

# ST JAMES' Newsletter

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*Doug Stitches*

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

## Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to the final half-term of this academic year. I hope everyone had a lovely half-term break (although I'm sure it feels like a million years ago now!).

This week saw our Year 6 children venture to Whitehough for their long-anticipated residential trip. As always, they had an amazing time, and a big thank you goes to all of you for your support in making sure they were kitted out and prepared. I'd also like to thank Mr Brindle, Miss Hussain, and Mrs Stott for giving up their own time to ensure the children had a wonderful adventure. It is a big ask to request that staff spend time away from their families unpaid, and without their generosity, trips like this could not happen.

You may have noticed that Blackburn with Darwen sent out Civil Enforcement Officers this week to monitor traffic and enforce parking infringements. In the

short time we were with him, one officer issued a number of tickets and spoke to many parents about driving and parking without consideration. Please, wherever possible, try to walk to and from school.

I also wanted to give you advance notice that, from September, only Year 5 and Year 6 children will be permitted to walk home alone. All other children will need to be collected. This is to ensure children are kept as safe as possible, particularly during the long and dark winter evenings. We will remind you about this again nearer the time, and thank you for your continued support.

Finally, on behalf of us all at school, Eid Mubarak to all of those observing this weekend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches



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A quick reminder about our upcoming and popular parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday 11th June at 8:45 am (KS2 hall) straight after dropping your children off at school – lasting around an hour.

We will host the coffee morning with a talk on Mental Health and Mrs Wright will provide some information about supporting your child with reading.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!



## School Meals & Breakfast Club - Charges from September 2025

We would like to advise that from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

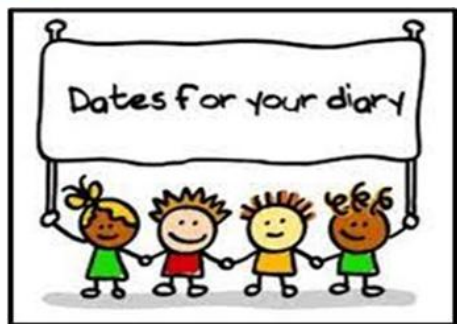
<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

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.







**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** Coffee Morning @ 8:45am KS2 Hall – all parents welcome!

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** New Reception Intake 2025 Parent Meeting @ 9am

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** Year 3 trip to Ribchester Museum

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** Class 5R Linking Schools visit to Shadsworth

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

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

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** School closure for summer

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** School reopens



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# attendance ~~MATTERS~~



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

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RG	95.4%
	RW	89.6%
	1A	87.4%
	1F	90.5%
90% - 94.9%	2K	98.9% 
	2W	97.0%
	3B	98.3%
	3M	98.7% 
	4A	95.0%
	4S	98.3%
Below 90%	5B	91.3%
	5R	93.9%
	6H	96.0%
	6V	96.0%

If your child is absent due to illness, the office must be informed before 08:35 on that day.



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## 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 will start from Monday 2nd June.

	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Week 5</u>	<u>Week 6</u>	<u>Week 7</u>
<b>Reception</b> <b>(RG &amp; RW)</b>	Friday 6th June	Friday 13th June	Friday 20th June	Friday 27th June	Friday 4th July	Friday 11th July	n/a
<b>Year 1</b> <b>(1A &amp; 1F)</b>	Monday 2nd June	Monday 9th June	Monday 16th June	Monday 23rd June	Monday 30th June	Monday 7th July	Monday 14th July
	Wednesday 4th June	Wednesday 11th June	Wednesday 18th June	Wednesday 25th June	Wednesday 2nd July	Wednesday 9th July	Wednesday 16th July
<b>Year 2</b> <b>(2K &amp; 2W)</b>	Tuesday 3rd June	Tuesday 10th June	Tuesday 17th June	Tuesday 24th June	Tuesday 1st July	Tuesday 8th July	Tuesday 15th July
	Thursday 5th June	Thursday 12th June	Thursday 19th June	Thursday 26th June	Thursday 3rd July	Thursday 10th July	Thursday 17th July
<b>Year 3</b> <b>(3B &amp; 3M)</b>	Wednesday 4th June	Monday 9th June	Wednesday 18th June	Monday 23rd June	Wednesday 2nd July	Monday 7th July	Wednesday 16th July
		Wednesday 11th June		Wednesday 25th June		Wednesday 9th July	
<b>Year 4</b> <b>(4A &amp; 4S)</b>	Thursday 5th June	Monday 9th June	Thursday 19th June	Monday 23rd June	Thursday 3rd July	Monday 7th July	Thursday 17th July
		Thursday 12th June		Thursday 26th June		Thursday 10th July	
<b>Year 5</b> <b>(5B &amp; 5R)</b>	Monday 2nd June	Friday 13th June	Monday 16th June	Friday 27th June	Monday 30th June	Friday 11th July	Monday 14th July
	Friday 6th June		Friday 20th June		Friday 4th July		
<b>Year 6</b> <b>(6H &amp; 6V)</b>	Monday 2nd June	Tuesday 10th June	Monday 16th June	Tuesday 24th June	Monday 30th June	Tuesday 8th July	Monday 14th July
	Tuesday 3rd June		Tuesday 17th June		Tuesday 1st 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	<b>15 October - 30 November</b> (no later than 31 December)
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	<b>15 January - 29 February</b> (no later than 31 March)
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	<b>15 June to 31 July</b> (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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# 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

### MONDAY

Year 2 performing Arts Club  
Year 1 Phonics Club  
KS1 Art 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 have an account to view our social media pages.



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