

# ST JAMES' Newsletter

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*Doug Stitche*

Mr D Stitche, Headteacher

## Dear Parents/Guardians

I just wanted to clarify the situation over the roads this week. I'm sure you've noticed the works that started on Wednesday and have continued through the week. Unfortunately, we were not informed about the works in advance, so we were not able to communicate any plans to you. However, we are really pleased that the Local Authority have decided to enhance the traffic calming measures on Earl Street.

The new speed bumps should massively reduce the speed of cars up and down the road. This week, we have seen vehicles driving well above the 20 mph speed limit as children are attempting to cross.

As much as this should help reduce the speed, the safest option is to walk rather than drive if you can. If you live

within half a mile of school, please do try to walk to school. You'll save fuel and reduce the number of vehicles around school.

Year 1 and Reception had a fabulous time at Mrs Dowson's farm – we were very lucky with the weather! It's just a shame they didn't give any of us teachers a free ice-cream!!

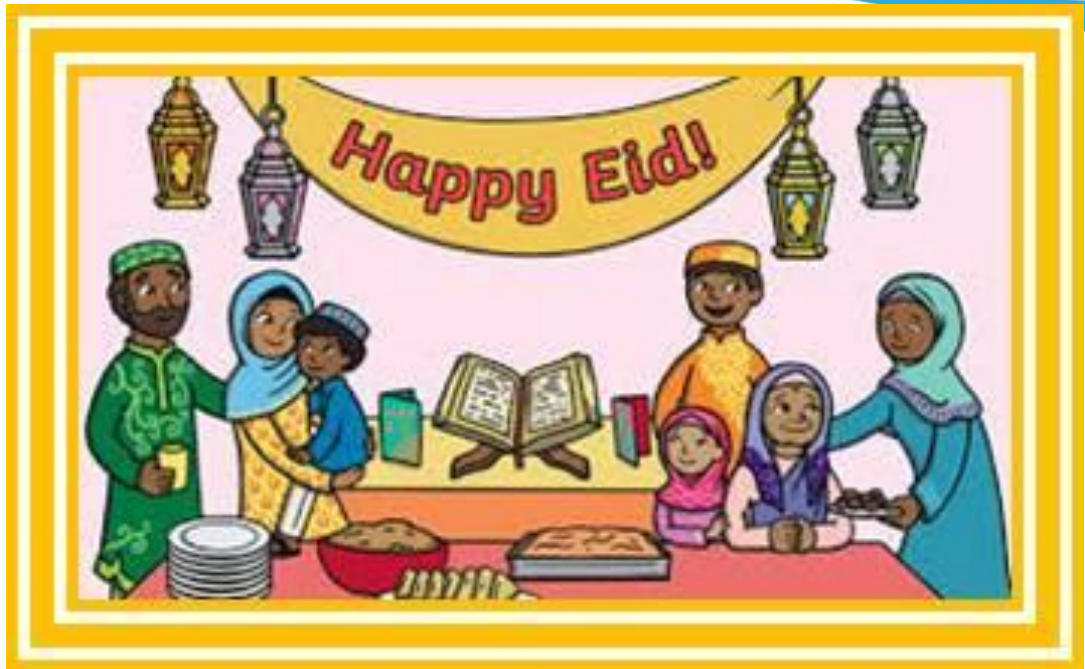
We also are thrilled to be able a free ESOL course (which supports families with learning English) in school. We will be sending out more information about this in due course so please keep an eye out!

Finally, on behalf of all of us at school, I'd like to wish everyone celebrating a blessed Eid.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitche





**Eid Celebration Meal  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**



**Lentil curry, rice and naan bread  
or  
Spicy roast chicken and roast potatoes**  
❖  
**Celebration cake**  
❖

**Available to order on the school spider app now**



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# PE ELO Day



In KS1 all children will be taking part in a new sport called Kurling.

All children will be expected to come into school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesday 2nd April.**



In KS2 all children will be taking part in a new sport called Fencing.

All children will be expected to come into school wearing their PE kit on **Thursday 3rd April.**



## PE Dates

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 may be doing Gymnastic in PE, so they can bring pumps for this session.

Your child will also be completing another PE lesson likely to be outdoors so they will need suitable outdoor PE clothes.

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

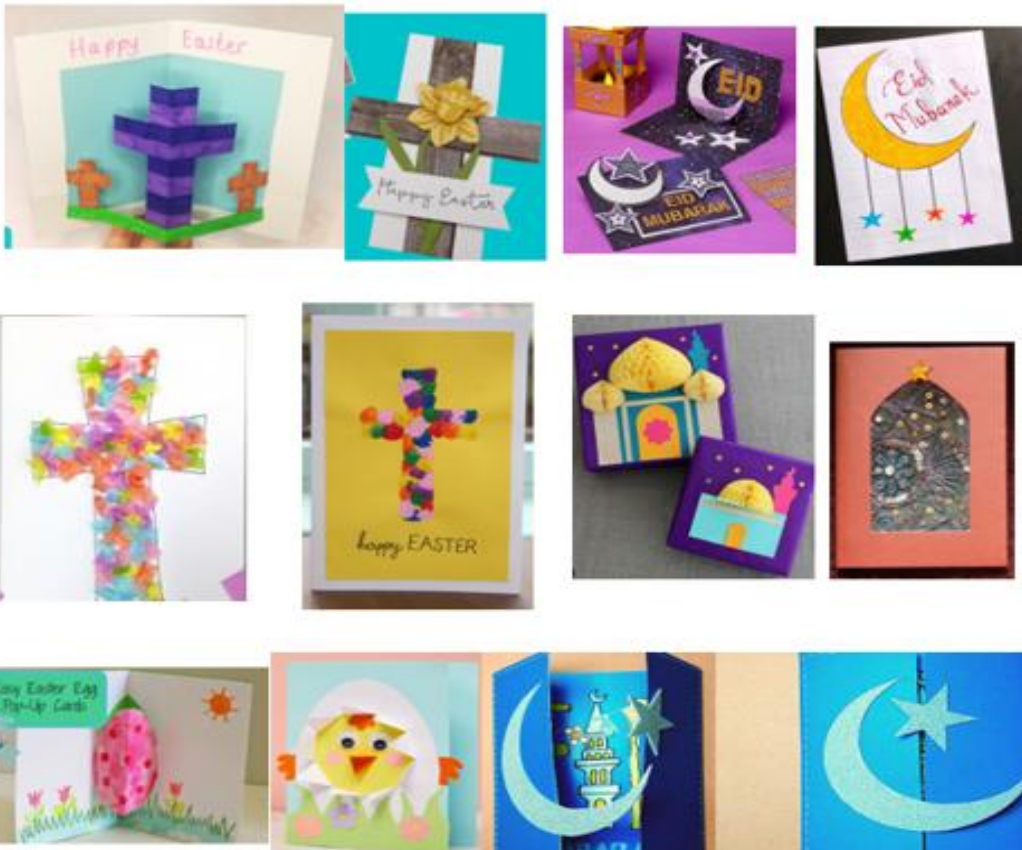


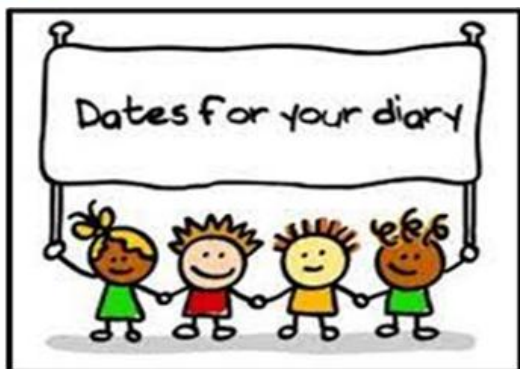
# Celebration card competition

We would like to invite all pupils to design a celebration card for the upcoming celebrations of Eid and/or Easter. Children are very welcome to do one for each if they'd like to enter twice.

Any media such as paint, sketching or collage is encouraged. You could be really creative and include pop-up elements! Try to include a message which links to the values of these special times. We have included some photos as inspiration. Please pass cards to class teachers by the morning of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Prizes will be given to the chosen winners in a presentation before the end of term.





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

Eid Lunch

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Church services,  
Eid parties in school, children come to  
school in party clothes  
School closes for Easter

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

School re-opens

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 5 trip – Bowley Scout Camp

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Year 2 trip – Blackpool

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

SATs week

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

School closed for May Day Bank holiday

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

School close for half term





**Our annual Easter egg raffle will take place next week, Wednesday in KS2 and Thursday in KS1. Tickets are on sale for just 20p from next Monday.**



# 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	<b>15 October - 30 November</b> (no later than 31 December)
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	<b>15 January - 29 February</b> (no later than 31 March)
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	<b>15 June to 31 July</b> (no later than 31 August)

Your code may need reconfirming before your child commences a  
Early Years place if you apply too early.







# attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 3M WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RG	83.1%
	RW	85.3%
	1A	88.2%
	1F	99.1% 
90% - 94.9%	2K	96.7%
	2W	89.5%
	3B	98.3%
	3M	99.3% 
Below 90%	4A	94.7%
	4S	94.7%
	5B	88.7%
	5R	93.2%
	6H	94.3%
	6V	94.7%

If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.



# 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		Zakariya O, Maryam M, Yusuf H & Mustafa S	
RG	Amina K & Aasiyah R	RW	Sakeena D & Maryam H
1A	Muhsin P & Zala M	1F	Anaiba I & Ajwa F
2W	Aaysha C & Zareesh W	2K	Hamza A & Kiswa H
3M	Hasan A & Ayesha P	3B	M.Deen H & Zoya B
4S	Whole Class & Maryam S	4A	Rehan Q & Haleema Y
5B	Safa M & Hareth J	5R	Moeez I & Robyn S
6V	Sana J & M.Raihaan P	6H	Abdul Hakeem H & Anayah A



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Forest Pre-School & Nursery*

Eid Mubarak to everyone who is celebrating this weekend. We hope you have a lovely time with your families.

## *Action*

If the weather continues to be sunny, please send sun hats in with your child where possible.

## *Reception*

This week in Literacy we looked at a non-fiction text all about frogs. We also learned about the signs of spring and what animals or flowers we might see.

In Maths we continued and created our own repeating patterns. The children were able to recognise different types of patterns around them.

This week the children immersed themselves in expressive arts and design. They drew a picture of a daffodil and some children even painted a picture of a daffodil.

## *Action*

On Wednesday, all children will be taking part in a new sport called Curling. Please send your child in their PE kit. There will also be an Eid Celebration Meal on this day.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 1*

The children loved going to the Farm on Monday. They got to see lots of different animals. Such as; horses, sheep, rabbits, water buffalo and many more. They got to feed the lambs and hold a rabbit. They seemed to really enjoy trying the different types of ice cream as well and so did we 😊

## *Action*

Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating in the coming days! We wish you and your family a wonderful Eid.

## *Year 2*

We are fast approaching the end of term. The children have written non-fiction texts about frogs, found a quarter of an amount, started to construct their moving vehicles and made stop motion movies.

## *Action*

We hope that all who are celebrating EID have a lovely time. Please bring in food for the EID party which is being held on Friday afternoon.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 3*

This week, the children have been learning to research in preparation to write a biography. They have used interviews, autobiographies and internet searches. The children have also been adding and subtracting fractions within 1 this week. They have worked extremely hard.

## *Action*

Eid Mubarak for anyone celebrating this weekend!

## *Year 4*

It's been another busy week in year 4. We have been following coordinates and estimating areas in maths, creating food chains in science, and passionately debating the reasons to visit some popular holiday destinations in English. In Geography we have been learning about food importation and in RE we have been considering trust and betrayal in relation to the Easter story. Well done to 4S for their lovely Parent Worship on Thursday.

## *Action*

Please continue to practise times tables and spelling at home. Times table club will run again after Easter for those children who receive a new letter.



# YEAR GROUP *updates*



## *Year 5*

This week in Year 5 we have started reading a new text, Greta's Story. This follows on from writing our own biographies on Emmeline Pankhurst last week. In Maths we have been exploring angles. We had a fantastic afternoon starting our interpretations of The Great Wave by the Japanese artist Hokusai. We will be finishing these next week so you may find your child asking for bits and pieces to add to their work. Mrs White has promised to try to bring in shell pasta and mini diamonds!

## *Action*

Any bits and pieces for our collage work will be welcomed thank you.

A letter will be going out shortly regarding our visit to Bowley Scout Camp which will be on Monday 28th April.

## *Year 6*

This week, year 6 have explored Tom's Midnight garden and used their inference skills to complete their comprehension questions.

In Maths, they can now spot an algebraic expression and solve the equation using a step by step method to show their working out.

For those celebrating Eid on Sunday/Monday, have a blessed and a prosperous day with your loved ones.

## *Action*

Next week we will be having an Eid party in school, children are invited to wear their celebration clothing (no heels or open toed shoes or jewellery).



# 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:**

No after school clubs next week due to being last week of term.

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.

