

ST JAMES' Newsletter

St James' Blackburn
C of E Primary School
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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Well, that's us done for the term! It's been a very busy and successful Spring Term, but I'm sure everyone is looking forward to their break!

I've had an update from the Local Authority about the road – apparently, the road will be resurfaced and then the speed bumps will be going in. I was told this would be done this week – clearly that hasn't happened so my best estimate is 'some time in the next 1 to 7 years'! With a bit of luck, this will be done over the holidays and minimise disruption to school. But I'm not optimistic!

We've had an increasing number of parents booking holidays during term-time and then asking us to authorise them. I just wanted to clarify the situation on this so that everyone knows how it works!

If you book a holiday and then ask for authorisation afterwards, it will not be authorised.

We can only authorise leave in exceptional circumstances and we will need evidence that your circumstances are exceptional.

The easiest thing to do is plan trips around the school holidays. We publish our holiday dates on the website 2 years in advance so you can always work out the best time to go away without your child missing out on school!

Have a lovely Easter holiday and a very Happy Easter to those of you celebrating this April.

School re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mr Stitcher



Local
Primary
Care



Learning Disability Health Day

Come and join
the fun!



Find out all about:

- Annual health checks or even have one whilst you're there!
- Health screening & fun things to show you how to check yourself!
- Health promotions and lots more!



SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

10AM TILL 3PM

BARBARA CASTLE WAY HEALTH CENTRE,
SIMMONS STREET,
BLACKBURN,
BB2 1AX

For More Information:

Email: HFinbox@lscft.nhs.uk



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PE Dates

Summer 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.

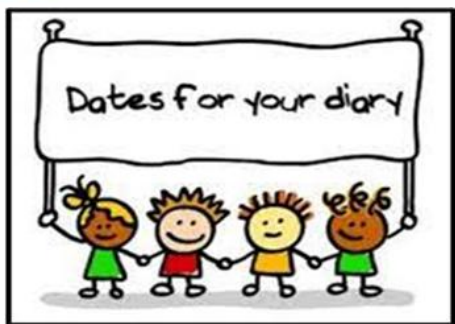
This half term your child will be outside completing their PE lessons, so suitable clothing should be worn, including trainers. Please make sure your child does not wear studs.

A reminder that when it is your child's PE day they must **NOT** wear earrings to school.

Week 1 will start from Tuesday 22nd April.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Reception (RG & RW)	Friday 25th April	Friday 2nd May	Friday 9th May	Friday 16th May	Friday 23rd May
Year 1 (1A & 1F)	Wednesday 23rd April	Monday 28th April Wednesday 30th April	Wednesday 7th May	Monday 12th May Wednesday 14th May	Monday 19th May Wednesday 21st May
Year 2 (2K & 2W)	Tuesday 22nd April Thursday 24th April	Tuesday 29th April Thursday 1st May	Tuesday 6th May Thursday 8th May	Tuesday 13th May Thursday 15th May	Tuesday 20th May Thursday 22nd May
Year 3 (3B & 3M)	Wednesday 23rd April	Monday 28th April Wednesday 30th April	Wednesday 7th May	Wednesday 14th May	Monday 19th May Wednesday 21st May
Year 4 (4A & 4S)	Thursday 24th April	Monday 28th April Thursday 1st May	Thursday 8th May	Thursday 15th May	Monday 19th May Thursday 22nd May
Year 5 (5B & 5R)	Friday 25th April	Friday 2nd May	Friday 9th May	Monday 12th May Friday 16th May	Friday 23rd May
Year 6 (6H & 6V)	Tuesday 22nd April	Tuesday 29th April	Tuesday 6th May	Monday 12th May Tuesday 13th May	Tuesday 20th May





Tuesday 22nd April	School re-opens
Monday 28th April	Year 5 trip – Bowley Scout Camp
Wednesday 30th April	Year 2 trip – Blackpool
Monday 12th May	SATs week
Monday 5th May	School closed for May Day Bank holiday
Friday 23rd May	School close for half term
Monday 19th May	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
Tuesday 20th May	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
Wednesday 21st May	Reception & KS1 Sports Day
Friday 23rd May	EYC Sports Day



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	15 October - 30 November (no later than 31 December)
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January - 29 February (no later than 31 March)
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July (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 3B WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RG	92.5%	
RW	89.1%	
1A	98.2%	
1F	98.2%	🥈
2K	93.3%	
2W	87.5%	
3B	100.0%	🥇
3M	98.3%	
4A	96.7%	
4S	95.7%	
5B	88.3%	
5R	89.4%	
6H	98.0%	
6V	93.7%	

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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YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

It has been lovely to hear all about the children's Eid celebrations this week. The children have been working on talking in full sentences to share their ideas and experiences.

Action

We hope you all have a lovely break!

Reception

"We hope everyone who celebrated had a lovely Eid .This week has been extremely busy. We have looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and listened to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have practised our number bonds to 5 and 10. We have also looked at what plants need to grow and planted some seeds in our discovery area. "

Action

- "We hope everyone has a lovely break. Thank you for all of your support this term. "



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"We all hope you had a lovely Eid last week and are really for sometime at home .Happy Easter to all those celebrating. we hope you egg-cellent time :)"

Action

We will be back on the Tuesday 22nd April.

Year 2

"We have had a busy week finishing off lots of things! We hope you enjoy the plant pots, art work and moving vehicles that we are sending home."

Action

We will be back on the Tuesday 15th April.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant last week in school finishing their biographies and starting their new time unit. Everyone has shared their amazing Eid stories and we have enjoyed listening to their amazing stories. Thank you for your continued support this half term.

Action

"Please continue to read with your child. Thank you to everyone who has paid for our school trip a reminder that this needs to be paid by Friday 9th May."

Year 4

This week in year 4 we have tested our science knowledge on animals (including humans), read about the cheapest car in the world, and written a persuasive text. We have celebrated Eid and Easter with parties, games and treats and enjoyed singing for the Easter Service

Action

Please continue to practise your times tables and spellings over the holidays. Enjoy time with families and friends and stay safe.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

It's been another very busy week in Year 5 as we've approached the holidays. We hope everyone celebrating Eid had a wonderful time with family and loved ones. This week we have been writing diaries, looking at shapes, finishing our artwork and practising our singing for Church. Thank you for all your donations this half term with bits and pieces for our Art and DT and food for our Eid party.

Action

Enjoy the holidays!

Year 6

Hope you all had a lovely time celebrating Eid. This week has been very busy with Eid party, church service, raffles and fencing. We have looked at decimals in Maths and continued looking at a range of reading questions. The children are working really hard and must continue to do so as we are nearly at the end.

Action

Your child has been given a revision booklet to complete over the Easter holidays as this will help them with their SATs. We only have 3 weeks after Easter so it is important children keep on top of their learning, not long to go...



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 until after
Easter Holidays!

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.

