

# ST JAMES' Newsletter

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*Doug Stitche*

Mr D Stitche, Headteacher

## Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely break, and I'd like to thank you for your understanding regarding the weather. We have managed to stay open all week despite the adverse conditions. I really need to thank all the staff who have helped keep the school open by clearing paths, organising changes to the school day and keeping everyone as informed as possible.

Mr Manzoor and Mr Newell have worked non-stop to keep the site as safe as possible and a team of around seven of us cleared the path on Earl Street.

Obviously, when the paths are so icy, there are some changes that we have to make so you will have noticed that this week we were unable to put the cones out to remind people not to park dangerously. Additionally, it is not safe for us to run the lollipop patrol when

there is a risk of ice on the road or paths as we may make the situation worse. All this means is that we ask you to take extra care when bringing and collecting your child to and from school.

There are some warmer days ahead and hopefully, today will be the last day of this persistent ice and we can get back to normal on Monday.

Please make sure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for the weather conditions, and please can I remind you that only school badges should be worn – the house badge, Walk to School badges and prefect badges. We are seeing an increase in non-school related badges!

Once again, thank you for your support – it is really appreciated.

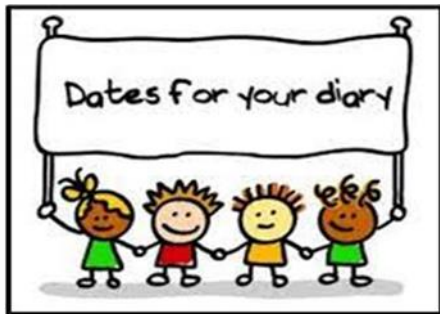
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitche

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**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan**

International Lego Day special lunch

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Internet Safety Day and special lunch

**Wed & Thurs 12-13 Feb** Parent meetings in school

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr**

Eid Lunch



Tuesday 28th Jan 2025  
International Lego Day special lunch



The menu card features a red background with a circular pattern. At the top left, the text 'INTERNATIONAL' is in white, and 'LEGO DAY' is in large, bold, white letters with a yellow outline. Scattered around are various colored Lego bricks (red, yellow, green, grey) and a small Lego minifigure in a red shirt and blue pants. In the bottom left, there are two larger Lego minifigures: one with orange curly hair and a blue top, and another wearing a grey helmet and a green jacket, riding a red bicycle.

**Lego Pizza**  
Choice of Toppings  
Halal Chicken Sausage  
or  
Cherry Tomato (v)  
with  
Skinny Fries, Baked Beans  
or Sweetcorn  
or  
Tomato & Mascarpone  
Pasta  
with  
Garlic Dough Balls  
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Warm Waffle  
with  
Vanilla Ice Cream &  
Toffee Sauce

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## Recipe 4 Health Gold Award

We have been achieved a Gold award for supplying healthy, nutritious food to the consumers of Blackburn with Darwen Borough.

The Recipe 4 Health Award looks at:

- cleanliness and fairness - making sure food is accurately described and safe to eat.
- allergen awareness.
- healthy eating.
- environmental focus - reducing food miles and getting rid of waste responsibly.

More information can be found out

<https://bewellbwd.com/recipe4health/>



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## 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.

Week 1 will start from Tuesday 7th January 2025 as Monday 6th is an INSET day.

	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>	<u>Week 6</u>
<b><u>Reception</u></b> <b><u>(RG &amp; RW)</u></b>	Friday 10th Jan	Friday 17th Jan	Friday 24th Jan	Friday 31st Jan	Friday 7th Feb	Friday 14th Feb
<b><u>Year 1</u></b> <b><u>(1A &amp; 1F)</u></b>	Wednesday 8th Jan	Monday 13th Jan Wednesday 15th Jan	Monday 20th Jan Wednesday 22nd Jan	Monday 27th Jan Wednesday 29 Jan	Monday 3rd Feb Wednesday 5th Feb	Monday 10th Feb Wednesday 12th Feb
<b><u>Year 2</u></b> <b><u>(2K &amp; 2W)</u></b>	Tuesday 7th Jan Thursday 9th Jan	Tuesday 14th Jan Thursday 16th Jan	Tuesday 21st Jan Thursday 23rd Jan	Tuesday 28th Jan Thursday 30th	Tuesday 4th Feb Thursday 6th Feb	Tuesday 11th Feb Thursday 13th Feb
<b><u>Year 3</u></b> <b><u>(3B &amp; 3M)</u></b>	Wednesday 8th Jan	Wednesday 15th Jan	Monday 20th Jan Wednesday 22nd Jan	Wednesday 29th Jan	Monday 3rd Feb Wednesday 5th Feb	Wednesday 12th Feb
<b><u>Year 4</u></b> <b><u>(4A &amp; 4S)</u></b>	Thursday 9th Jan	Thursday 16th Jan	Monday 20th Jan Thursday 23rd Jan	Thursday 30th Jan	Monday 3rd Feb Thursday 6th Feb	Thursday 13th Feb
<b><u>Year 5</u></b> <b><u>(5B &amp; 5R)</u></b>	Friday 10th Jan	Monday 13th Jan Friday 17th Jan	Friday 24th Jan	Monday 27th Jan Friday 31st Jan	Friday 7th Feb	Monday 10th Feb Friday 14th Feb
<b><u>Year 6</u></b> <b><u>(6H &amp; 6V)</u></b>	Tuesday 7th Jan	Monday 13th Jan Tuesday 14th Jan	Tuesday 21st Jan	Monday 27th Jan Tuesday 28th Jan	Tuesday 4th Feb	Monday 10th Feb Tuesday 11th Feb



# 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		Shabana A, Haider A, Humaria A & Sarah I	
RG	Yahya V. & Daniyal A.	RW	Sadiyah S & Sakeena D
1A	Firdaus H & Muhammad-Hassan S	1F	Hawa I & Juwarriya M
2W	Shifa P & Huda A	2K	Abu-Bakr V & Eesha Y
3M	Tayyab S & Aaminah P	3B	Maryam K & Ayaan M
4S	Hilal J & Abdullah V	4A	M Mulla & Aaisha U
5B	Malaikah H & Hareth J	5R	Saifan R & Ajwa M
6V	Tinashe M & Aamir Zuber	6H	Ar-Rayyan A & Abdul H



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## Forest Pre-School & Nursery

The children have had a great first week back at nursery and have started to read 'The Gingerbread Man'.

### Action

No actions this week.

## Reception

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see all the children back after the holidays. The children have enjoyed talking about and experiencing the snow this week. We have listened to it, felt it and played with it. We also made a prediction about what would happen to a dinosaur we put outside over night covered in water. The children made some good predictions and then we observed how it melted when brought back into class. We discussed the seasons in a year and the signs of each one. The children enjoyed this lots.

### Action

- If you are able to offer the contribution to the planned school trip to Dowson's Farm, please can this be brought in to the office ASAP. At present we haven't got enough contributions to be able to run the trip. Books have been sent back out to those who are blending words, please practise these at home and sign planners. Thank you.



# YEAR GROUP updates



## Year 1

"Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a relaxing break and really for the new year ahead. On Thursday '1A' will have a parents worship and we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible from 1A as possible. It will start from 8:55-9:10."

## Action

- "PE will continue to be on Monday's and Wednesday's. Spellings and Maths will now be on Google Classroom. If you need any help logging on please speak to a member of the Year 1 team. This will allow access more resources as well and helping us become more environmentally friendly by saving paper. "

## Year 2

Welcome back to school! What a fun, but cold first week back we have had. We have started new topics in all subjects. The children this week have used their problem solving skills to predict what our new English text 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' will be about. Also, in PE we have started our Gymnastics topic. This week we have seen some joyful jumping, excellent egg rolls and brilliant bunny hops.

## Action

- Homework and home reading has now resumed, so please complete this at home with your child. A reminder to ensure the correct PE uniform is worn on a Tuesday and Thursday, this includes taking earrings out.





# YEAR GROUP updates



## Year 3

Year 3 have started the term with a superb attitude! We have made our own cottages linking to our new fiction text Hansel and Gretel. We have also been multiplying two digit numbers by one digit numbers using a grid method which we understand a lot better now.

## Action

Please use your child's log book to practise their spellings with them. A reminder that homework is now being set of Google Classroom.

## Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant first week back. Thank you for your cooperation with the arrangements with the weather. In English we have been reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' which the children are really enjoying. In Maths we have been looking at rounding to the nearest 1000 and negative numbers on a number-line.

## Action

- Please sent club letters back as soon as possible so we can secure a place for your child.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## Year 5

Happy new year and welcome back! What an eventful week it has been with the adverse weather conditions, however this hasn't stopped us from hitting the ground running and diving deep into our learning! We've thoroughly enjoyed challenging ourselves whilst multiplying fractions and are completely immersed in our new text 'The boy in the tower'. We also began a new unit of learning in DT which is all about cushions and cannot wait to design and make our own!

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## Action

Please remember your pumps for gymnastics (PE), complete your century tech homework and read at least 3 times per week. Your planners must be signed too. Thank you!

## Year 6

"Happy New year. It was lovely seeing both year 6 classes back, after a much needed restful break. This term promises to be a busy and a rewarding one with learning which is going to extend your child's previous learning. In Maths, year 6 will be starting Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. In English they have started a new class novel: Holes. The main character: Stanley Yelnats, is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. "

## Action

- Please continue supporting your child at home with their Century Tech tasks and homework. Also, continue reading with your child at home 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



**All after school clubs will  
resume next week from  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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.

