

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a busy end to this half-term! We started with our Book Fair on Monday which was really well attended! In fact, over £850 was spent on books – which means Scholastic will give us some money to use to buy some more books for school. Thank you to everyone who came to support – I know it was a bit stressful waiting to be served, but they only let us have one card reader! Thank you to all the staff who stayed to help and a special thank you to Mrs Wright for organising it and Mrs Gell for her superb retail skills.

We've also had our parents' evening this week and it was lovely to see so many parents attending. Please

remember that we are always happy to engage with parents – not just at parents' evening; so if you do need to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the office.

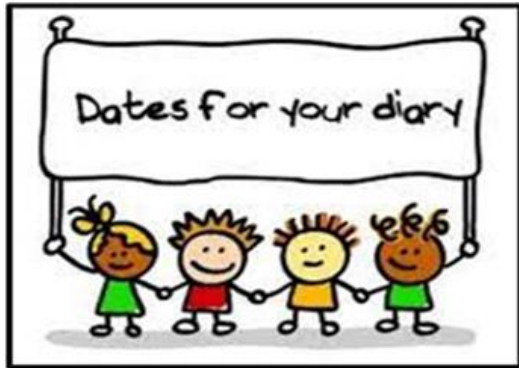
And finally, some sad news! Mrs Zaman will be leaving us today so we would like to wish her all the best for the future.

Have a wonderful half-term and enjoy the slightly longer days. School re-opens to everyone on Monday 24th February 2025.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches





Monday 24th Feb

School re-open

Thursday 6th Mar

World Book Day

Wednesday 2nd Apr

Eid Lunch

Tuesday 10th June 2025 Class photographs





WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

We are delighted to be involved in World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March 2025**. The whole day will be dedicated to reading and activities will be linked to a variety of books. As part of our intent, we want children to develop a lifelong love of reading, books and authors.

All children are invited to dress up on this day as their favourite character from a children's book. This could be a full costume or just a prop relating to their favourite character or book.

Here are some ideas:

George from George's Marvellous Medicine- a red top, jeans and a wooden spoon.

Mr Bump- a blue outfit with some white fabric as the bandage.

Little Miss Sunshine- a yellow top and black trousers or leggings with a drawing of Little Miss Sunshine.

Matilda- a blue dress, white cardigan and red head band.

Harry from Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs- a small bucket with dinosaurs and clothes with dinosaurs on.

Stick Man- brown clothes with some drawn or stuck on leaves.

Goldilocks- a dress with three teddy bears.

We are always really impressed with the inventive costume ideas everyone has. Thank you in advance for all of your support. If possible, please bring the book that relates to your book character to share with the class.



Everyday Digital



Safer Internet Day 2025 – Tuesday 11 February

Digital skills to deal with scams



Online scams are a growing risk – which is why they're our focus for Safer Internet Day 2025. Fraud can happen in many spaces online, from messages and inboxes to games and social media. So, what can you do to keep your family better protected?



Watch

This short video outlines some simple everyday habits that can help protect you from scams.

Scan the code or [click here](#).



Spotting scams online: ask yourself...

- >>> Do you trust it?** If a page, post or message doesn't look or sound right, think twice before clicking.
- >>> Are you being rushed?** Get a second opinion if you feel you're being pressured into doing something.
- >>> Have you checked your settings?** Make the most of security and privacy settings in devices and accounts.

The Everyday Digital programme from Parent Zone helps families build good habits to feel more confident online. Learn more at parentzone.org.uk/Everyday-Digital



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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>
<u>Reception</u> (RG & RW)	Friday 28th Feb	Friday 7th March	Friday 14th March	Friday 21st March	Friday 28th March	Friday 4th April
<u>Year 1</u> (1A & 1F)	Monday 24th Feb	Monday 3rd March	Monday 10th March	Monday 17th March	Monday 24th March	Monday 31st March
	Wednesday 26th Feb	Wednesday 5th March	Wednesday 12th March	Wednesday 19th March	Wednesday 26th March	Wednesday 2nd April
<u>Year 2</u> (2K & 2W)	Tuesday 25th Feb	Tuesday 4th March	Tuesday 11th March	Tuesday 18th March	Tuesday 25th March	Tuesday 1st April
	Thursday 27th Feb	Thursday 6th March	Thursday 13th March	Thursday 20th March	Thursday 27th March	Thursday 3rd April
<u>Year 3</u> (3B & 3M)	Monday 24th Feb	Wednesday 5th March	Monday 10th March	Wednesday 19th March	Monday 24th March	Wednesday 2nd April
	Wednesday 26th Feb		Wednesday 12th March		Wednesday 26th March	
<u>Year 4</u> (4A & 4S)	Monday 24th Feb	Thursday 6th March	Monday 10th March	Thursday 20th March	Monday 24th March	Thursday 3rd April
	Thursday 27th Feb		Thursday 13th March		Thursday 27th March	
<u>Year 5</u> (5B & 5R)	Friday 28th Feb	Monday 3rd March	Friday 14th March	Monday 17th March	Friday 28th March	Monday 31st March
		Friday 7th March		Friday 21st March		Friday 4th April
<u>Year 6</u> (6H & 6V)	Tuesday 25th Feb	Monday 3rd March	Tuesday 11th March	Monday 17th March	Tuesday 25th March	Monday 31st March
		Tuesday 4th March		Tuesday 18th March		Tuesday 1st April



attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 2W WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	87.3%	
RW	90.8%	
1A	90.5%	
1F	90.5%	
2K	75.6%	
2W	99.0%	🏆
3B	98.0%	🥈
3M	92.3%	
4A	85.0%	
4S	96.8%	
5B	96.0%	
5R	95.8%	
6H	91.3%	
6V	98.0%	🥈

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		Everyone!	
RG	Muhammad Zakariya A. & Ahmed C.	RW	Fatimah G & Amaan P
1A	Amnah H & Maryam P	1F	Amara A & Jumairyah P
2W	Aysha K & Fathima Noorah S	2K	Amyra M & Kiswa H
3M	Muhammad D & Issa P	3B	M.Issa H & Urwaa R
4S	Khadija B & Inaya M	4A	Farhan A & Zoya H
5B	Mitzie-Leigh R & Sulayman H	5R	Nabeeha M & Zainab L
6V	Iqra H & Adan F	6H	Anayah A & Haider A



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

The children have had a fantastic week exploring the outdoors during forest school and reading the story 'The Enormous Turnip'.

Action

We hope you have a lovely break next week.

Reception

The children have continued to enjoy our text, 'The Three Billy Gruff' and have been super at writing CVC words to describe the characters. Some children have even begun to write simple sentences. In Maths we have been exploring numbers above ten but we are still focussing on composition of numbers between 1 and 10. Tomorrow we say goodbye to Mr Bennett who has been with us in RG for 6 weeks, we all wish him well on his next teaching placement.

Action

- Thank you for all your support this term. Please continue to read with your child. Have a lovely half term and get lots of rest.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 1

"Thank you to all the support for 1F class worship. We hope you enjoyed their perform about Online Safety. Please continue the conversation about Online Safety at home and talk about how they use the Internet. For help and advice go to Parent Zone. There is additional information on the Newsletter. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip to the Art museum exploring all the different type of art work. It was lovely to speak to everyone during Parents Evening. If you have any more questions please feel free to speak to a member of the Year 1 team."

Action

- "Please could you complete the Online Safety questionnaire on Google Classroom."

Year 2

"What a great and busy half term we have had! This week the children have begun to use the division sign for the first time, written a non-chronological report on rainforests and are trying to grow seeds without soil. Will it work? "

Action

- "There has been cases of chicken pox in Year 2. Have a lovely week off with your families!"



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have been doing lots of writing on both rainforest and rocks in the style of a non-chronological report. We have also finished one of our gymnastics units and have perfected travelling in a variety of different ways with great control. Have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you again on the 24th of February!

Action

Practise timestables over the half term.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant half term. Thank you for attending parents evenings! We hope you have a restful break!

Action

- No actions



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

Year 5 have worked extremely hard to identify decimals as percentages along with recognising equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. We've also enjoyed finding out more information about Emily Pankhurst and participated in a class debate to discuss whether online protests are more powerful than street protests. Keep up the brilliant work Year 5 and we hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Action

Please remember to complete your homework and nuggets on century tech.

Thank you!

Year 6

This week in Math's we have been looking at statistics such as line graphs, pie charts, dual bar charts and percentages in a pie chart. In reading we have continued to look at a range of comprehension questions as well as answering questions from a range of fiction and non-fiction text. Year 6 really enjoyed learning all about online safety this week. Only 9 teaching weeks left till SATs...

Action

- Make sure you continue to read over the holidays, go on to Math's bot and complete all your homework.
- Have a lovely break.



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
half term holidays from
week commencing
Monday 3rd March
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.

