

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Date: Friday 11th Oct 2024



Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a week! Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone for your understanding yesterday when United Utilities decided it was a good time to break (and then fix) the water network. Sending children home is the last thing we ever want to do but when we do not have washing facilities or functional toilets, we're not left with any other options. We have been assured by United Utilities that the problem is now resolved so we don't foresee any more problems. I'd also like to thank all the staff including Mrs Madbouli, Mrs Taylor, Mr Cameron, Mrs Rehman and Ms Heyworth who sorted everything so efficiently whilst Ms Moore and I were not in school. Everyone chipped in! Mrs Umarji and Mrs Patel were on hand to deal with phone calls and Mr Mason and Mr Brindle gave up their release time to assist! So thanks to all the staff for coping so well.

One thing that we have noticed is that we may not have everyone's up-to-date contact details - if you've changed your number since the last time you gave us it, we need the new number so that we can contact in emergencies (just like yesterday)!

Next week is the final week of this half-term so just a reminder that we finish school as normal on Friday 18th October and return on Monday 28th October - there is no INSET day.

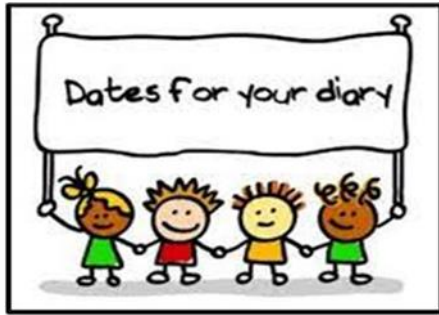
Have a lovely weekend. I'm hoping to catch-up on some sleep but imagine I will be stood at the side of a freezing cold football pitch watching my son play!

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Parents Evening Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October
School closure @ 3:05pm 18th October
School re-open @ 8:35am 28th October
Pupil and sibling photos in school 29th October



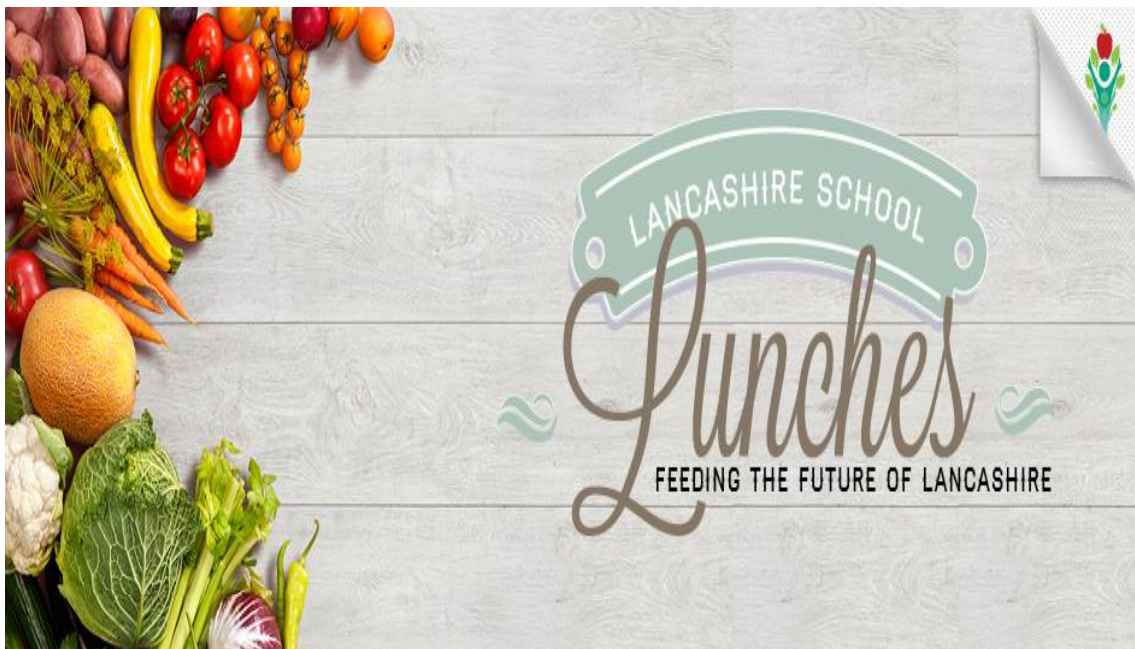
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New Lunch Menu – November 2024 – February 2025

The Autumn/Winter school lunch menu is available now on the School Spider app.

Please order your child's lunches for the full term to ensure they receive the meal of their choice each day.



Christmas Lunch Menu

Tuesday 3rd December 2024



The menu card features a festive red background with white snowflakes and a yellow star. At the top, the words "CHRISTMAS Lunch" are written in a white, stylized font. The menu items are listed in a white box: "Roast Halal Chicken & Vegetarian Sausage or Roast Quorn Fillet & Vegetarian Sausage Served with Sage & Onion Stuffing Roast & Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy ~ Iced Vanilla Sponge". The card is decorated with illustrations of Santa Claus, a snowman, a reindeer, and a penguin. At the bottom left is the website "lancashire.gov.uk" and at the bottom right is the "Lancashire County Council" logo.

CHRISTMAS
Lunch.

Roast Halal Chicken
& Vegetarian Sausage
or
Roast Quorn Fillet
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Served with
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Roast & Mashed
Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
& Gravy
~
Iced Vanilla Sponge

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Lancashire
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A Christmas Cracker
given to all pupils



Please pre-book your Christmas Lunch from
Friday 11th October.. Available to book on
School Spider now



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East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by ELCAS
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth. You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect

Wed 2 nd October 2024	1pm - 3pm
Wed 9 th October 2024	3pm - 5pm
Wed 16 th October 2024	5pm - 7pm
Wed 23 rd October 2024	1pm - 3pm



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Wed 13 th November 2024	3pm - 5pm
Wed 20 th November 2024	5pm - 7pm
Wed 27 th November 2024	1pm - 3pm



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Wed 4 th December 2024	1pm - 3pm
Wed 11 th December 2024	3pm - 5pm
Wed 18 th December 2024	5pm - 7pm



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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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attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 3M WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RG	87.3%	
	RW	85.0%	
	1A	94.8%	
90% - 94.9%	1F	97.9%	
	2K	92.1%	
	2W	98.2%	
	3B	96.3%	
	3M	98.7%	🏆
	4A	96.9%	
Below 90%	4S	97.3%	
	5B	97.3%	
	5R	96.2%	
	6H	98.5%	🏆
	6V	96.9%	

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



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		Maryam M & Musa H	
RG	Adam A. & Khadijab B.	RW	Haniya B & H. Patel
1A	All of 1A & M. Ruhan P	1F	Khadijah A & Muhammad P
2W	Aasiya C & Ahmed K	2K	Aaminah G & Hamza F
3M	Amelia M & Maheen M	3B	M.Eesa M & Fatima K
4S	Mohammed Umar M & Haniya H	4A	Zahra A R & M Hadi A
5B	Karim A & Bilal B	5R	Fatimah M & Robyn S
6V	M. Hasan F & Maryam M	6H	Medina S & Cristiana C



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"The children have had another fantastic week in nursery whilst using their senses to explore and learn. We made fruit kebabs and tasted different fruits. The children described the fruits using words such as sweet and sour. We also observed and explored pumpkins. We made predictions of what might be inside and then cut the pumpkins open to find out. We are very excited to keep the seeds and plant them later on in the year.

Action

"Parents evening will take place next week. Please check the family app for more information. "

Reception

Children thoroughly enjoyed being in our nursery building this week. They loved exploring the outdoor space, working on their physical development, turn-taking and communication skills. We have also been looking at the different seasons and all the signs of Autumn. We have begun to learn about 'Mae Jemison' and will continue this next week. Ask your child all about her!

Action

- Please make sure you read to your children. If you have any old 'dressing up' outfits that would be suitable for our role play area donations would be greatly welcomed. This can include religious attire that the children can use. Thank you for your support.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 1

"In Science, we have been looking at different types of materials and their properties. Why not try and find different materials around the house and describe their properties. Is it hard, soft, smooth, opaque, transparent or maybe bendy? "

Action

- "1A's worship will be on Wednesday 16th October. We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can. Next Tuesday, we are going on a local walk, weather dependant. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing. Coat and trainers etc."

Year 2

We've had a busy week in year 2, full of different practical experiments! In English we made a rain cloud and used adjectives to describe how the raindrops fell. This was ready for our new poem 'Raindrop'. Also, in science we had our hands covered in glitter germs! We learnt the importance of washing our hands and not letting the germs spread.

Action

- Parents evening is next week, please book in if you haven't already done so. Keep reading over the weekend. One more week left until half term.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at features of an information text and have begun to plan for this on an animal. We have shown great resilience in adding and subtracting numbers using a written method too! We are becoming masters at netball and beginning to understand the game whilst throwing and catching confidently.

3B Reads!

In September 2024, students have read...

46 Books

54,589 Words
for **5 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

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3M Reads!

In September 2024, students have read...

21 Books

28,779 Words
for **3 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

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Action

- Planners to be signed three times a week.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week. In English we have been looking at the features of a newspaper and in Maths we have been subtracting 4 digit numbers.

Action

- Please ensure children are practising their times tables regularly



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

We've had another productive week of learning in Year 5. The children have enjoyed identifying common multiples and finding factor pairs and have used this knowledge to reason and problem solve. We've also enjoyed writing fact files on earthquakes and cannot wait to complete our newspaper reports.

Action

Please remember to complete mathematics homework for Wednesday and read at least 3 x per week. Thank you.

Year 6

"Year 6 have worked extremely hard this week in Maths, they have used all their four operations to calculate long division. We will continue with this next week. In English, year 6 have started a non-fiction book 'Heroes' which is about animals, who have been courageous, saving lives during the war."

Action

- Reminder for 'Parents Evening' next week, both Mrs Valli and Miss Hussain are looking forward meeting you.
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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.

