

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

It's amazing to think it is already December.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who came to our Winter Gathering. It was lovely to see so many of you there. I'm thrilled to say we raised nearly £400! And thanks to all the staff who helped run the event and staff the stalls!

We are now headed to a very busy time of year with lots of events coming up:

7th December - Christmas lunch

9th November – 2:30pm – Reception phonics workshop, KS1 hall

6th December – 2:30pm – Reception Stay & Read session, classrooms

11th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 1 and 2 carol concert, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket

12th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 3, 4 and 5 carol concert, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket

13th December 2023 at 2:15pm, EYC and Reception nativity, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket

14th December 2023 at 2:15pm, Year 6 production, KS2 hall - £1 per ticket

21st December 2023 at 10:30am (KS1) & 11am (KS2), Church service

Please make a note of the dates and remember, tickets for performances are limited on fire safety grounds, so please book early to avoid disappointment!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcher



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Save the Children

Whilst we are not carrying out any additional fundraising in school at the moment, we know that many of you will still want to give in order to support the humanitarian effort in the Middle East. 'Save the Children' has been recommended to us as a suitable charity.

You can give a one-off donation by visiting <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-single-00138?cid=pse-gpgazaemergencyappeal> and any monies raised by clicking this link will go directly to supporting children caught up in the crisis.



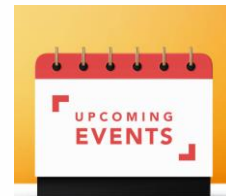
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Autumn Term Events:



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- **Closure after School – Thursday 21st December 2023 @ 3:05pm**
- **School Re-open – Tuesday 9th January 2024**



WINTER GATHERING

A special thanks to everyone at St James' and Lancashire County Council for all their help organising and helping out at the Winter Gathering.

We raised nearly £400. It was a great success. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support.



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Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Nativity and Carol Concert



Due to popular demand, we are having another show for Year 3, 4 & 5 parents on:

Tuesday 12th December at 10:20am in KS2 hall



Tickets cost £1.00 per person. No late guests will be permitted to enter. Tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis. As there will be a lack of space due to the attendance expected, we will not be able to allow prams into school. If you would like to purchase tickets, please purchase tickets from the School Office.





attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 6S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	94.0%
	RJ	97.6%
	1S	98.5%
	1J	93.2%
90% - 94.9%	2S	93.3%
	2J	92.0%
	3S	94.3%
	3J	97.1%
Below 90%	4S	99.3% 
	4J	90.7%
	5S	92.6%
	5J	92.6%
	6S	99.4% 
	6J	95.3%

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		Khadijah B & Aliza R & Aisha K & Mishal I	
RS	Rayaan M & Yusha D	RJ	Feroz K. & Nasr A.
1S	Hassnain A & Hamza F	1J	Ayat A & Fatima Noorah S H
2S	Zoya B & Arsalan K	2J	Ibrahim M & M. Isshaq A
3S	Yusha S and Layla B	3J	Rayyan G & Zara RM
4S	Bilal B & Halima S	4J	M.Yusuf K & Nazir S
5S	Arfa K & Umaymah F	5J	Safiyyah E & Phoenix M.
6S	Ibrahim P & Hafsa M	6J	Sufyaan K & Dunya S



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week in Pre-school and Nursery we have been learning about Firefighters and the Police. The children have enjoyed dressing up and thinking about what job they would like to have when they are a grown up.

Action

- Please make sure you get tickets for our Nativity on the 13th December. The tickets are £1 each. Please bring the slip and money in an envelope. Thank you.

Reception

This week we have been doing lots of reading! We have been practising reading simple sentences and finding one more and one less in maths.

Action

- "It is the last week to practise your Nativity lines!! Please make sure your child knows them. If you have any old school clothes that are too small for you child, please bring them in and we can use them as spares."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Thank you to everyone who came to watch 1J's worship. We hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing it! This week, we have been opening our eyes to new worlds through books. We visited the Library and created Library cards so you are able to take your child to explore new books."

Action

- "Stars in your eyes....If your child has been attending clubs or activities outside of school, please bring in their certificates or medals to show during our celebration worship."

Year 2

"Year 2 have been learning all about time this week, we have learnt how to tell the time when it says o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to. Please encourage your child to tell the time at home! On Friday the 8th, we will be going to the library. Thank you for bringing in the necessary forms if you would like your child to receive a library card. "

Action

- **Maths homework to be completed by Friday and given to class teacher.**



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

Year 3 have had another brilliant week. We have enjoyed learning a Bollywood dance in our PE lesson. In English, we have started our poetry unit and have been reading poems about magic spells. Thank you to those who attended the Winter Gathering, we had a great time. 3J performed a wonderful class worship and a big thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

Action

- "Remember it is our library visit on Tuesday, we will be walking there and back so please ensure that your child is wearing suitable footwear and a waterproof coat. Remember to read 3 x a week. Practise spellings and times tables."

Year 4

Year 4 have had another brilliant week. They have applied their knowledge of the four operations to help them answer arithmetic questions. They have also continued to use their inferencing skills to answer questions about a text.

Action

- Thank you for reading at home. Please continue to sign your child's planner.



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Year 5

Year 5 have worked extremely hard this week. They have used stem sentences to consolidate their understanding when comparing and ordering fractions. In English, they have started to write a letter based on the biography 'Long Walk to Freedom'.

Action

"PE is on Monday. On Tuesday Year 5 will walk down to the central library so please ensure your child wears suitable footwear. Thank you for your continued support with Century Tech."

Year 6

Exciting week in year 6 as we start to practice our nativity. Every child will have a part. We hope that parents can come and watch it.

Action

- Please could you help your children to learn the lines for their nativity.



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Thank you for our St James' community and everyone who helps our school to be the best that it can be.

We pray for the year ahead.

Let's all pray for the safety of everyone and peace all around the world.

Amen



After School Clubs

• Monday

Dodgeball club

Y4 Multiplication Club

UKS2 Girls' Football Club

KS1 Technology Club

Y1 & Y2 Music Club

• Tuesday

- Year 1/2 Multi-skills club

-Year 1 Phonics club

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.



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