

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Date: Friday 23rd May 2025



Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Can you believe it is the end of another half-term!

We really hope you enjoyed our Sports Days. It was lovely to see such excellent support for the children – we even saw a few balloons in house colours! And some of the neighbours came to watch to see what was making all that noise!!

Having them earlier in the year has meant we've been luckier with the weather than usual. A big thank you to Mr Brindle who organised everything – it's a massive job organising so many Sports Days in one week, and I'm sure you'll agree he's done a wonderful job!

We have also had confirmation that the local authority will be altering the speed bumps just outside the main entrance to put them closer together – at the

moment, cars can still nip through the gap nearest to where Mr Cameron or I are standing! This should stop that and make the roads safer again.

We are now in the final stages of planning classes for next year and the children will find out who their new teacher is at our induction day in July. We like them to find out first so they can tell you!

It's half-term now, so school will re-open to everyone on Monday 2nd June 2025. I hope you all have an enjoyable break! We're going to Liverpool on Monday to watch the Liverpool Premier League parade in the predicted rain!

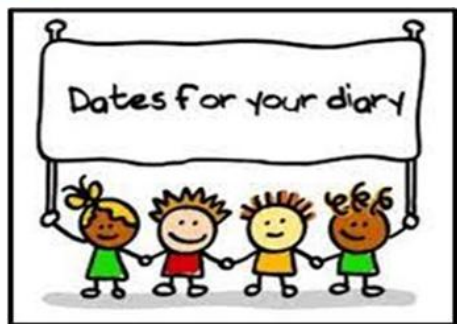
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches



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Friday 23rd May

School close for half term

Monday 2nd June

School Re-open

Thursday 12th June New Reception Intake 2025 Parent Meeting @ 9am

Thursday 3rd July (one-hour slot to be confirmed) - New Reception Intake 2025 Parent and Child's transition session in school

Monday 7th July (pm – timings to be confirmed) New Reception Intake 2025 Parent and Child Teddy Bear's Picnic

Important
Dates



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School Meals & Breakfast Club - Charges from September 2025

We would like to advise that from Wednesday 3rd September 2025 there will be a price increase to the cost of breakfast club and school meals. The current price for breakfast club is **£1.50 per day**, this will rise to **£2.00 per day**, to ensure all children attending continue to receive a healthy breakfast and the best supervision before they start the school day.

School meals will also increase to **£2.60 per day** for a nutritionally balanced two-course meal would still proves excellent value for money. We continue to work closely with LCC who provide the catering service and have taken their advice with the price increase but still remained lower than their recommended charge per meal. They continue to offer an exciting and varied range of meals which are both healthy and nutritious. All of the menus are developed in line with the nutritional standards which meets the government food standards and gives value for money.

There will be no impact for KS1 children who receive the government funded Universal Infant Free School meal offer, or our students in receipt of Free School Meals.

For parents who pay for school meals we would like to remind you that it may be worth making an application for Free School Meals

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

I ask for your understanding with these price increases and fully appreciate that times are tough. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask them and I'll do my best to answer them.

Please be reassured that, we will continue to assess the meals to ensure that their quality is maintained.



PE Dates

Summer 2

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	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Reception (RG & RW)	Friday 6th June	Friday 13th June	Friday 20th June	Friday 27th June	Friday 4th July	Friday 11th July	n/a
Year 1 (1A & 1F)	Monday 2nd June Wednesday 4th June	Monday 9th June Wednesday 11th June	Monday 16th June Wednesday 18th June	Monday 23rd June Wednesday 25th June	Monday 30th June Wednesday 2nd July	Monday 7th July Wednesday 9th July	Monday 14th July Wednesday 16th July
Year 2 (2K & 2W)	Tuesday 3rd June Thursday 5th June	Tuesday 10th June Thursday 12th June	Tuesday 17th June Thursday 19th June	Tuesday 24th June Thursday 26th June	Tuesday 1st July Thursday 3rd July	Tuesday 8th July Thursday 10th July	Tuesday 15th July Thursday 17th July
Year 3 (3B & 3M)	Wednesday 4th June	Monday 9th June Wednesday 11th June	Wednesday 18th June	Monday 23rd June Wednesday 25th June	Wednesday 2nd July	Monday 7th July Wednesday 9th July	Wednesday 16th July
Year 4 (4A & 4S)	Thursday 5th June	Monday 9th June Thursday 12th June	Thursday 19th June	Monday 23rd June Thursday 26th June	Thursday 3rd July	Monday 7th July Thursday 10th July	Thursday 17th July
Year 5 (5B & 5R)	Monday 2nd June Friday 6th June	Friday 13th June	Monday 16th June Friday 20th June	Friday 27th June	Monday 30th June Friday 4th July	Friday 11th July	Monday 14th July
Year 6 (6H & 6V)	Monday 2nd June Tuesday 3rd June	Tuesday 10th June	Monday 16th June Tuesday 17th June	Tuesday 24th June	Monday 30th June Tuesday 1st July	Tuesday 8th July	Monday 14th July Tuesday 15th July



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.**



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attendance ~~MATTERS~~



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 1A WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RG	96.2%	
	RW	91.2%	
	1A	99.1%	🏆
	1F	91.9%	
90% - 94.9%	2K	93.9%	
	2W	97.5%	
	3B	96.7%	
	3M	98.3%	
	4A	98.3%	
	4S	98.0%	
Below 90%	5B	96.0%	
	5R	95.2%	
	6H	98.7%	🥈
	6V	96.3%	

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		Muhammad Yahya, Hafsa H, Muhammed Azaan & Ayaan	
RG	Aliza R. & Farhan I.	RW	Polina H & Amaan P
1A	Khadijah I & Zoya Q	1F	Rayyan M & Juwairiyah P
2W	Ayat A & Aaysha Ch	2K	Anastasia G A & Hassnain A
3M	M. Eisa & Maryam I	3B	Bareera B & Urwaa R
4S	Amelia A & Khadija B	4A	Yusha S & Zainab A
5B	Joudy Al M & Javeria Y	5R	Zak F & Faheemah P
6V	Iman M & Sana J	6H	Haadiya N & Noor A



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YEAR GROUP *updates*

Forest Pre-School & Nursery

Well done to all of the children for taking part in Sports Day this week! We are really proud of everyone.

Action

Have a lovely half term break.

Reception

This week in literacy we have been learning about non-fiction texts and have enjoyed finding out new facts about sharks. In maths we have been exploring capacity in the water and sand. We have had lots of discussion about what holds the most, least, and what half full and empty means. Sports day on Wednesday was a fantastic event and all the children participated and showed an enthusiastic and competitive nature. Well done.

Action

- Please continue to read daily with your children at home. Make the most of the half term break and enjoy your time together.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

What a fantastic day we had on sports day! The children were all amazing! A big thank you to all the parents/guardians who came to support their child.

Action

Please remember to practice the phonics with your child over the holidays. You will find everything you need saved on Google classroom.

Year 2

"What a fun week it has been! A big well done to everybody for competing in Sports Day, we hope you had fun. And a big thank you to parents who came and showed your support. In computing the children had a fun lesson learning all about algorithms and were able to complete a programming on ScratchJr. "

Action

"Enjoy the half term holidays, hopefully the sun will continue to shine. Please continue to read with your child and sign their records. We will look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd June. "



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

"Year 3 have had a super week including participating in our Sports Day. Well done to all the children who took part you were amazing! Have a relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 2nd June."

Action

Have a nice break!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week. In English we have been writing an explanation text on Plastic pollution. In Maths we have been looking at sequences.

Action

Please ensure children are practising their times tables every day in the holidays as their official MTC test will be after the half term holidays!



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

Year 5 really enjoyed Sport's Day this year. Thank you for all your support on the side-lines and sending in t-shirts in our house colours. This week we've finished off lots of units of work ready for our final half term of the year. We finished reading Kensuke's Kingdom, which has been a novel we've really enjoyed. In Science we've looked at the life cycles of a variety of plants and animals. Our Art, DT and RE topics will continue into Summer 2.

Action

"Have a restful week off."

Year 6

Year 6 Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and school spirit. The sun was shining and the atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as all the pupils competed in a variety of events.

Action

"Continue supporting your child at home, especially with their reading."

Thank You

.Have a lovely break."



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 will
resume after the holidays on
Monday 9th June 2025**

MONDAY

Year 2 performing Arts Club
Year 1 Phonics Club

TUESDAY

Year 3 Tennis Club
Year 4 MTC Club
Year 1 Phonics Club
KS2 Athletics 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
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