping along the zipwire!

New skills were acquired and learnt during the trip, as children fired arrows at a target during the archery session, and threw 'angels' at targets of different sizes and heights during a friendly competition.

Children and staff equally had an invaluable day out, and even returned back to school in time for the 3:00pm bell!

## Pupil Premium Funding

Your child's school may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

Pupil premium funding will allow your child to be admitted to Breakfast Club without charge, receive a discount for certain trips and events such Robinwood. Children will also get free school meals and in KS1 free school milk. You can apply at the following address:

<https://mybwd.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Form%20Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

## Attendance and Discretionary Leave

Children must not be taking time off school to attend appointments or holidays. Children will only be authorised time away from school under exceptional circumstances.

It is important that children arrive to school before 8.40am as learning begins as soon as children enter the classroom.

For more information please contact the school office. Discretionary leave forms can also be collected from here.

## Term Dates

23.09.19 - 25.09.19 - Robinwood Trip

**30.09.19 - School Photograph Day**

10.10.19 - Year 3 Cathedral Visit

**11.10.19 - Children's Flu Jabs**

16.10.19 - Parents Evening

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18.10.19 - School closure at 3.00pm

**INSET 28.10.19 - Staff Training Day**

29.10.19 - School Reopens

