

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope everyone celebrating had a lovely Eid last week.

With just under 5 weeks left until the summer holidays, we are into the busiest part of the year.

This week, we held our regular coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who came and supported. We had two very informative presentations; one from Mrs Wright about supporting your child's reading at home, and one from Sharon from the MHST team. A big thank you to Mrs Wright and Sharon for providing such clear information to everyone. We hope you found it useful.

Yesterday was our new intake meeting for our new Reception parents. It was lovely to see so many new and familiar faces and we look forward to your child joining us in September.

You will notice over the coming months that we have started the process of modernising our school branding. We haven't changed any of the symbolism or any messaging – we have just added some sharper edges and a more stylistic design. We will, eventually, phase out the current logo from letters and uniforms but this will be gradual and requires no action on your part. There will be no expectation that parents' replace uniform with the new logo until they want to do so.

And finally, we are in the process of attempting to set-up our long awaited after-school wrap-around care! We hope to launch this from September and will provide more information shortly!

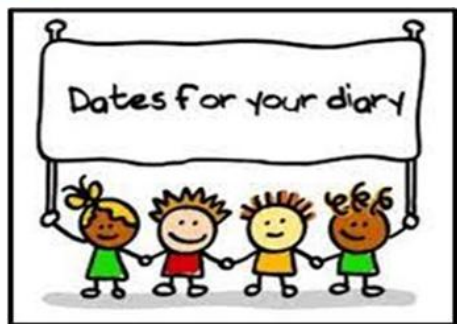
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches



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Thursday 19th June Year 3 trip to Ribchester Museum

Wednesday 2nd July Class 5R Linking Schools visit to Shadsworth

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

Thursday 3rd July Transition day in school

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

Tuesday 8th July EYC Graduation **10:30 am**
2:15pm

Thursday 17th July Church Service **KS1 at 10:30am**
KS2 at 11:00am

Thursday 17th July Year 6 Leavers Celebration at 1:30pm (Parents welcome)

Thursday 17th July School closure for summer

Wednesday 3rd September School reopens



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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 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>
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	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
Year 2 (2K & 2W)	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
Year 3 (3B & 3M)	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	
Year 4 (4A & 4S)	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	
Year 5 (5B & 5R)	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		
Year 6 (6H & 6V)	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	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.



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 Shaheer, Zidan, Jannat M & Halima L	
RG	Amina K. & Muhammad Harris. F	RW	Aaima A & Zaynab B
1A	Ibrahim M & Muhammad Y P	1F	Muhammad Aashir A A & Juwairyah P
2W	Hajrah A & Zara A & Aysha K	2K	Humaira M & Amyra M
3M	Rumaisa R & Hasan S	3B	Ahmed I & Amina M
4S	Muhammad M & Zain D	4A	Aaisha U & Farhan A
5B	Hamza Chandia & Mohammed Siddiq Malek	5R	Hawa H & Ajwa M
6V	Angel R & M. Raihaan P	6H	Angel R & M. Raihaan P



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YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

The children have had another fantastic week at nursery. We have continued learning about the ocean whilst learning an under the sea dance and song. Well done everyone! The children have also started to discuss what they would like to be when they grow up. The children want to be doctors, artists, princesses, mechanics and much more.

Action

"Please ask your child about their ambitions for the future. It is a great chance to share their ideas with you. Please can all funding forms be complete and handed to the office. "

Reception

The children have really enjoyed sharing how they celebrated Eid and have even shared some of their pictures. They then wrote about their day. In maths we have been learning about different types of measurements and applying this in class.

Action

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- Please send a photograph of your child celebrating Eid if you are able to. This will be added to our display.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

Well done to all the children this week for completing their Phonics screening. We are extremely proud. This week, we have been writing an information text about bugs. See what interesting facts they can tell you about the bugs they have learnt about. of all their hard work.

Action

Please remember to sign their diaries once they have read with you.

Thank you again for all your support.

Year 2

"This week the children have worked hard to plan a story based on 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We are very excited to read their story from the seagulls point of view. "

Action

Please remember to read and complete homework with your child.



YEAR GROUP *updates*

Year 3

Year 3 have worked very hard this week when being introduced to decimal numbers. We have nearly finished our fiction next 'The Hodgeheg' and have written their own character description.

Action

"Key Dates: 3M
Parent Worship:
Wednesday 18th
June Y3 Trip to
Ribchester:
Thursday 19th
June "

Year 4

"It's been another busy week in year 4. The children all had their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) and all approached it with maturity and confidence. We have enjoyed 2 lessons learning about the fundamental skills for cricket this week, dived deeper into our text 'The Midnight Fox', and recapped how to check multiplication by using division. "

Action

"Please read three times per week with your child and discuss the text with them. Please return letters and money for the Cathedral trip (which is on Tuesday 8th July), asap. Thank you. Advanced notice - 4S parent worship on Thursday 10th July"



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been writing our own versions of Macbeth and practising mathematical operations using decimal numbers. We really enjoyed our RE lesson where we found out about the festival of Purim and we had a great discussion about women's rights. We've also enjoyed playing rounders in PE.

Action

"Continue to practise spellings using the website we've used in class. Thank you"

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have continued to impress us with their focus, maturity and enthusiasm as we approach the final stretch of the year. In English writing, they have been polishing their writing skills, producing some fantastic pieces of writing.

Action

"We are approaching end of year, we will be busy with upcoming important events, including end of year production and services. Please check regularly for any upcoming events. We will notify of these dates near the time."



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

KS1 Art Club

3:10pm – 3:30pm

TUESDAY

Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics Club

3:10pm – 3:30pm

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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