

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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C of E Primary School
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Date: Friday 20th Dec 2024



Doug Stitche

Mr D Stitche, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Well, that's us done for two weeks! It is finally the end of the very long Autumn Term and school will be closed until Tuesday 7th January 2024 when we open at the usual time.

The end of term is where we often have to say goodbye to well-loved faces. This week we say goodbye to Mrs Mahmood who has been with us for nearly ten years! We wish her all the best as she starts her new job at another school. I'm sure all the staff and children will miss her a lot.

I would also like to thank you all for your support; particularly over the last couple of weeks as we have had what seems like an endless stream of Christmas events. Your attendance and support is very much appreciated by the staff and by the children. I was fortunate enough to go to all of the different performances which culminated this week with the Nursery

Carol service. It's probably the most festive I have seen school since I have been here and it's been wonderful as children of different faiths come together to celebrate and enjoy the feel around school. This was no more noticeable than at our Christmas Church Service yesterday which was very well-attended!

I hope you all have a relaxing break; and if you are celebrating, everyone at St James' wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Personally, I'm looking forward to ferrying my son around and being told off by daughter for being 'annoying'! It really is the 'most wonderful time of the year'!

We will see everyone in 2025!

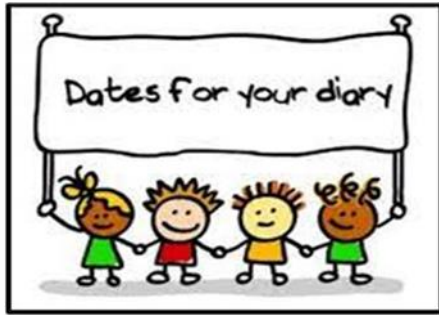
Have a lovely holiday!

Mr Stitche



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- Tuesday 7th Jan 2025** School re- open
- Tuesday 28th Jan** International Lego Day special lunch
- Tuesday 11th Feb** Internet Safety Day and special lunch
- Wed & Thurs 12-13 Feb** Parent meetings in school
- Wednesday 2nd Apr** Eid Lunch



FREE Winter lunches

Monday 30th December

Tuesday 31st December

Thursday 2nd January

Friday 3rd January

11:30 – 1:00

at

Family Hub Livesey

Family Hub Darwen

Family Hub Shadsworth

Family Hub Little Harwood

**To register please phone 01254 585000 or
drop in to one of our Family Hubs/Childrens Centres**



Family Hub

Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth



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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 for an informal chat and to find out some more information.



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NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS

REMINDER OF CODE DATES

Code Validity Dates – Spring Term

Statutory guidance requires all parents to apply/reconfirm their working families entitlements for the Spring Term by **31st December**. We cannot accept code start dates after this date for the Spring Term.

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.

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 for Full Criteria & Eligibility & to apply



PE Dates

Spring 1

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 of this half term your child will be doing Gymnastic 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>
Reception (RG & RW)	Friday 10th Jan	Friday 17th Jan	Friday 24th Jan	Friday 31st Jan	Friday 7th Feb	Friday 14th Feb
Year 1 (1A & 1F)	Wednesday 8th Jan	Monday 13th Jan	Monday 20th Jan	Monday 27th Jan	Monday 3rd Feb	Monday 10th Feb
		Wednesday 15th Jan	Wednesday 22nd Jan	Wednesday 29 Jan	Wednesday 5th Feb	Wednesday 12th Feb
Year 2 (2K & 2W)	Tuesday 7th Jan	Tuesday 14th Jan	Tuesday 21st Jan	Tuesday 28th Jan	Tuesday 4th Feb	Tuesday 1th Feb
	Thursday 9th Jan	Thursday 16th Jan	Thursday 23rd Jan	Thursday 30th	Thursday 6th Feb	Thursday 13th Feb
Year 3 (3B & 3M)	Wednesday 8th Jan	Wednesday 15th Jan	Monday 20th Jan	Wednesday 29th Jan	Monday 3rd Feb	Wednesday 12th Feb
			Wednesday 22nd Jan		Wednesday 5th Feb	
Year 4 (4A & 4S)	Thursday 9th Jan	Thursday 16th Jan	Monday 20th Jan	Thursday 30th Jan	Monday 3rd Feb	Thursday 13th Feb
			Thursday 23rd Jan		Thursday 6th Feb	
Year 5 (5B & 5R)	Friday 10th Jan	Monday 13th Jan	Friday 24th Jan	Monday 27th Jan	Friday 7th Feb	Monday 10th Feb
		Friday 17th Jan		Friday 31st Jan		Friday 14th Feb
Year 6 (6H & 6V)	Tuesday 7th Jan	Monday 13th Jan	Tuesday 21st Jan	Monday 27th Jan	Tuesday 4th Feb	Monday 10th Feb
		Tuesday 14th Jan		Tuesday 28th Jan		Tuesday 11th Feb



attendance **MATTERS**



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

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	90.0%
RW	94.2%
1A	98.2%
1F	92.7%
2K	80.5%
2W	94.8%
3B	83.7%
3M	90.7%
4A	87.7%
4S	98.3%
5B	89.3%
5R	93.7%
6H	91.6%
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		Everyone!	
RG	Aisha K. & Yahya V.	RW	Abdullah M & Sakeena D
1A	Zala M & Muhammad P	1F	Amaan P & Aaira P
2W	Zara A & Aysha K	2K	Emaan R F & Aminah G
3M	M. Eisa & M. Taha	3B	Amreha F & Arslan K
4S	Rayyan J & Sana A	4A	Ibrahim P & Muhammad P
5B	Lubabah B & Muhammad Easa F	5R	Hawa H & Fatima P
6V	Tinashe M & Hashim H	6H	Eshal T & Zahra G



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

The children have had a lovely week with lots of festive activities.

Action

"Have a lovely break and we will see you in 2025. Happy New Year!"

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Reception

"This week the children learned the properties of some basic 2-D shapes. They had lots of fun in the arts and crafts area creating their own cards and baubles with glitter and paint. We just want to say well done to everyone for all of their hard work this term and we look forward to seeing all of the children back with us on Tuesday 7th January 2025. "

Action

- We hope everyone has a lovely holiday and thank you for all of your support this term.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

Hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 7th January 2025

Action

- Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday. We will look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025...see you next year!

Year 2

Well, we have reached the end of our Autumn term and what a fun one it has been! A big well done to 2W yesterday who performed beautifully in church and represented our school so well. This week all of year 2 have completed their hand puppets in DT, they all look amazing and everybody tried so hard!

Action

- Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday. We will look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025...see you next year!



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant term and consolidated a lot of new knowledge in maths, English and all other areas of the curriculum. There will be no homework set over the breaks so everyone can enjoy their time with friends and family. We do ask children to still read their reading book for their AR test first week back.

Enjoy the holidays!

Action

- Continue to read with your child at home.

Year 4

This week we have celebrated the festive season with parties, dancing, games and festive treats. We have also used spreadsheets to represent data and calculate 'the best pocket money option' and written a poem about being an evacuee.

Action

- We hope you all enjoy the holidays and come back safe in the new year. For those who are celebrating, we wish you a Merry Christmas!



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

Well done for a fantastic term Year 5! you have made all your teachers proud with all your achievements and dedication to your learning. Thank you to all the parents for your support this term. Have a lovely break!

Action

Please complete homework on Century Tech over the holidays. It will be set every Friday evening. Please read at least 3x a week over the holidays.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful week winding down after a wonderful first term. We have worked hard, made some good progress and had some fun times along the way. Year 6 enjoyed their Christmas party on Monday afternoon and have enjoyed snacking throughout the week whilst still working hard.

Action

- Please encourage your child to log in to century tech over the holidays to complete their homework. Have a lovely break and see you all in the New Year.
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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



**All after school clubs will
resume after the
Christmas holidays on
week commencing
Monday 13th January 2025**

Follow the school on social media to
keep up to date on what is happening
in and around school!

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCofEBlackburn)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](https://twitter.com/st_blackburn)

Please note that you don't need to
have an account to view our social
media pages.

