

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Another very busy week in school has come to an end. This week, we have really focused on our value of respect and discussed the importance of Remembrance Day. On Monday, we will hold our annual service of Remembrance at the church. It will be a short but solemn service as we take time to remember all those who have died or been injured in conflicts around the world, both past and present.

A quick reminder that in the afternoon on Monday, we will be hosting our open afternoon in the Key Stage 1 Hall so if you or anyone you know are considering St James' for children starting Reception next September, please do pop along for a fairly informal session. Choosing the right school for your child is such an important decision and we want to make sure you know everything about us before you decide. There will be a short talk from some of our current pupils so you can hear what it's really like to come here!

And finally, I'd just like to remind everyone about making sure the children are wearing the correct uniform. We do not insist on lots of expensive and branded items, but we are seeing an increasing number of children coming to school wearing costume jewellery, trainers (when it is not their PE day) or other changes to the uniform. Insisting children are wearing school uniform is an important tool schools can use to combat bullying. Everyone is dressed in the same way, so it reduces the chances of teasing or mocking. But more importantly, it's about being part of the team. We want everyone to feel as though they belong here and wearing our uniform is an important part of that!

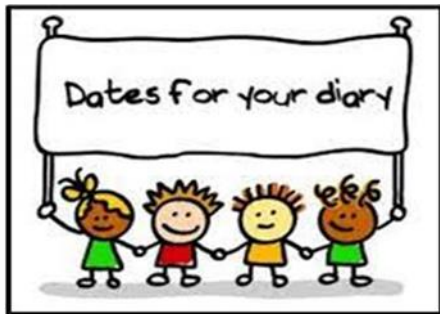
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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Wednesday 27th Nov

School Winter Warmer @ 2pm in
KS2 hall – children staggered
finishing times, more information to
follow.

Monday 9th Dec

Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert @ 2:15pm in
KS2 hall

Tuesday 10th Dec

Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Carol Concert @
2:15pm in KS2 hall

Wednesday 11th Dec

Reception nativity @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall

Thursday 12th Dec

Year 6 Pantomime @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall

Monday 16th Dec

EYC Christmas Carol Concert @ 11:00am in EYC

Monday 16th Dec

EYC Christmas Carol Concert @ 2:30pm in EYC

Wednesday 18th Dec

Church Service at 10:30am (KS1) and 11am (KS2)

Friday 20th Dec

School closure @ 3:05pm



OLD UNIFORM

We are committed to being a sustainable school, and we ask that if you have any old school uniform that is in good condition, please can you donate it to school.

We can only accept uniform which is clean and in good condition. Please bring it in the morning and drop it off to the office.

We thank you in advance.



COME & JOIN IN WITH OUR

St. James' Winter Warmer Wednesday 27th November

Join us in the KS2 hall
Come in and warm up
with a selection of
food and drink

All children must be supervised and are the responsibility of the accompanying adult.

We look forward to welcoming:

- * KS2 children & parents from 2:15pm
- * Nursery and KS1 children & parents from 2:45pm

All proceeds go to the School Fund

The school fund has a large impact on the community and children's learning as it provides many out of classroom opportunities from educational trips to extra-curricular activities. Previous funds raised have supported experiences such as; residential trips, class trips, and celebrations within school.



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With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ChooseRespect



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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.



A festive Christmas lunch menu card with a red background, snowflakes, and illustrations of Santa Claus, a snowman, and a penguin. The text lists the menu items for Tuesday 3rd December.

CHRISTMAS Lunch.

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

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Free Christmas Cracker

**Christmas Lunch Menu
Tuesday 3rd December**



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PE Dates

Autumn 2

This is a list of dates your child will have PE this half term. It is important that your child wears the correct PE uniform for their PE lesson.

As this half term your child will be doing Dance in PE, they will need to wear suitable INSIDE clothing, including pumps.

A reminder that when it is your child's PE day they must NOT wear earrings to school.

	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>	<u>Week 6</u>	<u>Week 7</u>	<u>Week 8</u>
<u>Reception</u> <u>(RG & RW)</u>	Friday 1st Nov	Friday 8th Nov	Friday 15th Nov	Friday 22nd Nov	Friday 29th Nov	Friday 6th Dec	Friday 13th Dec	Friday 20th Dec
<u>Year 1</u> <u>(1A & 1F)</u>	Monday 28th Oct Wednesday 30th Oct	Monday 4th Nov Wednesday 6th Nov	Monday 11th Nov Wednesday 13th Nov	Monday 18th Nov Wednesday 20th Nov	Monday 25th Nov Wednesday 27th Nov	Monday 2nd Dec Wednesday 4th Dec	Monday 9th Dec Wednesday 11th Dec	Monday 16th Dec Wednesday 18th Dec
<u>Year 2</u> <u>(2K & 2W)</u>	Tuesday 29th Oct Thursday 31st Oct	Tuesday 5th Nov Thursday 7th Nov	Tuesday 12th Nov Thursday 14th Nov	Tuesday 19th Nov Thursday 21st Nov	Tuesday 26th Nov Thursday 28th Nov	Tuesday 3rd Dec Thursday 5th Dec	Tuesday 10th Dec Thursday 12th Dec	Tuesday 17th Dec Thursday 19th Dec
<u>Year 3</u> <u>(3B & 3M)</u>	Monday 28th Oct Wednesday 30th Oct	Wednesday 6th Nov	Monday 11th Nov Wednesday 13th Nov	Wednesday 20th Nov	Monday 25th Nov Wednesday 27th Nov	Wednesday 4th Dec Wednesday 11th Dec	Monday 9th Dec	Wednesday 18th Dec
<u>Year 4</u> <u>(4A & 4S)</u>	Monday 28th Oct Thursday 31st Oct	Thursday 7th Nov	Monday 11th Nov Thursday 14th Nov	Thursday 21st Nov	Monday 25th Nov Thursday 28th Nov	Thursday 5th Dec Thursday 12th Dec	Monday 9th Dec	Thursday 19th Dec
<u>Year 5</u> <u>(5B & 5R)</u>	Friday 1st Nov	Monday 4th Nov Friday 8th Nov	Friday 15th Nov	Monday 18th Nov Friday 22nd Nov	Friday 29th Nov	Monday 2nd Dec Friday 6th Dec	Friday 13th Dec	Monday 16th Dec
<u>Year 6</u> <u>(6H & 6V)</u>	Tuesday 29th Oct	Monday 4th Nov Tuesday 5th Nov	Tuesday 12th Nov	Monday 18th Nov Tuesday 19th Nov	Tuesday 26th Nov	Monday 2nd Dec Tuesday 3rd Dec	Tuesday 10th Dec	Monday 16th Dec Tuesday 17th Dec



attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 2W WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	86.8%
RW	97.7%
1A	94.3%
1F	90.5%
2K	92.6%
2W	99.0%
3B	93.7%
3M	96.0%
4A	96.3%
4S	97.3%
5B	97.0%
5R	97.9%
6H	94.3%
6V	92.7%

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		Sidra H, Muhammad Izyan H, Aima N & Sarah J	
RG	Anisia-Andreea D. & Hisham K.	RW	Fatimah G & Maryam H
1A	Naila N & Ibrahim S	1F	Khadijah Aasif A & Juwairiyah P
2W	F. Noorah & Ayat A	2K	Inaaya MM & Abu-Bakr V
3M	H. Farooq & M. Hussain	3B	Raees K & Anaya P
4S	Muhammad P & Maariyah P	4A	Asra F & Yusha S
5B	Safa M & 5B	5R	Amaan M & Faheemah P
6V	Muhammed M & Sana J	6H	Aamina H & Hassan S



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"This week the children have really enjoyed learning about Bonfire night and firefighters. We dressed up as firefighters, sang firefighter songs and even made a fire engine during forest school. We have used our creative skills to make a variety of pictures including firework prints, natural bonfire pictures and blowing paint to make fireworks. The children loved making their own edible sparklers using bread sticks, chocolate and sprinkles. We talked about what sounds sparklers make too. "

Action

"Please check the Family App to see our rhyme of the week this week. Parent 'stay and play' will take place on the 14.11.24. Please see the Family App for times. "

Reception

"The children have done lots of great learning this week. In literacy they have sequenced the story 'Lost and Found' and discussed the characters and setting. We have been really impressed! In maths we have practised counting and representing numbers. The children have also painted some great self-portraits. "

Action

- "Please ensure you order your child's lunch on the School Spider app before the start of the new term. If you have wellies at home for your child, please send these in every Monday and Wednesday. We cannot ensure your child will receive the exact size, or even a pair of wellies. Thank you. "



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Once upon farm lived a... This week have continued to read our class text, 'What the Ladybird heard'. We have been looking at adjectives and we have used them to describe the setting of a farm. Please discuss with your child, what they might find on a farm. In Maths, we have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. Why not go on a shape hunt! What shapes can you find? 2-D - Squares, rectangle, circles, triangles 3-D - cuboid, sphere, cube, pyramid"

Action

- "Please remember to either remove or cover your child's earring on Mondays and Wednesday for PE."

Year 2

This week the children had fun creating a story map of 'The True Story of The Three Little Pigs'. We started a new science topic, where this week we focused on the absorbency of different materials. The children carried out an experiment to test which type of tissue would be best to clean up spilt water!

Action

- Thank you to those children who completed their maths homework. A new challenge has been stuck in their Homework books. Please complete this alongside reading. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been learning all about the grid method for multiplication. A new strategy which they will use many times at St. James. Also, the children have been continuing to innovate a story based on 'George's Marvellous Medicine'.

3M Reads!

In October 2024, students have read...

78 Books

118,893 Words

for **8 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

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3B Reads!

In October 2024, students have read...

76 Books

89,193 Words

for **7 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

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Action

- Well done to 3M for October as they have read the most books and words for the month. Keep up the good work everyone.

Year 4

"It's been another busy week in year 4. In maths we have been practising mental multiplication methods using 3 digit numbers while in RE we have been discussing the concept of light and its links to Christianity and Islam. In English we have been sequencing parts of a story and in Guided Reading we focussed on onomatopoeias in poems about fireworks. We also enjoyed our first Egyptian dance lesson.

Action

- Please continue to practise times tables and read the ZPD book 3 times a week. Thank you.
- "



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 5

"This week Year 5 have started planning their historical fiction story. Any research into working conditions for children in the Victorian times will be helpful when writing these stories next week. In Maths, we have continued looking at fractions and in particular how to convert from an improper fraction to mixed fractions."

Action

Please sign your child's planner when they have read at home. Children should read at least 3x a week.

Year 6

"In Maths we have been recapping and looking at equivalent fractions as well as ordering and comparing fractions with the same numerator/denominator. We also have had to find a common numerator/denominator to help us order the fractions. In English we have wrote a poem based on poppies to remember those who have lost their lives. "

Action

- 6V church service is on the 11.11.24. P.E is on Tuesday next week only. Please ensure your child is reading at least 3x a week and please leave a comment in their diary so we can keep track which child is actually reading at home.



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 & Tues – 3:05 – 3:35pm)
- Year 4 Timetables Club
- (Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm)
- Year 6 Maths
- (Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm)

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.

