

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitche

Mr D Stitche, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Well, that's it! It's the summer holidays!

It's a funny time of year in school as we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and some of our staff who are moving onto new adventures and opportunities.

We would like to wish all our Year 6 children well as they move onto to their secondary schools. Please do come back and visit!

I'd also like to wish Miss Power, Mrs Mekari, Mrs Gariwala, Mrs Kothari and Mrs Ravat all the best – I'm sure we'll see you all again!

A huge thank you to all of you for your support this year – it's not been easy! From the issues with RAAC to the problems with traffic on the roads, if someone had told me in September that by the end of the

year, the Prime Minister would have mentioned St James' in Parliament or that Mr Cameron and I would become lollipop men, I'm not sure I would have believed you!

But it does make you wonder what next year has in store?

I'd like to wish you all a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing all the children back with us on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 for it all to start again.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitche



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Increase to Nursery Fees from September 2024

Session	Times	Charge per session
Breakfast Club	8:00am-8:30am	£3.00 inc breakfast
Morning Session	8:30am-11:30am	£14.00
Lunchtime	11:30am-12:10pm	Cost of main school meal (lunch included)
Afternoon session	12:10pm-3:10pm	£14:00
After School	3:10pm-5:00pm	£8

Price increase of Breakfast Club & School Meals from September 2024

We would like to advise that from Tuesday 3rd September 2024 there will be a price increase to the cost of breakfast club and school meals. The current price for breakfast club is £1 per day, this will rise to **£1.50** per day, to ensure all children attending continue to receive a healthy breakfast and the best supervision before they start the school day. School meals will also increase from £2.35 to **£2.40** per day for a nutritionally balanced two-course meal. It should be noted that a school meal still provides excellent value for money. We continue to work closely with LCC who provide the catering service and have taken their advice with the price increase but still remained lower than the recommended charge per day. They continue to offer an exciting and varied range of meals which are both healthy and nutritious. All of the menus are developed in line with the nutritional standards which meets the government food standards and gives value for money.

There will be no impact for KS1 children who receive the Universal Infant Free School meal offer, or our students in receipt of Free School Meals.

For parents who pay for school meals we would like to remind you that it may be worth making an application for Free School Meals <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

I ask for your understanding with these price increases and fully appreciate that times are tough. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask them and I'll do my best to answer them.

Please be reassured that, we will continue to assess the meals to ensure that their quality is maintained.



School Uniform Reminder

PE KIT

Children to come to school in PE kit on their PE/Games days

- ❓ Navy blue shorts
- ❓ White round neck t-shirt with logo
- ❓ Black pumps (not trainers)
- ❓ For health and safety reasons headscarves are not allowed in PE or games. If required a sports/athletics hijab may be brought in to wear during the session
- ❓ For health and safety reasons earrings, Taweez, head scarves, watches, bracelets etc are to be removed by the child before the session. If earrings cannot be removed by the child they must be covered over before arriving at school.
- ❓ Long hair is to be tied back safely.

GAMES

Children to come to school in PE kit on their PE/Games days

- ❓ Appropriate dress is required for outdoor games and swimming
- ❓ Trainers may be worn for outdoor games.
- ❓ Children must not wear football boots inside the building
- ❓ Some KS2 children will require a swimming costume, a towel and a swimming cap.
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EARLY YEARS CENTRE

V-neck royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo
White polo shirt with logo
Black trousers, joggers or leggings

KS1

V-neck royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo
White polo shirt with logo
Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers
White or grey socks/grey tights
Pale blue gingham summer dress (Spring 2–Autumn 1)
Black shoes

KS2

V-neck royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo
White shirt
School tie
Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers
White or grey socks/grey tights
Pale blue gingham summer dress (Spring 2–Autumn 1)
Black shoes

Headscarves must be royal blue and not contain jewels or beads.

For health and safety reasons, we advise children do not wear jewellery to school.

Official school uniform stockist: Whittaker's Schoolwear, 20 – 26 Church Street, Blackburn, BB1 5AL



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Help us to love the world we live in.
Help us to have the courage to be exceptional in all we do.
Help us to respect the people around us
Thank you for making our school your home.

Amen



Follow the school on social media to keep up to date on what is happening in and around school!

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCofEBlackburn)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](https://twitter.com/st_blackburn)

Please note that you don't need to have an account to view our social media pages.

