

# ST JAMES' Newsletter

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*Doug Stitches*

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

## Dear Parents/Guardians

It's Friday again! I'd firstly like to thank you all for your understanding when we decided to withdraw the traffic crossing patrol due to the weather. We couldn't take the risk of a car skidding into Mr Cameron - or me! We do try to ensure the crossing is staffed wherever possible; but there will be times where it is not safe for us to do so.

This week was not helped by some particularly aggressive driving from some residents and parents. **The speed limit on Earl Street is 20 mph!** The police will be coming again so please watch your speed and if traffic in front of you stops, wait and look before attempting to overtake!

Still on the topic of the roads, we were notified last week that Cadent will be doing gas works in December down Earl Street. Although the dates have not yet been confirmed, this will cause significant disruption. There may well be temporary traffic lights - and if this happens, we should be given a temporary zebra crossing. However, Cadent have told us that local drivers have a tendency to drive through red lights so any crossings will need to additional care.

There is a possibility that the gas supply to our buildings may need to be switched off. However, we have been assured that this will take place at weekends. In the event that weekday works are unavoidable, we will have no option but to resort to online learning. However, this is very much the worst case scenario!

On a lighter note, we are really looking forward to our Winter Warmer event on Wednesday 27th November! This was such a success last year and I've seen the amount of work Mrs Rehman and Miss Heyworth have put into organising the afternoon, so we really hope to see all of you there! There will be lots of food!

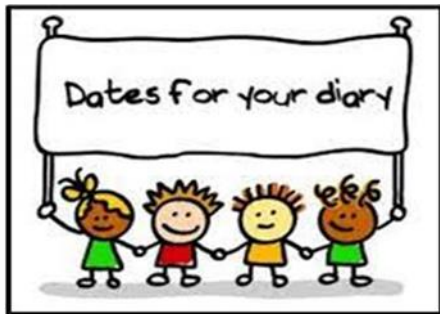
Have a lovely weekend and stay safe in the very changeable weather! For those of you interested, I made a couple of good saves in last week's football match, but my son scored against me and I am nursing a few pulled muscles - apparently, although in my head I am a young man; I am actually far too old to be playing any kind of sports!

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**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

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

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

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

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Reception nativity @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Year 6 Pantomime @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**

EYC Christmas Carol Concert @ 11:00am in EYC

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**

EYC Christmas Carol Concert @ 2:30pm in EYC

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

School closure @ 3:05pm





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**2:15pm in KS2 hall**

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**Thursday 12th Dec**

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**Year 6 Pantomime @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall**

Tickets cost £1.00 per person. No late guests will be permitted to enter. Tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis. As there will be a lack of space due to the attendance expected, we will not be able to allow prams into school. If you would like to purchase tickets, please purchase tickets from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 8:30am** from the School Office



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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**

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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**Lancashire**  
County Council

The poster features a festive red background with white snowflakes and a yellow star. It includes illustrations of Santa Claus, a snowman, a reindeer, and a penguin. The Lancashire County Council logo is at the bottom right.



**Free Christmas Cracker**

**Christmas Lunch Menu  
Tuesday 3rd December**



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# A Big Thank You

For your donation of 103.5KG to Blackburn Foodbank for Harvest 2024.

Your donation weighs the same as a reindeer.

Your donation will help us support the people of Blackburn with  
Darwen who need it the most.



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# 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!



# Free Early Years Education

HOW MANY FREE HOURS YOU CAN GET PER WEEK

	2 year olds	3-4 year olds
Working families	15 Hours Now 30 hours Sept 25	30 hours Now
Families receiving additional Government support	15 hours Now	N/A
All families	N/A	15 hours Now

\*Refer to [Childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://Childcarechoices.gov.uk) for Full Criteria & Eligibility & to apply



# Free Early Years Education



## RECOMMENDED TIME TO APPLY FOR YOUR CODE

- codes **must** be reconfirmed every three months to remain eligible

when your child turns 2 years or 3 years	when they can get Free hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October - 30 November (no later than 31 December)
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January - 29 February (no later than 31 March)
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July (no later than 31 August)

Your code may need reconfirming before your child commences a Early Years place if you apply too early.



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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>
<b>Reception</b> <b>(RG &amp; RW)</b>	Friday 1st Nov	Friday 8th Nov	Friday 15th Nov	Friday 22nd Nov	Friday 29th Nov	Friday 6th Dec	Friday 13th Dec	Friday 20th Dec
<b>Year 1</b> <b>(1A &amp; 1F)</b>	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
<b>Year 2</b> <b>(2K &amp; 2W)</b>	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
<b>Year 3</b> <b>(3B &amp; 3M)</b>	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	
<b>Year 4</b> <b>(4A &amp; 4S)</b>	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	
<b>Year 5</b> <b>(5B &amp; 5R)</b>	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		
<b>Year 6</b> <b>(6H &amp; 6V)</b>	Tuesday 29th Oct	Monday 4th Nov	Tuesday 12th Nov	Monday 18th Nov	Tuesday 26th Nov	Monday 2nd Dec	Tuesday 10th Dec	Monday 16th Dec
		Tuesday 5th Nov		Tuesday 19th Nov		Tuesday 3rd Dec		Tuesday 17th Dec





# attendance **MATTERS**



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

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	<b>83.8%</b>	
RW	96.2%	
1A	98.6%	🏆
1F	92.7%	
2K	90.0%	
2W	98.1%	
3B	98.3%	
3M	90.7%	
4A	96.0%	
4S	99.3%	🏆
5B	93.7%	
5R	96.7%	
6H	97.8%	
6V	94.0%	

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.



# 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		Hassan S, Mohammad Shazain, Hussain A & Ayaan P	
RG	Zayn Y. & Daniyal A.	RW	Haris Y & Ibraheem P
1A	M. Hassan S & Rafia Z	1F	Muhammad Ashir A & Ajwa F
2W	Zara A & Aaysha C	2K	All of 2K & Momina S
3M	Umar Zubair & Eisa Aslam	3B	Gamar A & M.Eesa P
4S	Abdullah V & Zara A	4A	Haleema Y & Haniya R
5B	Halima S & Waris K	5R	Nabeeha M & Aizah N
6V	Phoenix M A & Yasa H A	6H	Anaabia I & Yusuf A



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Forest Pre-School & Nursery*

"The children have had a fantastic week at nursery learning about vets, playing in the snow and using their imagination skills around the classroom. The children have really enjoyed observing the changes in weather during our forest school sessions. We have discussed how ice is made and what happens if it melts. "

## *Action*

"Please encourage your child to put their coats on independently. Please remember to send named hats in as the weather gets colder. "

## *Reception*

"What another great week! The children have been reading the story 'Whatever Next' and sequencing it in the correct order. In Maths they have been learning one more than and one less than with numbers up to 10. They have also been making their own rockets in the creative area.

## *Action*

- "Thank you for reading regularly with your child. Please complete any homework in your child's purple homework book. "





# YEAR GROUP updates



## Year 1

"This week we have continue to build our Tudor houses. The children have used different materials and equipment to put their houses together. Next week, we are going to design the exterior of the house. In PE, we have been using what we have learnt about The Great Fire of London to create a dance, we have used beats of 4 to create a sequence of actions."

## Action

- Just a reminder that the Winter Warmer is on next Wednesday. Please pick up your child by 2:45 from the normal exit. We look forward to seeing you there. Ho Ho Ho!!!

## Year 2

"A big well done to 2K for their amazing Parent Worship yesterday all about 'kindness'. You all performed so professionally and with great confidence! We have started to learn the songs for our 'Christmas Carol Concert'. In English we have started a new non-fiction text named 'All About Autumn'. The children had a fun lesson looking at all the clues to figure out what they would be reading. "

## Action

- Thank you to those who have completed their homework and reading this week, keep it up!



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 3*

This week, Year 3 have been learning all about time. They have been reading the time, writing time and also recording it. In English, children wrote their own story based on the book 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. The children have worked very hard and the stories are brilliant.

### *Action*

- Please continue to help your child learn this as it is a very useful life skill.

## *Year 4*

"Miss Ahmed and Mrs Stott are very proud of year 4 this week. You have been focused and determined during assessment week. Well done for all of your hard work. In science we have been experimenting with all kinds of equipment to prove that sound waves are vibrations and in Geography we have been comparing Cairo and Athens."

### *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 the children have been learning about Nelson Mandela and how inspirational he was over the course of his lifetime. They will continue researching more about him over the next week. In Maths, we have continued looking at fractions and have learned how to subtract mixed numbers and improper fractions.

## *Action*

Please continue to read with your child at least 3x a week and sign their planners.

## *Year 6*

This week Year 6 have completed their mock SATS. They have worked incredibly hard all week and we are so proud of them. Keep working hard! In the afternoon we have started to work on our pantomime and there is lots to do over the next few weeks.

## *Action*

- "Please help your child with their lines. Your child must get their diary signed with a comment at least 3x a week.
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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 & 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.

