

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Date: Friday 31st Jan 2025



Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you've all had a good week. It's been another exciting week in school with lots of things happening and we even had a visit from Maggie, our school dog, today! She was very well-behaved in worship – even though I did try to distract her by saying 'squirrel' and 'cat' a few times!

As you will be aware, we try to provide as many experiences out of school for the children as we can. In order to make this happen, we rely on contributions from parents to pay for trips. Unfortunately, sometimes, we do not get enough money in – this might mean we have to cancel trips; which clearly, we don't want to do!

We're very aware of how expensive it is paying for lunches, uniforms and

everything else needed for school, but we do try to keep the cost as low as possible for trips. So please could I ask that if you haven't yet paid for your child's upcoming trip (Reception and Year 1), that you do make your payment as soon as possible so we can guarantee that the trip can go ahead! If you are struggling, we completely understand, but please do make contact with us so that we can try to support. We do put a cap on the amount a trip can cost and look to keep the cost as low as possible!

And finally, we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our coffee morning on Wednesday!

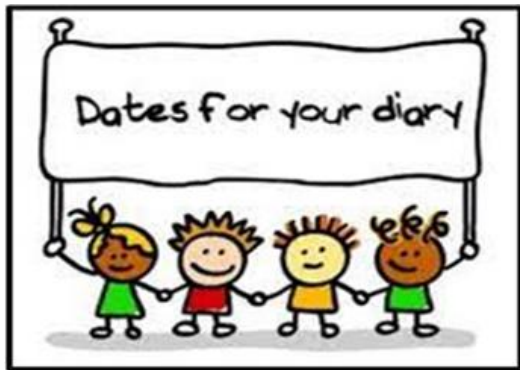
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches



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- Wednesday 5th Feb** Coffee Morning
- 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.





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South Cumbria
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Delivered by ELCAS
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the
second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect
you.

Wednesday 5th February 25

1pm - 3pm

Wednesday 12th February 25

3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 19th February 25

5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 26th February 25

1pm - 3pm



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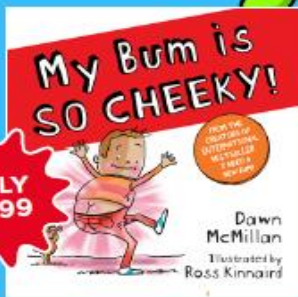
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IN CINEMAS FEBRUARY 2025

Date:

Monday 10th February 2025

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Tuesday 11th Feb

Internet Safety Day and special lunch

Internet Safety Day

11th Feb



Clever Clicking Crispy Quorn Wrap
or Antivirus Vegetable Burger
with
Private Potato Wedges, Secure Sweetcorn or Bot Baked
Beans
& Trusted Tomato Ketchup
or
Password Protected Pasta Spirals & Anti Troll Tomato Sauce
with
Safe Gaming Garlic Dough Balls & Social Aware Salad
~
Cooks Cautious Cookie or Firewall Fruit



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CATERING SERVICE



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BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES
 FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

DARWEN MARKET **BLACKBURN MARKET** **BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY** **DARWEN LIBRARY** **BLACKBURN LIBRARY** **ROMAN ROAD LIBRARY**

BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
WORKSHOPS WITH CATH FORD
 ALL SESSIONS 12 PM TO 3 PM

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY
 Make a bird finger puppet or headress using scrap paper and card inspired by the bird collection

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY
 Decorate a wooden heart inspired by the Lancashire Rose

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY
 Use scrap paper and card to create your own mask inspired by Picasso and the Cubist artists.

BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
OBSCURA DARKROOM

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY
 11 AM TO 3 PM

Take an old-school selfie using a 70-year-old large format camera, learn about the traditional photographic process and capture your portraits on 4x5 paper negatives. These will be displayed on an expanding photo wall throughout June. At the end of the exhibition, participants can collect their original portraits from the museum.

BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
ALSO AT THE MUSEUM

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY TO SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY
 11 AM TO 4 PM

A range of free, family friendly activities including: "Get Crafty sessions", still life drawing, trails, and quizzes. Inspired by the local work in the ART OPEN 2025 exhibition.

FAB LAB THE MAKING ROOMS
 EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY
 10 AM TO 6 PM

Fab Lab Blackburn Open Days at The Making Rooms enable anybody to come and try designing and making things using some pretty advanced but easy-to-use equipment, such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and lots more.

1 EXCHANGE STREET, BB1 1JN

Read Now Write Now
CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

Visit all four locations across town to build up your own Blackburn print.
 Stamp four different colours at four different stations across town to complete an amazing keepsake design.

Learn about climate change and get creative by writing a short, inspiring story and designing an illustration on a postcard for display across Blackburn with Darwen libraries to inspire others to become Climate Champions.

BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY **MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY**
 10.30 AM TO 12.30 PM

DARWEN LIBRARY **MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY**
 2 PM TO 4 PM

ROMAN ROAD LIBRARY **THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY**
 9.30 AM TO 11.30 AM

BLACKBURN MARKET **ASK-ME THE MALL** **FRIDAY 21 & SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY**
 DROP-IN BETWEEN 11 AM & 3 PM

BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY **BLACKBURN MUSEUM & ART GALLERY**

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ALICE ROWBOTTOM
CRANKIE MAKING

DARWEN MARKET **MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY**
BLACKBURN MARKET **WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

Make your own crankie theatre to take away. Crankies are a way of telling stories with pictures. Draw, craft and create your very own cardboard crankie theatre.
 DROP IN BETWEEN: 11 AM & 3 PM

DARWEN MARKET **WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY**
BLACKBURN MARKET **FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY**

THE MAKING ROOMS
SEED-BOMB WORKSHOP

We'll craft sustainable seed bombs using recycled cardboard. Discover how to spread a little flower power while learning fun and eco-friendly ways to make a difference. Let's make something beautiful for the planet together!
 DROP IN BETWEEN: 11 AM & 3 PM

GOOFUS THEATRE **DARWEN MARKET** **FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY**
WHERE DO THE NOSES GROW? **BLACKBURN MARKET** **SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

Come and join Lucy for a fantastical journey full of strange encounters to the island of noses where the strange nose rose grows.
 HALF-HOUR PERFORMANCES AT 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM & 2 PM



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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>
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	Tuesday 14th Jan	Tuesday 21st Jan	Tuesday 28th Jan	Tuesday 4th Feb	Tuesday 1th Feb
Year 3 (3B & 3M)	Thursday 9th Jan	Thursday 16th Jan	Thursday 23rd Jan	Thursday 30th	Thursday 6th Feb	Thursday 13th Feb
Year 4 (4A & 4S)	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 5 (5B & 5R)	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 6 (6H & 6V)	Friday 10th Jan	Monday 13th Jan Friday 17th Jan	Friday 24th Jan	Monday 27th Jan Friday 31st Jan	Monday 3rd Feb Friday 7th Feb	Monday 10th Feb Friday 14th Feb
	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 1A WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	87.7%	
RW	90.8%	
1A	98.6%	🏆
1F	97.3%	🏆
2K	94.4%	
2W	94.7%	
3B	92.0%	
3M	86.3%	
4A	87.3%	
4S	92.3%	
5B	96.7%	
5R	93.5%	
6H	97.3%	🏆
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.



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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		Aamina A, Jannat M, Inaya H & Yusuf H	
RG	Liyana Z. & Khadija C.	RW	Aaima A & Adam K
1A	Maryam B & Saarah P	1F	Yusha D & M. Adam B
2W	Hajrah A & Sireen B	2K	Hawwa A & Aaminah G
3M	Radwan B & Musa R	3B	Maryam K & Faris C
4S	Zoya A & Adam AM	4A	Judyta A & Anayah G
5B	Amina M & M.Easa F	5R	Saifaan R & Zidan S
6V	Fayha S & M. Ismaeel R	6H	Aamina H & Aliya R



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

"This week the children have read the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. They have learnt to retell the story and use new vocabulary. The children have developed their artistic skills by drawing and painting the characters from the story. The children retold the story outside and talked about the strength of each house. We have explored the forest school area this week and talked about the frosty weather outside. The children have enjoyed exploring in the mud kitchen and the water area. "

Action

Please can all parents book a parents evening slot when they drop off/collect their child.

Reception

It was so lovely to see so many parents and siblings attend our stay and read session this week. Thank you for coming along and supporting your child. In our literacy sessions we have been looking at the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We are writing CVC words and starting to write simple sentences. In maths we have continued to look at the composition of numbers up to 10. We have gymnastics on a Friday which the children have thoroughly enjoyed doing. Please make sure no earrings and to wear socks that can be removed easily for this.

Action

- Please continue to read at home with your child. Some parents have been asking about the sound blending books, if your child has a book they have had before this is to make sure they develop fluency and grow in confidence. In Reception we would rather they secure the sounds and blending before pushing them on before they are ready.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 1

""Let's get to the point! This is how we roll! We have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. See Google classroom or additional resources. Tiger Tiger where are you? We have had a special visitor in school this week! We have been learning about Tiger's. Can you research interesting facts about tigers?"

Action

- Please sign your children's diaries when they have read and practice their spellings throughout the week.

Year 2

Year 2 have been doing a lot of work this week on the explorer, Christopher Columbus. Finding out about what he found and the affect that has had on the world today.

Action

- Please can you send in a photograph or drawn picture of people your child lives with, for PSHE on Monday. You can email the office with it, if you only have a digital copy. Thank you.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at division this week through repeated subtraction and are much more confident in answering these questions. It is vital that your child has a good timestables knowledge. Your child can practise on:
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

Action

Practise timestables and complete homework on Google Classroom.

Year 4

Year 4 have finished writing their Historical Fiction stories in English this week. In Maths we have been multiplying a 3 digit number by a 1 digit number. In Science, we are investigating which drink is the worst for our teeth.

Action

- Please ensure children are reading three times a week!



YEAR GROUP updates

Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed creating information posters about the 'bluchers' and have impressed us with their efforts whilst writing a newspaper report. We also enjoyed creating view finders, in Art, to use whilst zooming in and out of the painting, 'The Great Wave'. We are really excited to practise the blanket stitch next week and cannot wait to start making our cushions.

Action

Please remember to bring your pumps for gymnastics.

Year 6

A good week of learning Year 6! We have looked at area and perimeter this week in Maths. We looked at the formula we need to calculate area and perimeter. In English we wrote our final draft of Stanley Yelnat's diary as well as focusing on answering a range of reading questions.

Action

- Please encourage your child to log in to century tech where they can go on recommended path to push their learning. It is important your child reads as much as possible as they will benefit and improve their score in the reading test.



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](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCofEBlackburn)

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

