

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Well, we made it! It is finally the end of the school year and what a year it's been!

We have had so much to celebrate this year – not least our successful Ofsted inspection in December.

On top of that, our Year 6 children worked incredibly hard to achieve excellent SATs results – especially when you consider the impact of the Covid pandemic.

And then we have some individual achievements. This year saw Mrs Valli and Ms Azam qualify as teachers after training in-house with us for the last 12 months. We are thrilled that they will both begin their teaching careers with us next year.

And of course, all of your children have achieved great things this year – from improving their reading to performing in public, everyone at St James' has reason to be proud of their efforts.

I would also like to thank you all for your support over the last year. Strong links between home and school are essential and really help us help your children more

effectively.

And I know I say it a lot, but I would also like to thank all of our amazing staff for everything they have done this year! It really has been a team effort!

We wish all of our staff moving on to new things all the best as we say goodbye to Mr Grogan, Miss Bibi, Miss Akram, Mrs Hussain and Mr Grant.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. Hopefully, the weather will improve, and we will all get some rest so that we come back refreshed in September. Remember, school re-opens to children on **Monday 4th September 2023**. We look forward to seeing you all then!

Have a lovely summer! If you need me, I'll be somewhere on a beach!

Thank you again,

Mr Stitches



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Current Year 2 Transition to Year 3 (KS2)

Next term, your child will be moving into Year 3 (Key Stage 2). This is the transition from the infant part of the school to the juniors.

As your child moves into Year 3 there are some changes we need to make you aware of.

Please remember your child's entitlement to Universal Infant Free School Meals expired at the end of Year 2 and meals must be paid for in advance via School Spider, at a cost of £2.35 per meal. If you believe you may be entitled to free school meals, due to your financial circumstances, please ensure you apply as soon as possible.

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

Parents will continue to be able to book their child's meal on a termly basis, which allows your child their choice of meals. If a meal is not pre-booked your child will be receive the Kitchen Choice for the day.



Meal Cost for September 2023

The cost for all school meals will be £2.35 per day, payable in advance. All Key Stage 1 children are entitled to Government funded Universal Free School Meals. Meals should be ordered in advance, on a termly basis via the School Spider App which allows your child their choice of meals.

GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and make payments.

Select your school to get started!

LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address. You must have your email linked with the school

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child

Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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Walking To and From School Alone

From September 2023, children moving into Year 3 will not be permitted to walk to and from school alone.

The roads around school are very busy at the start and end of the school day so please make sure that your child is brought to school and collected by an adult or responsible older sibling from September.

Thank you for your co-operation!



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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



#schooleveryday



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 5H WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

RB	93.7%
RK	92.6%
1F	95.3%
1G	95.3%
2P	83.9%
2W	90.7%
3A	93.0%
3G	94.0%
4AC	91.2%
4B	93.8%
5G	89.0%
5H	97.0%
6M	88.8%
6VW	88.1%



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		Talha I & Liyana R & Muhsin P & Zainab M	
RB	Aaysha C & Sireen B	RK	Everyone!
1F	Anaya M & Zain J	1G	Bareera B & M. Eesa M
2P	Muhammad P & Maryam S	2W	All of 2W!
3A	All of 3A!	3G	Sulayman H. & Waris K
4AC	Muhammad S & Ume Khadija K	4B	Liyanah P and Ahmed A
5G	Yusuf P & Inaaya F	5H	Adam N & Sarim A
6M	All of 6M!	6VW	All of 6VW!



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

We would just like to say a huge thank you to all parents for all their support over the past year. We have had a fantastic year full of learning and lots and lots of fun. We wish all our Pre-School children the best on their transition into Reception and we look forward to our Nursery children moving into Pre-School.

Action

- Have a lovely summer and a well deserved rest!

Reception

We had a fabulous time on our zoo visit, this week we have written a recount of our day! We have been practising our performance and are very excited to show the rest of the school.

Action

- Hope you spend some well deserved time with your family.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"We just want to say a massive thankyou for all your support and guidance. We really appreciate all you do for the children at home. We hope you have a lovely summer break and still encourage the love of learning through, reading, writing and a hint of a maths. Please keep safe and we look forward to seeing you in September. On a separate note- Mr Grant wishes you all the best for the future and cant thank you all enough for the year he has had. "

Action

- Hope you spend some well deserved time with your family.

Year 2

"What a brilliant end to the week! A huge congratulations to all of 2W for winning the Eurovision song contest and a special well done to 6M. Thank you for working extremely hard this year and we are so excited to see you shine brightly as you venture off to Year 3!"

Action

- **Enjoy your summer holidays and remember to keep safe.**



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

What a lovely end to a fantastic year we have had! The children have enjoyed watching the Year 6 performance, the church service and having lots of fun in school this week. We will miss you all but hope you have a lovely summer and wish you all the best in Year 4!

Action

- Enjoy your summer!

Year 4

We have come to an end of another amazing school year. Ms Azam, Miss Clutterbrook and Mr Brindle are extremely proud of all the hard work year 4 have put in to this year. We wish you all a relaxing break and hope to see you all back in September.

Action

- Keep safe and enjoy the Summer break!



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Year 5

This week we have been busy practicing for the Eurovision next wlt has been a pleasure to teach Year 5 over the past 12 months. It has been an unforgettable year filled with many great memories. Mr Grogan and Miss Hussain will miss all of you very much. We wish you all the best in Year 6.

5H have also been practicing for their church service. We have had time to reflect, and thought about all the things we have achieved this year as well as setting personal targets for Year 6.

Action

Enjoy your Summer holidays.

Year 6

Good Luck to all Year 6 Pupils. You have worked extremely hard and should be proud of yourselves.

This is the end of the journey for Year 6. It has been amazing to teach them this year. The memories made will always be in our thoughts as they move on to high school.

Action

- All the best in your high school. May you fulfil your dreams.
- See you around from all of the Staff in Year 6.
- We wish them all the luck in their next journey. Thank you Year 6 for everything.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

As we come to the end of another school year,
we thank you that you have been with us through the days of this past
year.

Thank you for giving us the joy through out this year,
surrounding us with your Peace and Help bringing kindness and joy to
our school.

Amen



Follow the school on social media to
keep up to date on what is happening
in and around school!

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Twitter: [@st_blackburn](https://twitter.com/st_blackburn)

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