



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)

Dear Parents and Children,

All of the staff at school are missing you and you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. We are aware that many of you will be observing the holy month of Ramadan and hope you have a safe, peaceful and blessed month – **Ramadan Mubarak**.

This week we have also celebrated St. George's Day and National Talk like Shakespeare Day both on April 23rd.

From **Monday 27th April** onwards your teachers and Teaching Assistants will be phoning you at home; we are very much looking forward to speaking with you about your learning and how you are getting on generally. Additionally, all classes will now have a class email which can be accessed through the school website class page which you can use to share work and communicate with your teachers.

St. George - The Patron Saint of England

It was St George's Day on Thursday 23rd April. St George is the Patron Saint of England.

St George is most widely known for slaying a dragon. According to Legend, the only well in the town of Silene (modern day Libya) was guarded by a dragon. In order to get water, the inhabitants of the town had to offer a human sacrifice every day to the dragon. On the day that St George was visiting, a princess had been selected to be sacrificed. However, he killed the dragon, saved the princess and gave the people of Silene access to water.

Talk to your family about Patron Saints, what do you know about St George, St David, St Andrew and St Patrick?



Important information for Parents

For information and to apply [Government Free Schools Meals](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals), please visit: www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals

Parents/Carers, please check the junk folder of your emails to see if your Free School Meal vouchers have been delivered.

The [Blackburn with Darwen Help Hub](#) can help the local community who may need some support. This can be help with accessing food and other essential supplies to help get through these challenging times. People can ring even for someone to talk to. You can get in touch with the Help Hub by phone: 01254 588111.



EYFS & KS1 Challenge

Following the celebration of St. George's Day. Using recyclable materials in your house, try and make a 'Junk Dragon'.

St. George couldn't defeat the dragon without his sword and shield. Try and make one of these too!



KS2 Challenge

National Talk like Shakespeare Day April 23rd

Did you know?

William Shakespeare (English poet, playwright and actor) has been credited with inventing over 400 words.

He did this by: joining two words, changing verbs into adjectives, changing nouns into verbs, adding prefixes to words and adding suffixes to words.

Can you unscramble ten of his new words?

1. rembace _____
2. whlo _____
3. cimim _____
4. logw _____
5. cphae _____
6. wdan _____
7. nocrolt _____
8. rigem _____
9. llyoen _____
10. pealgrof _____

Worship and reflection

This week, think about **Courage**. "God himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." - Deuteronomy 31:8 . Thinking about this scripture, try to be brave when facing any struggles in your day to day life.



Dear God, You reach into the darkness with hope, truth and light. Stretch out your strong hand in this situation, hold and rescue those who have suffered. Let your almighty love move mountains, cross seas and breathe life into the darkest places.

Amen