

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Here we are at the end of another busy week in school!

I wanted to give you advance notice of our upcoming (and popular) parents' Coffee Morning on Wednesday 5th February at 8:50 am for around an hour or so. Last time, a few parents mentioned that they would like to hear from school so we've arranged for two short presentations; one about reading in school and one about mental health that you can listen to whilst enjoying your very expensive cake and not-at-all watered-down cup of coffee!

We really just want to use this an opportunity to share information with you and we hope you'll appreciate the short talks.

By now, you will have noticed the gas works from Cadent causing chaos up and down the local roads! To add to that, we have roofing work taking place in Key Stage 1 over the next

couple of weeks. This means that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enter and leave the school by the entrances on Oozebooth Terrace only until the works are completed. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We've had some complaints again about parents blocking driveways! Please be considerate when parking; and only drive if you REALLY have to do so!

And finally, can I just say how brilliantly everyone coped with the snow and ice last week. All of our children were very sensible walking to and from school – and because of this, there were no snow-related injuries

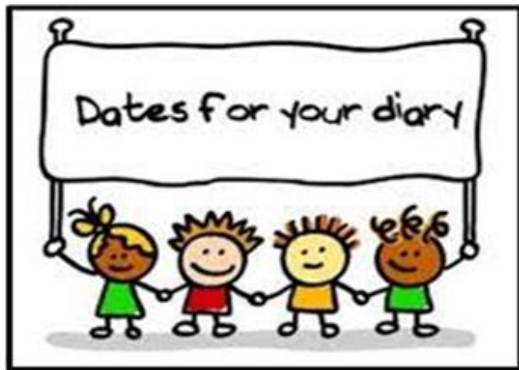
Have a lovely weekend.

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- Tuesday 28th Jan** International Lego Day special lunch
- Tuesday 11th Feb** Internet Safety Day and special lunch
- Wed & Thurs 12-13 Feb** Parents evening in school
- Fri 14th February** School Closure @ 3:05pm
- Monday 24th Feb** School re-open
- Wednesday 2nd Apr** Eid Lunch
- Tuesday 10th June 2025** Class photographs





Parents Evening appointment slots are now available for the Spring term on:

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2025

Book your Parents Evening appointments on the School Spider app now.



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. To the right, there are several colorful 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. The menu items are listed in a white rounded rectangle on the right side.

**INTERNATIONAL
LEGO
DAY**

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/>



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>
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 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
Year 2 (2K & 2W)	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 1th Feb Thursday 13th Feb
Year 3 (3B & 3M)	Wednesday 8th Jan	Wednesday 15th Jan	Monday 20th Jan Wednesday 22nd Jan	Wednesday 29th Jan	Monday 3rd Feb Wednesday 5th Feb	Wednesday 12th Feb
Year 4 (4A & 4S)	Thursday 9th Jan	Thursday 16th Jan	Monday 20th Jan Thursday 23rd Jan	Thursday 30th Jan	Monday 3rd Feb Thursday 6th Feb	Thursday 13th Feb
Year 5 (5B & 5R)	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
Year 6 (6H & 6V)	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



attendance **MATTERS**



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

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	84.1%	
RW	84.1%	
1A	96.0%	🥈
1F	96.0%	🥈
2K	77.6%	
2W	86.9%	
3B	88.3%	
3M	92.5%	
4A	82.5%	
4S	97.9%	🥇
5B	92.1%	
5R	93.3%	
6H	88.3%	
6V	90.4%	

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		Hoorian A, Hassan D, Muhammad Zuhaib S & Muhammad Shaheer	
RG	Aliza. R & Muhammad A. P	RW	Polina H & Hamza P
1A	All of 1A & Ibrahim S	1F	Amaan P & Zoya N
2W	Faiza M & Fatimah Zahra	2K	Humaira M & Inaaya M M
3M	Sultan A and Umar I.	3B	Urwaa R & Safia S
4S	Rayyan G & Muhammad Zain AA	4A	Abdullah S & Rehan A
5B	Mitzie-Leigh R & Hamza C	5R	Tabraiz M & Muhammad G
6V	Maryam M & M.Aryaan A.	6H	Hamda R & Fahim P



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"The children have continued to read 'The Gingerbread Man' this week and are now able to join in with key phrases and answer questions about the story. The children have started to master using positional language and they can put the gingerbread man in his house, behind his house and in front of this house. "

Action

No actions Please look on the family app for our curriculum newsletter and half termly homework, this week.

Reception

This week the children have enjoyed being back in the discovery area. They explored sinking and floating and went on a senses walk. In maths we have been looking at composition of numbers to 5. In literacy we have been discussing characters and words we can use to describe them. Our class text is Little Red Riding Hood. When reading a book to your child, talk about the characters and words you could use to describe them.

Action

- Your child's termly homework will be sent out this Friday in your child's purple homework book, please support us by doing this on a weekly basis. Reading and phonics sounds need to be practised every night. PE continues to be on a Friday, no earrings please.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Thank you to all the 1A parents for coming to the Parent Worship the children were amazing! We have been learning about 'changes in school'. Please can you talk to your child about what it was like for you as a child at school. "

Action

- "Reading books have gone out this week. Please ensure that you child with your child regularly. All Spring term Homework, Maths and Spellings are on Google Classroom. If you are struggling to access it please speak to a member of the Year 1 team. Please complete their work in their purple homework books."

Year 2

Another busy week in Year 2! Reading books have been sent home this week. Please read with your child 3 times a week.

Action

- Please can you have checked homework is completed by Fridays.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been writing the story of Hansel and Gretel with a twist. They had to change part of the original story. Some children decided to have an evil wizard or a fire breathing dragon in their story. We can't wait to see them.

Action

In Mathematics, we have started to recognise and count in fractions.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week. We have finished reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' in English and in Maths we have been looking at the place value of money. We have enjoyed learning about the different teeth and their functions in Science.

Action

- Please remind children to bring pumps for gymnastics on PE days.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

We've had another productive week of learning in which we've learnt how to multiply mixed numbers with integers and found a whole of a number from missing fraction problems. In English we have identified the difference between co-ordinating conjunctions and subordinating conjunctions and are using them confidently in our written work. We have enjoyed our double PE lessons in gymnastics and have developed a sequence consisting of a roll and completing it elegantly. We cannot wait to continue our Science topic next week on Earth and Space.

Action

Please remember to complete your century tech homework and read at least 3 x per week. You must also remember to have your planners signed by a parent/guardian and don't forget to bring your pumps in a plastic carrier bag for PE.

Year 6

We have been focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages. In English we have wrote a diary recount based on Stanley Yelnats experience at Camp Green Lake. We have really enjoyed reading and answering reading questions from the text. In Science we looked at blood and can tell you what blood is made up of and how different blood cells have different jobs.

Action

- Homework is on century tech. Please make sure your child reads 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 Phonics club**
(Mon & Tues – 3:05 – 3:35pm)
- **Year 3&4 Wellbeing Club**
Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm
- **Year 4 MTC club**
(Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm)
- **KS2 Tri Golf Club**
(Thurs 3.05 – 3:50pm)
- **Year 6 Reading 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.

