

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Date: Friday 24th Jan 2025



Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a windy end to the week! Due to the weather, we have kept the children inside today and please do take care traveling to and from school this evening.

A quick reminder about our upcoming (and popular) parents' Coffee Morning on Wednesday 5th February at 8:50 am that will last around an hour or so. Unfortunately, some of our speakers have had to cancel. However, we will still host the coffee morning and will try and make sure we pass on important information to you there as well.

We have also had a few parents contact us about Reception places in September. This information is not held by us as the Local Authority places children in their first school based on parental preference forms.

All parents will find out at the same time which, this year, will be 16th April 2025. Please do not contact us about this as there is nothing we can tell you!

Our Parents' Evening is fast approaching with face-to-face meetings arranged for Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2025. If you have not yet done so, please make sure you book your appointment on School Spider. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be available in both main buildings on both evenings should you wish to speak to them.

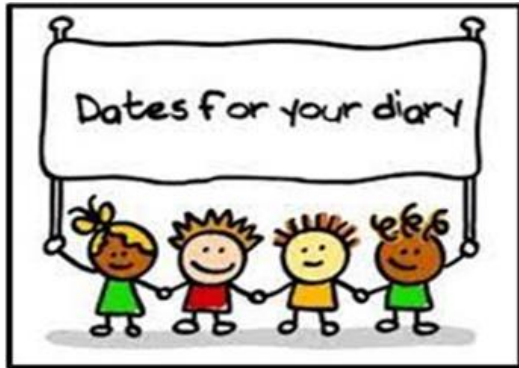
Have a lovely weekend. Hopefully, the winds will die down and the weather will improve.

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- Tuesday 28th Jan** International Lego Day special lunch
- Tuesday 11th Feb** Internet Safety Day and special lunch
- Wed & Thurs 12-13 Feb** Parents evening in school
- Fri 14th February** School Closure @ 3:05pm
- Monday 24th Feb** School re-open
- Wednesday 2nd Apr** Eid Lunch
- Tuesday 10th June 2025** Class photographs





Parents Evening appointment slots are now available for the Spring term on:

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2025

Book your Parents Evening appointments on the School Spider app now.





Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by ELCAS
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the
second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect
you.

Wednesday 5th February 25

1pm - 3pm

Wednesday 12th February 25

3pm - 5pm

Wednesday 19th February 25

5pm - 7pm

Wednesday 26th February 25

1pm - 3pm



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Tuesday 28th Jan 2025
International Lego Day special lunch



The menu card features a red background with a circular pattern. At the top left, the text 'INTERNATIONAL' is in white, and 'LEGO DAY' is in large, bold, white letters with a yellow outline. Scattered around are various colored Lego bricks (red, yellow, green, grey) and a small Lego minifigure in a red shirt and blue pants. In the bottom left, there are two larger Lego minifigures: one with orange curly hair and a blue top, and another wearing a grey helmet and a green jacket, riding a red bicycle.

**INTERNATIONAL
LEGO
DAY**

Lego Pizza
Choice of Toppings
Halal Chicken Sausage
or
Cherry Tomato (v)
with
Skinny Fries, Baked Beans
or Sweetcorn
or
Tomato & Mascarpone
Pasta
with
Garlic Dough Balls
~
Warm Waffle
with
Vanilla Ice Cream &
Toffee Sauce

Lancashire
County Council

**LANCASHIRE
CATERING SERVICE**



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FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY HALF-TERM



**DARWEN
MARKET**

**BLACKBURN
MARKET**

**BLACKBURN
MUSEUM &
ART GALLERY**

**DARWEN
LIBRARY**

**BLACKBURN
LIBRARY**

**ROMAN ROAD
LIBRARY**



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Recipe 4 Health Gold Award

We have been achieved a Gold award for supplying healthy, nutritious food to the consumers of Blackburn with Darwen Borough.

The Recipe 4 Health Award looks at:

- cleanliness and fairness - making sure food is accurately described and safe to eat.
- allergen awareness.
- healthy eating.
- environmental focus - reducing food miles and getting rid of waste responsibly.

More information can be found out

<https://bewellbwd.com/recipe4health/>



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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> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Reception (RG & RW) | Friday 10th Jan | Friday 17th Jan | Friday 24th Jan | Friday 31st Jan | Friday 7th Feb | Friday 14th Feb |
| Year 1 (1A & 1F) | Wednesday 8th Jan | Monday 13th Jan Wednesday 15th Jan | Monday 20th Jan Wednesday 22nd Jan | Monday 27th Jan Wednesday 29 Jan | Monday 3rd Feb Wednesday 5th Feb | Monday 10th Feb Wednesday 12th Feb |
| Year 2 (2K & 2W) | Tuesday 7th Jan Thursday 9th Jan | Tuesday 14th Jan Thursday 16th Jan | Tuesday 21st Jan Thursday 23rd Jan | Tuesday 28th Jan Thursday 30th | Tuesday 4th Feb Thursday 6th Feb | Tuesday 1th Feb Thursday 13th Feb |
| Year 3 (3B & 3M) | Wednesday 8th Jan | Wednesday 15th Jan | Monday 20th Jan Wednesday 22nd Jan | Wednesday 29th Jan | Monday 3rd Feb Wednesday 5th Feb | Wednesday 12th Feb |
| Year 4 (4A & 4S) | Thursday 9th Jan | Thursday 16th Jan | Monday 20th Jan Thursday 23rd Jan | Thursday 30th Jan | Monday 3rd Feb Thursday 6th Feb | Thursday 13th Feb |
| Year 5 (5B & 5R) | Friday 10th Jan | Monday 13th Jan Friday 17th Jan | Friday 24th Jan | Monday 27th Jan Friday 31st Jan | Friday 7th Feb | Monday 10th Feb Friday 14th Feb |
| Year 6 (6H & 6V) | Tuesday 7th Jan | Monday 13th Jan Tuesday 14th Jan | Tuesday 21st Jan | Monday 27th Jan Tuesday 28th Jan | Tuesday 4th Feb | Monday 10th Feb Tuesday 11th Feb |



attendance **MATTERS**



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

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

| | |
|----|--------------|
| RG | 78.5% |
| RW | 80.4% |
| 1A | 98.2% |
| 1F | 99.5% |
| 2K | 83.9% |
| 2W | 100.0% |
| 3B | 92.7% |
| 3M | 86.0% |
| 4A | 88.7% |
| 4S | 97.3% |
| 5B | 97.7% |
| 5R | 97.3% |
| 6H | 97.3% |
| 6V | 93.0% |

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 | | Muhammad Burhan A & Haider R & Mohammad Yaya & Sarah J | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| RG | Hisham K. & Muhammad Harris F. | RW | Ibraheem A & Haris Y |
| 1A | Zoya Q & Rafia Z | 1F | Aiara P & Duha S |
| 2W | Sarim A & Aaysha Ch | 2K | Emaan R F & Noor Fatima M Y |
| 3M | Shehryaar S & Maheen M | 3B | Haris A & Umaima I |
| 4S | Seyar H & Hosina S | 4A | Ayaan A & Saba I |
| 5B | Bilal Bux & M.Easa F | 5R | M.Moeez I & Obaid H |
| 6V | Liyanah P M. Hasan Farooq | 6H | Umaymah F & Ar-Rayyan A |



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week the children have read the story 'The Runaway Chapati'. They have compared the similarities and differences between this story and the Gingerbread Man. They have also answered 'why' questions about the story. The children have made some fantastic artwork this week! They have make collage gingerbread people, painted fox faces and worked on their cutting and sticking skills.

Action

Please can all parents send in photos of their child as a baby or celebrating family events. This can be via the Family App or a paper copy. It would be great for all of the children to be able to discuss their own experiences with their peers.

Reception

This week we have continued with Little Red Riding Hood during our literacy sessions. The children have been learning how to sequence a story, have acted out the story pretending to be each character and even sang a song about it. We have continued with learning all about number bonds to 5 and will be extending this to 10 over the coming weeks. You may have noticed your children come home with a bandage on their arm or leg, this is because we had a special visitor, Nurse Angela. She came to speak all about her job as a nurse. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and some children got to listen to their heartbeats with a doppler and some chose to role play and be bandaged up! I am sure they have told you all about it.

Action

- "We attend the discovery area every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. If children do not have their own wellies or wetsuits then we offer what is available in school. If your child does not wish to wear the school wellies or if there isn't enough then they will wear their school shoes. It can be very muddy so if you want to ensure they stay clean then please send in appropriate footwear for these sessions. Thank you to those parents who are supporting their children with reading at home. Please keep this up."



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"This week, we have been authors, writing our own innovated stories based on the book 'The Tiger who came to tea'. Ask your child to retell their story to you. We have been blown away with the children this week. In Science, we have been learning about the weather and they have created their own weather forecast. Why not create your own weather forecast and upload it on to Google Classroom. We have enjoyed seeing the ones created so far."

Action

- Please promote the love of reading with your child and read their home reading book and their free reader. Which can sometimes be more challenging!

Year 2

This week in science we have learnt about seed dispersal and watched a balloon filled with paper pop to represent this. The children have also had a go at writing their own African Folktale. We have had lots of zebras without stripes or elephants with tangled trunks!

Action

- All children should now have a reading book at home. If they do not, please speak to their class teacher. Please read 3 times with your child at home.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been writing the story of Hansel and Gretel with a twist. They had to change part of the original story. Some children decided to have an evil wizard or a fire breathing dragon in their story. We can't wait to see them.

Action

In Mathematics, we have started to recognise and count in fractions.

Year 4

This week we have been writing a Historical Fiction story in English. In Maths we have been doubling decimals. The children have worked extremely hard and are particularly enjoying our Science topic of 'Teeth'

Action

- Please remind children to wear/bring in pumps on PE days as this half term, we are doing Gymnastics.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

It's been another busy week of learning in Year 5! In English we have begun to innovate our own adventure stories based on 'The boy in the tower' and have managed to add lots of tension, twists and turns in the style of Polly Yo Hen. We've also designed our cushions and carefully thought about how to make them aesthetically pleasing ensuring they meet the criteria of the purpose they intend to be used for.

Action

"Please remember to complete your century tech homework and read at least 3 times per week. Thank you."

Year 6

"Year 6 have completed another mock SATs test this week. They have done their best. Well done to them all. We are still continuing with Fractions, Decimals and Percentages in our Maths lesson. We will also continue to read Holes and answer any comprehension questions based on the book. In writing, we have wrote a diary on Stanley's perspective, next week we will edit and improve this to make our writing even better!"

Action

- "Please continue to support your child on Century Tech and their reading, which should be completed at least 3 times a week. If your child is struggling with any Maths or English topics please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Valli or Miss Hussain."
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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

- **Year 1 Phonics club**
(Mon & Tues – 3:05 – 3:35pm)
- **Year 3&4 Wellbeing Club**
Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm
- **Year 4 MTC club**
(Tue 3:05 – 3:50pm)
- **KS2 Tri Golf Club**
(Thurs 3.05 – 3:50pm)
- **Year 6 Reading Club**
(Thurs 3.05 – 3:50pm)
- **Indoor Athletics Club**
(Wed 3.05 – 3:50pm)

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.

