SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend the **Meet the Teacher** sessions on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend, please see the slides on Seesaw for important information regarding routines and expectations.

We have had an eventful start to the year, from African Drumming, to child-led worships, visits from Reverend Emily and a local Geography fieldtrips in Year 1 and Year 2. Additionally, children from Year 2 through to Year 6 were given special leadership roles and responsibilities after successful applications. These roles include: **Wellbeing Warriors, Student Council, Eco Warriors** and **Worship Leaders**. These roles allow children to learn about citizenship and make the school a safe, happy and exciting place to be.

In other news, school advisor, Nick, visited on Monday - he was invited to take a tour around school as well as discuss on the recent school developments in Nursery and Reception. I am very pleased to say we received a lot of positive feedback including this message:

'The school environment has never looked so good, with warm welcomes from all staff and exemplary behaviour across the school from the children at Leyland St James."

Well done everyone! 🙂

Finally, please take note of a number of key dates within this week's newsletter - this covers Autumn 2 and the Christmas period, parents' evening and themed days.

Wishing everyone a nice weekend,
Mr Atherton



A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS .....

Made up of volunteers, parents, staff and members of the local community we are all here with one shared goal - making sure our children are safe, happy and thriving.

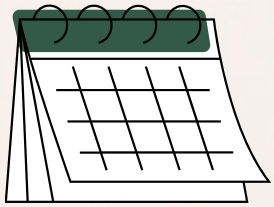
Think of the Governing Board as the school's critical friend. While the headteacher and staff handle the day to day running of the school, the board works behind the scenes to guide the big picture.

You, as parents and carers are partners with us in this. You will start to see items here from time to time telling you about our work.

We are currently looking for a parents governor to join us - could this be you?

If you are interested please contact school to find out more by expressing your interested - l.gallagher@leyland-st-james.lancs.sch.uk

Kind regards,
Christine Haworth (Chair of Governors)



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autumn 1

· 25th September - Harvest Festival at Church (Y6 to lead)
· 25th September - Church Bingo 7-9pm
· Black History Month - 1st - 31st October
· 2nd October – School Photos (Tempest Photography)
· 5th October - Library Workshops - Poetry and Rhyme
· 9th October - Flu Vaccinations
· 9th October - Mental Health Themed Day (wear something yellow)
· 14th October PTFA Disco
· 15th October - Choir Church Service 15/10/26 3:30 at Church
· 19th October – Intake 2027 Open Day 1:30pm
· 20th October – Intake 2027 Open Day 9:45am
· 21st October – Finish for half term at 3:15pm
· 22nd October-1st November (inclusive) - HALF TERM

Autumn 2

· 2nd November - School reopens after half term at 8:45am
· 6th November - Non-Uniform Day. Children to bring an item for the Christmas Fayre
· 10th November Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6 (information to follow)
· 11th November - Act of Remembrance Worship for Year 6 children and parents
· 14th November - Leyland St James' Christmas Fayre
· 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week (wear odd socks to launch on Monday)
· 30th November – 4th December (pm) – PTFA Secrets Room – details to follow

KS1 Christmas

8th December 6pm – KS1 Nativity
· 10th December 9:30am – KS1 Nativity

KS2 Christmas

Christmas Singalong – Parents and Carers invited to join in a Christmas Singalong in the school hall.
· December 14th 9.15-10.15am Y5 & Y6 Festive Singalong
· December 15th 9.15-10.15am Y3 & Y4 Festive Singalong