

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came to our coffee morning on Wednesday! It was lovely to see so many of you and to have the opportunity to chat.

We received lots of really useful feedback from parents, and it was fabulous to hear so many of you feel your children are really happy at St James'!

We plan to host a variety of information events and workshops over the coming year, so please do keep an eye out for those!

This week, I was contacted by the police who have informed me that they will be coming to enforce the parking over the coming weeks – so please remember to park legally and safely or you could end up with a hefty fine just for saving yourself a couple of minutes! They haven't given me any dates – and it might be that they turn up unannounced.

I really want to get to the point where a newsletter introduction from me does not mention driving or parking!!

Attendance Update!

A couple of weeks ago, I told you that our attendance was at 97% and above the national average.

I am thrilled to say that we are still at 97% and still above the average! These extra days of learning will make such a difference over the time your child is with us so please, do keep making sure your child is here every day!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend! I'm taking my daughter back to university on Saturday so I'm looking forward to a few weeks of not being told how annoying I am!

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APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL ARE NOW OPEN FOR PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL

Applications for school places in 2024/25 are now open 🎓

Make sure you get your applications in on time. The deadline for Secondary school applications is 31 October 2024 and the Primary schools applications closing date is 15 January 2025 📅

For more information and to apply go to ➡️
<https://blackburn.gov.uk/school-admissions>



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Book your Parents Evening appointments now..
Appointment slots for the Autumn term parent meeting:

Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October 2024 are available
on the School Spider app now.





Celebration Lunch in school – Thursday 3rd October

To mark the start of the 2024-2025 school year we have decided to have a welcome back to school celebration lunch open to all pupils if they would like to have a school meal on Thursday 3rd October. Please order your child's meal on the school spider app, the meal is **FREE** for all pupils in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2, and children entitled to pupil premium in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. For all other children the cost is £2.40.

Menu:
<i>Homemade pizza margherita with oven baked chips and freshly prepared salad</i>
<i>Or</i>
<i>Halal chicken burger in a bun with oven baked chips and freshly prepared salad</i>
<i>Or</i>
<i>Cooks choice of oven baked jacket potato with freshly prepared salad</i>

Please order your child's meal on the school spider app



If you think your child may be eligible for pupil premium/free school meals please follow the link below..

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

PUPIL PREMIUM PARENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS IT?

'Pupil premium' is **additional funding** for our school to ensure we can support all pupils to **achieve their best.**

It's not a personal budget for individual pupils, but we will aim to **prioritise the academic support** of eligible pupils with it.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible if you receive: income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance, asylum seeker support, universal credit, child tax credit, working tax credit, or state pension.

Remember: Our school can only receive pupil premium for your child if you claim it.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Get in touch with your **local council as soon as possible** to see if you're eligible.



attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASSES 1F, 3B & 5R WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	99.6%
RW	99.2%
1A	99.0%
1F	100.0%
2K	94.7%
2W	99.1%
3B	100.0%
3M	99.6%
4A	99.7%
4S	99.3%
5B	99.3%
5R	100.0%
6H	98.3%
6V	98.3%

95%
and
above

90% -
94.9%

Below
90%



If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.



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WHOLE SCHOOL *updates*



St. James' Stars of the Week!

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. Who will be receiving a certificate next week?

Pre-School & Nursery		Fatimah I & Ayaan P	
RG	Duaa R & Ahmed C	RW	Sakeena D & Amaan P
1A	Muhammad P & Khadijah I	1F	Duha D & Zayn P
2W	Hajrah A & Yersalem D	2K	M Isa A & Hawwa A
3M	Hasan A & M. Umar Z	3B	Haris A & Umaima I
4S	Zain D & Muhammad Saad S	4A	Ali A & Judyta A
5B	Joudy M & Aaqib P	5R	Muhammad G & Umar K
6V	Safiyah E & M.Hasan F	6H	Issa P & Aliya R



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"The children have continued to learn about Autumn this week. We have learnt a new song about hedgehogs and the children have been great at remembering the actions. The children have become artists again and whilst painting with ear buds and forks to create autumn trees and hedgehogs. We have also created hedgehogs using play dough and loose parts. The children have blown us away with their imagination and creative skills."

Action

Please remember to book a parents evening slot.

Reception

"This week the children have been discussing who is in their family and who they live with. In Maths we have been finding the numbers 1, 2 and 3 using different representations. In literacy we have been reading a new story called 'Peace at Last'. The children enjoyed retelling key parts of the story."

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Action

- Thank you for completing homework and sending in family photos. Please continue to read and share the lending library book with your child. You can then write what you discussed in their reading planner.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

In year 1 we have had another fantastic week! The children were amazing during our live fire session. This was followed by discussing and ordering the key events of the 'Great fire of London'. In English we acted out the story of the Gruffalo and we definitely have some budding actors!

Action

- Please ensure that you are reading at least three times a week with your child and signing the planner each time.

Year 2

Year 2 have continued to look at the book 'The Jolly Postman', they have written an extra chapter in the same style of the author. In maths we finished looking at numbers to 100. In science drew around each others feet and those of other children in school to see whether our feet get bigger as we get older.

Action

- "Homework books have been sent home. Please find this terms homework on the school website. This weekend, please can everyone check their children's hair for nits. Thank you."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

This week, they have been working on their writing skills when describing a character. They have also been learning about bar charts and number bonds to 100. The children have worked extremely hard.

Action

- How well does your child know their 2 and 3 multiplication tables?

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week. We have been writing our very own fantasy stories in English and we have been looking at bar charts in Maths. We are really enjoying our science topic of electricity and the children are enjoying doing lots of experiments.

Action

- Please remind children to read regularly and to practise their times tables



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

This week Year 5 have enjoyed writing the ending to chapter 7 of the 'Outlaws'. We were hooked on the archery contest taking place in Nottingham and cannot wait to read the ending. We've also learnt how to round efficiently and are beginning to use this knowledge to apply it with using the inverse to solve calculations. We are still undecided on whether we prefer the column method, rounding or using the inverse. Which do you prefer?

Action

As we have entered Autumn, please can we remember to wear appropriate outdoor clothing to shield us from any weather conditions. Please could you also read at least 3 times a week and ask any related comprehension questions using VIPERS (the children will be familiar with this acronym and will tell you all about it)

Year 6

"Year 6 have completed their topic on 'Place Value' in Maths. They have now moved to 'four operations.' In English, they have continued to enjoy reading Skellig and writing a flashback."

Action

- Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit as they will be doing P.E on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for support in helping your child read at home, please keep this continued. Also, continue in supporting their times table knowledge.



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



After school Clubs

- Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills club (Thurs – 3:05-3:50pm)
- Phonics Club (Mon – 3:05 – 3:35pm)

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

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](#)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](#)

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

