

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone who came to our Open Afternoon on Monday! It was a lovely afternoon, and our Year 6 children did a brilliant job of showing people around. Please remember, the deadline for applying for a primary school place for next September is 15th January 2025!

It's definitely getting colder out there on the lollipop crossing! As we head into the winter months, please make sure you send your child to school with appropriate outerwear for the conditions.

It's also the time of year when thoughts turn to snow and ice and whether or not school will be open in certain conditions. I just wanted to remind you of the action we will take in the event of severe weather. A senior member of staff who lives locally will assess the conditions and liaise with me over the phone (as I live 60 miles away and it may be lovely and sunny where I am!) and we will decide whether to open as normal, close

the school or to opt for a delayed opening. A delayed open is always our preference if it's snowing or icy as it gives us time to see what the weather will do. In any event, we will keep you informed via the website and School Spider! Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact information!

And speaking of winter, on Wednesday 27th Nov in the afternoon is our Winter Fair which was hugely successful last year. You will have received a letter about how we plan to stagger it to make sure it's not too crowded. Last year was so popular, there wasn't a lot of room so this will help ease congestion a bit!

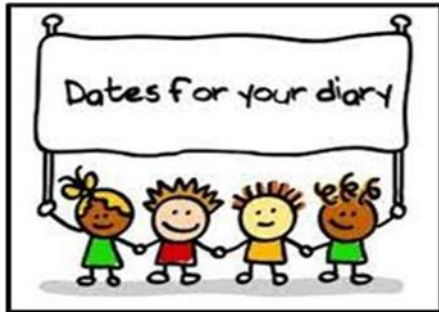
Have a lovely weekend. I am playing in goal in a 'Dads v Lads' football match; so, if you see me on crutches on Monday, you'll know why!

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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

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.

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

Wednesday 27th November all KS2 children will finish school at 2:15pm. Please collect your KS2 child from the normal pick up point at 2:15pm, if your child walks home alone they will leave school at 2:15pm. Nursery and KS1 children can be collected from the normal pick up point at 2:45pm.

This is so that you can attend our Winter Warmer with your child in the KS2 hall where we will have a selection of food and drink on sale. We are staggering the collection times to ease congestion and ensure the health and safety of everyone attending. All proceeds go to the school fund.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 4S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	90.8%
RW	95.5%
1A	93.9%
1F	96.3%
2K	94.9%
2W	96.4%
3B	96.4%
3M	96.4%
4A	97.6%
4S	98.2%
5B	96.8%
5R	97.3%
6H	96.6%
6V	95.3%

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		Hakeem M, Eliza H, Fatimah I, Muhammad S	
RG	Mohammed Rayan M. & Mishal I.	RW	Muhammad T & Momin J
1A	Zoya Q & Amna S	1F	Muhammad Haris A & Muhammed P
2W	Sireen B & Shifa P	2K	Emaan RF & Amna AA
3M	Maheen M & Radwan B	3B	Ahmed I & Fatima R
4S	Fatema P & Rehan RA	4A	Huda P & Nafia Z
5B	Umar V & Sulayman H	5R	Alexandru P & Norhan H
6V	Malayeka H & Ayra K	6H	Tooba Y & Khadija K



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"This week the children have focused their learning on Remembrance day and people who help us. They have made poppies using paint, cutting and sticking and play dough. They have played in our new doctors area, taking care of each other and using their imagination really well. Thank you to everyone who attend our 'Stay and Play' sessions this week. It was lovely to see how confident the children were to show off their skills in nursery. We can't wait for our Christmas Concert. "

Action

Please continue to encourage your child to independently put their coat on.

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.
- 'Please read at least four times a week with your child'.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"This week has been purrfect! We have finished our art topic this week based on the artist Tanya Russell and the children have created clay cats and evaluated their final pieces of art. We have started to create our Tudor houses for D.T. We can't wait to show you their houses"

Action

- "Please remember to complete your child's school meals on Spider App each week as your child may not get their choice of meal! Please ensure the children are wearing the correct school uniform when possible. "

Year 2

Year 2 have been writing story based on our book, 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs.' We have also been proving that some building materials do absorb water. Another busy week for your children!

Action

- As the weather gets colder and wetter, please can you make sure that your child has a waterproof coat with them.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting week writing their own stories based on George's Marvellous Medicine. They have also been dancing in groups and individually, thinking about the theme of 'Dances are the world'.

Action

- Please check when your child has PE each week.

Year 4

Year 4 have practising reading comprehension strategies this week while learning about volcanoes and tectonic plates. We had a very noisy science lesson experimenting with the volume of musical instruments and enjoyed a first rehearsal for our Christmas carol concert.

Action

- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, reading at least times per week and practising times tables. Thank you.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

This week, children have written their own historical fiction stories and have done so with great understanding and flair for the Victorian times. In Maths, they have continued to learn more about fractions and how these can be useful in everyday life. Thank you for a fantastic week Year 5!

Action

Please continue to read at least 3 times a week and remember to wear your PE uniform on the correct days.

Year 6

"6V were fantastic on Monday's church service. Well done to them. Year 6 have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions. They are now aware when to convert fractions when the denominators are not the same. In English, they have produced some brilliant poems inspired by 'The Flanders Field'. Now, they have started to plan a diary entry as a child who has been impacted during the World war."

Action

- "PE will be on Monday and Tuesday, please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit. Your child's Century Tech should be working now, a kind request please do not change their username and password. Year 6 will soon be preparing for their Christmas production, we will need your help in providing costumes for their play."



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)
- Year 5 & 6 Netball Club (Thurs 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.

