

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Date: Friday 7th Feb 2025



Doug Stitcheh

Mr D Stitcheh, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you to those who came to our coffee morning on Wednesday. We will be hosting another one in the summer, and we will make sure we give you all plenty of advance notice!

Next week is Parents' Evening! Please ensure you have booked your slot. We really enjoy seeing the school full of parents with their children proud to show off their work and achievements.

Senior members of staff will be available on both nights in each hall to talk to informally; or if necessary, to arrange a more in-depth meeting. Please can I remind you to try to stick to your time and to let us know if you need to cancel.

If you think you need longer with the

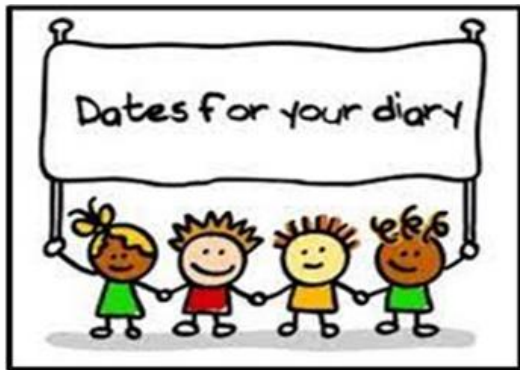
class teacher, please let them know at the end of your parents' evening slot and they will arrange a follow-up meeting. This helps us keep everyone running on time and means less waiting around for everyone!

And finally, please can I remind you to avoid parking directly opposite where the lollipop patrol is! It's hard enough stopping the speeding traffic on Earl Street, without having to dodge in and out of parked cars! On the whole, Earl Street has been a lot safer in recent weeks so let's keep it that way and help keep our children safe!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitcheh





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| Monday 10th Feb | Book Fair |
| 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

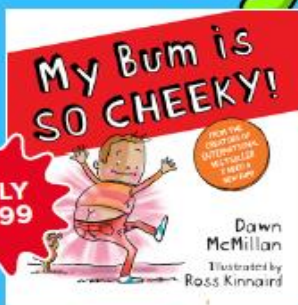
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Tuesday 11th Feb

Internet Safety Day and special lunch

Internet Safety Day

11th Feb



Clever Clicking Crispy Quorn Wrap
or Antivirus Vegetable Burger
with
Private Potato Wedges, Secure Sweetcorn or Bot Baked
Beans
& Trusted Tomato Ketchup
or
Password Protected Pasta Spirals & Anti Troll Tomato Sauce
with
Safe Gaming Garlic Dough Balls & Social Aware Salad
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Cooks Cautious Cookie or Firewall Fruit



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Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025

Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online



Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **‘Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online ‘**.

Safer Internet Day is the UK’s biggest celebration of online safety. Each year they cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online.

This Safer Internet Day will assess the real scale of this issue and allow young people to share their experiences and ideas on how to tackle the problem. We will build on the important work being done to raise awareness of issues; consider the future of scams, answering questions such as:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>



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Parent Online Safety Questionnaire



We would appreciate if you could take a few moments to complete this short questionnaire. Please help school find out a little bit more about the children's Internet use at home. This will help us educate them, ensuring they are aware of the benefits and dangers of going online.





Family Hub



Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth

Parent Group Leader Training opportunity

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) is a parenting programme delivered by parents who live in their own community.

Parent Group Leader training equips parents to facilitate *Being a Parent* group/course in their own communities, with continued support from specialist EPEC Supervisors.

Being a Parent helps parents to learn practical skills for everyday life and bring up confident, happy and co-operative children. The programme supports parents to develop positive parenting strategies, learn effective communication skills and supports them to understand their children's behaviour and development.

Parent Group Leader training is voluntary and is delivered 1 day per week over 10 weeks. This will be from Tuesday the 14th January at Family Hub Shadsworth

Once trained parent group leaders will deliver the programme for 2 hours a week in an 8 week block, this will be delivered alongside another parent group leader, the programme does not run during school holidays.

Contact Laura Mckelvey 01254 666536 laura.mckelvey@blackburn.gov.uk for an informal chat and to find out some more information.



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Nazir from 5R will be going on a Humanitarian Aid visit on the 18th February with a charity called Mercy To Humanity to distribute Ramadhan food packs to the displaced syrian refugees in Hatay where millions lost their lives and households, many are still suffering living in tents and camps.

Your donations will contribute towards Ramadhan food packs which consists of rice, pasta, noodles, flour, tinned food, lentils, tomato paste, oil & sugar. This will help feed a family of four for a whole month. You can donate on the link using the QR code on the poster.

MERCY TO HUMANITY

JOIN KUL SOOM & NAZIR TO FEED

150 FAMILIES

THIS RAMADAN

TÜRKIYE - SYRIAN REFUGEES & TURKISH FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE

One food pack will feed a family of 4-5 people for the month of Ramadan.

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ZAKAT - SADAQAH - LILLAH **100% DONATION POLICY!**

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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	89.4%
RW	93.5%
1A	92.3%
1F	89.1%
2K	85.6%
2W	99.4% 
3B	87.0%
3M	88.0%
4A	87.0%
4S	94.2%
5B	99.3% 
5R	97.5%
6H	95.7%
6V	92.7%

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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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		Hamza C, Jannat A, Abdullah M & Abeeha R	
RG	Mohammed Rayan M. & Ahmad P.	RW	Abu Bakr O & Haniya B
1A	Amna S & M. Ruhan P	1F	Muhammad Haris A & Aaira P
2W	Aayan H & Hussain F	2K	Noor Fatima M Y & Muhammad Isa A
3M	Ayesha P & Amelia M	3B	Fatima Nalain A & Ilhan N
4S	MTC Club & Seyar H	4A	Inaaya A & Layla B
5B	Areeba S & Malaika H	5R	Obaid H & Alex P
6V	Hasan S & Ariana A	6H	Aayan A & Tooba Y



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week, the children immersed themselves in the story 'The Little Red Hen,' which sparked wonderful discussions about the importance of kindness and being a good friend. Our little artists have excelled again, exploring their creativity through painting, drawing, and collaging their own hens. We were thrilled to welcome back Mrs Bristol, who has begun focusing on forest school activities every Wednesday. The children have had a fantastic time being outdoors every day this week, building water runs, having fun in the mud kitchen, and chatting about the changing weather. It's been a week full of engaging and imaginative experiences!

Action

Please continue to book parents evening times for next week.

Reception

This week the children have enjoyed acting out and sequencing our class text 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' In maths we have continued looking at the composition of numbers up to 10. The children are getting good at this! We thoroughly enjoyed the Winter Presentations, so thank you to those children who participated and shared this with the class. In PE we have been practising different types of jumps, the tuck jump seems to be the trickiest!

Action

- Please remember to sign your child's planner when you have read with them. This should be every day. PE is on a Friday- no earrings or cover them up please so your child can participate.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 1

"We have a busy last week ahead of us. Monday evening we have the book fair! Come and open your minds to new worlds! On Tuesday, we have Online Safety Day! And 1F Parent Worship on Thursday focusing on Online Safety! We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible! On Wednesday, we have our trip to the Art gallery, please remember to dress in school uniform and wear appropriate shoes for walking. Parents evening, on Wednesday and Thursday. If you have any questions before then please speak to a member of the Year 1 team. We will discuss the Phonics screening in preparation for June, Writing and Mathematics."

Action

- "Please speak to the children about Online Safety for help and advice go to Parent Zone. <https://parentzone.org.uk/>"

Year 2

"We look forward to welcoming you on either Wednesday or Thursday for parents evening. If you have any questions before your booked slot, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher. In science this week we have seen how much our plant has grown! In English we have been writing a diary entry as if we were Christopher Columbus going on an expedition, the children have shared some great ideas. "

Action

- Please remember to read with your child over the weekend. There is also homework to complete.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been working extremely hard on their repeated subtraction when dividing. The children have also been writing non-chronological reports all about rocks. Their writing is getting better and better each week. Also, the children got their hands dirty when they tested how well soils absorbed water.

Action

Next week is parent's evening. Please ensure you know when your parent's evening time is. See you all next week

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week. In Maths, we have been dividing a 3 digit number by a 1 digit number and in English we have been researching Rosa Parks and all her inspirational work, ready to write a biography next week. The children particularly enjoyed our Science experiment this week, investigating which toothpaste is the best at removing stains.

Action

- Please ensure children are practicing their times tables at home



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 5

This week Year 5 have been working hard to complete their writing assessment in English and have found themselves to be very knowledgeable about rainforests! In Maths, we have started to convert fractions and decimals into percentages and during reading, we have been reading the 'Boy in the Tower.'

Action

"- Please check your parents evenings times, we look forward to meeting you next week.- Please remember to complete homework on Century Tech.- Please remember to read and sign planners at least 3x a week."

Year 6

"Year 6 have been working extremely hard in math, with finding the area and perimeter of a shape, especially a triangle. In English, Year 6 have been continuing their inference skills and applying it in their reading tests. Also, they are very intrigued learning more about Stanley Yelnats and the connection he and Zero have. On Thursday, Year 6 were participating in activities celebrating the Chinese New Year. Well done to both Year 6 classes representing St James, you were very attentive and focused towards our guests."

Action

- "Continue supporting your child with CT and read with them as much as you can. Looking forward in meeting all the parents next week."
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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



All after school clubs
will resume after the
half term holidays on
week commencing
Monday 24th February
2025

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.

