

# ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Date: Friday 29th Nov 2024



*Doug Stitcher*

**Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher**

## Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you to everyone who attended our Winter Warmer event on Wednesday! We raised an amazing £706 for school – which we will use towards reducing the costs of trips and visits over the year! It was wonderful to see so many of you there.

I really need to thank all the staff who helped make sure it was such a success, but especially Mrs Rehman and Ms Heyworth who spent so much time organising everything.

Apologies for the queue at the Candyfloss stand... I'm definitely thinking of re-training as a Candyfloss Vendor!

We are now at the start of the very busy Christmas period in school. We begin next week with our Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day – for me, I just love

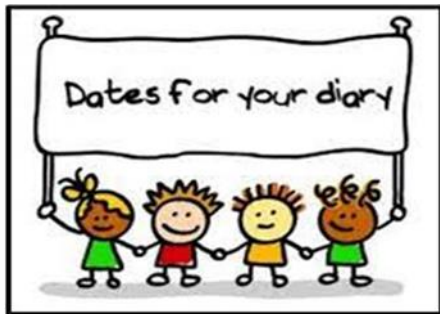
not having to wear a suit! So please make sure you check the newsletter for dates carefully so you don't miss any of our Christmas events

Also, a reminder that the deadline for applying for a place at St James' in Reception in September is fast approaching so, please, make sure you get your applications in – even if your child has a sibling at the school – you still need to apply through the online form. If you need any assistance at all, please contact the office and our very friendly office staff will help you through the process!

Have a lovely weekend. I'm looking forward to having no plans at all and just taking it easy for a couple of days!

Mr Sticher





<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	Concert Tickets on Sale from the office from 8:30am
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Jumper day & Christmas Lunch
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Carol Concert @2:15pm in KS2 hall
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reception nativity @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 6 Pantomime @ 2:00pm in KS2 hall
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	EYC Christmas Carol Concert @ 11:00am in EYC
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	EYC Christmas Carol Concert @ 2:30pm in EYC
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Church Service at 10:30am (KS1) and 11am (KS2)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School closure @ 3:05pm





**Monday 9th Dec**  
**Tuesday 10th Dec**

**Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall**  
**Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Carol Concert @**  
**2:15pm in KS2 hall**

**Wednesday 11th Dec**  
**Thursday 12th Dec**

**Reception nativity @ 2:15pm in KS2 hall**  
**Year 6 Pantomime @ 2:00pm 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.



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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County Council



**Free Christmas Cracker**

**Christmas Lunch Menu  
Tuesday 3rd December**



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# Family Hub



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

## Parent Group Leader *Training opportunity*

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) is a parenting programme delivered by parents who live in their own community.

Parent Group Leader training equips parents to facilitate *Being a Parent* group/course in their own communities, with continued support from specialist EPEC Supervisors.

*Being a Parent* helps parents to learn practical skills for everyday life and bring up confident, happy and co-operative children. The programme supports parents to develop positive parenting strategies, learn effective communication skills and supports them to understand their children's behaviour and development.

**Parent Group Leader training is voluntary and is delivered 1 day per week over 10 weeks. This will be from Tuesday the 14th January at Family Hub Shadsworth**

Once trained parent group leaders will deliver the programme for 2 hours a week in an 8 week block, this will be delivered alongside another parent group leader, the programme does not run during school holidays.

Contact Laura Mckelvey 01254 666536 [laura.mckelvey@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:laura.mckelvey@blackburn.gov.uk) for an informal chat and to find out some more information.



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AUDLEY LEARNING CENTRE

# FREE OPEN DAY

AT PRINGLE ST, BLACKBURN, BB1 1SF.



☑ SATURDAY  
7TH DECEMBER  
10:30 TO 13:30

☑ FREE  
EVENT FOR ALL

FESTIVE CUPCAKES,  
LEGO ROBOTICS,  
HENNA TATTOOS,  
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES  
AND MUCH MORE!

NO NEED TO BOOK  
JUST COME ALONG &  
JOIN THE FUN

VISITS FROM  
LANCASHIRE FIRE  
& RESCUE



Blackburn with Darwen

ADULT LEARNING

MORE INFO:

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# 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>	<b>Week 6</b>	<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>90.4%</b>
RW	<b>88.8%</b>
1A	<b>93.2%</b>
1F	<b>95.5%</b>
2K	<b>85.8%</b>
2W	<b>94.7%</b>
3B	<b>93.7%</b>
3M	<b>93.3%</b>
4A	<b>94.3%</b>
4S	<b>98.7%</b>
5B	<b>96.3%</b>
5R	<b>90.4%</b>
6H	<b>94.3%</b>
6V	<b>97.3%</b>

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		Odai A, Muhammad Hashim, Ali P & Shabana A	
RG	Aasiyah R. & Alina M.	RW	Safaa A & Abu Bakr O
1A	Ibrahim M & Firdaus H	1F	Hawa I & Ajwa F
2W	Aayan H & Sarim	2K	Anastasia-Georgiana A & Muhammad Isa A
3M	Tayyab S & Ibrahim M	3B	Gamar A & Uzair M
4S	Maryam S & Muhammad ibraheem J	4A	Anas A & Marius D
5B	Muhammad P & Javeria Y	5R	Fatima T & Fuzail S
6V	M. Ismail A & Huda S.	6H	Anayah A & Aazim H



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Forest Pre-School & Nursery*

"This week the children have read the story 'Stick Man'. The children have started to recite the story using key vocabulary and answer questions about the story too. They have started to role play the story during forest school sessions and made their own stick people. We are also learning about the season of Winter. We have discussed the changes in weather and explored how it feels and looks outside. The children have really enjoyed finding ice outside and talking about the frost they can see on the grass. "

## *Action*

Please check the family app for any upcoming dates.

"

## *Reception*

"The children have had another great week. In literacy they continued reading the story 'Whatever Next' and wrote a list of what Baby Bear took to the moon. In maths they looked at finding one more and one less than a number up to 10. The children also used different materials to collage their very own astronaut. "

## *Action*

- Thank you for reading regularly with your child.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 1*

"FIRE FIRE! This week things have been hotting up in Year 1. We have started to read the book called, 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. Building on what we have already learnt in History and PE. We have added the story and a song on Google Classroom to continue the learning at home."

## *Action*

- "If you would like a ticket for the KS1 carol concert please go to the office. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible."

## *Year 2*

Year 2 have begun to look at money this week, especially focusing on coins and their value. A tricky concept for some. Please can you help your child to understand the value of coins.

## *Action*

- Please remember to sign up for school lunches on the spider app.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 3*

Year 3 have worked hard at identifying a range of different 3D shapes and building these in a variety of different ways! We have begun to look at explanation texts and are developing our writing skills to complete this soon.

### *Action*

- Look at key Christmas dates in the newsletter.

## *Year 4*

This week year 4 have explored information texts about The Great Plague and Egyptian Irrigation. We have identified the parts of a report and practised writing information sentences. We also wrote an adventure story featuring a hot air balloon. The children enjoyed creating spreadsheets in computing and experimenting with design. Meanwhile, in RE, we have been thinking about how we can bring light to the lives of people around us, just like Jesus.

### *Action*

- Please continue to practise times tables and read at home.
- Thank you.



# YEAR GROUP updates



## Year 5

Year 5 have had another fantastic week learning. In Maths, we have moved onto the topic of Multiplication and Division. The children will be learning how to apply their timetable skills to solve difficult questions. In English, children have written a letter to the South African government asking for equal rights for everyone from Nelson Mandela's point of view. These have been fantastic to read. Lastly, as we work up to the final few weeks of school, children have been learning their songs in preparation for the Carol Concert!

## Action

Please continue to learn and sharpen your timetables skills from last year. Remember to learn the songs that you will be performing in the Carol Concert and also don't forget to read at least 3x a week!

## Year 6

"Year 6 are doing really well with their rehearsal for the pantomime. They have also continued their learning with some more fractions in Maths: this time, multiplying fractions with a whole integer. In English, year 6 have started a new class novel 'Carries War', which is set in 1973 based around World War II. It is inspired by the author herself, Nina Bawden and her experiences living as an evacuee in a Welsh mining valley."

## Action

- "It was lovely seeing parents who attended the Winter Warmer. Please continue with your support and a special thank you to parents who have already sent their child with the costumes and props for the Pantomime. Year 6 have been given their homework on Century Tech, ensure your child completes this before the deadline."



# 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.

