

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitcher

Mr D Stitcher, Headteacher



Dear Parents/Guardians

What a wonderful Christmassy week that was! It was lovely to see so many of you at all of our performances this year. The children were superb and we really hope you enjoyed your time in school watching them.

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to put those nativities, carol concerts and performances together! One parent actually said to me that is difficult enough getting two children to do anything, let alone a hundred children! So thank you to everyone involved in making our performances so special this year.

Finally, just a quick reminder that school closes at usual time on Thursday 21st December and re-opens to children on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Save the Children

Whilst we are not carrying out any additional fundraising in school at the moment, we know that many of you will still want to give in order to support the humanitarian effort in the Middle East. 'Save the Children' has been recommended to us as a suitable charity.

You can give a one-off donation by visiting <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-single-00138?cid=pse-gpgazaemergencyappeal> and any monies raised by clicking this link will go directly to supporting children caught up in the crisis.



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NEW - Extended Early years funding offer

From April 2024, working parents of two-year-olds* will be able to access 15 hours of free early education and care per week (over 38 weeks a year) from the term after their child's Birthday;

*The term after the child turns 2 years

Eligible working parents will be able to apply for their codes to gain access to 15 hours of childcare per week for two-year-olds from 2nd January 2024, ready for the Summer 24 term.

(The term after the child turns 2 years)



Childcare
Choices

To keep your 30 hours place check your details are up to date every 3 months.
gov.uk/childcareaccount

HM Government

No after school clubs next week.



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Annual selection box raffle

Tickets on sale
20p a ticket



Raffle drawn in school on 20/12/2023



Christmas Parties

Your child may also come to school in his/her party clothes on the day of their class party. Please ensure sensible footwear is worn (due to health and safety reasons) and that clothes are appropriate for the present weather conditions.

KS2 Party – Monday 18th December 2023

KS1 Party – Tuesday 19th December 2023

Early Years Party – Tuesday 19th December 2023 (am/pm)



HUGE WELL DONE!!

We would all like to say a huge well done to Inaaya and Zakariyya who have been raising money to help the humanitarian crisis currently unfolding in the Middle East. Together, they have already raised over £520.31 to support innocent victims of war in the region!

Well done from everyone at school for making a difference!



Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Well done!



attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 1S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

RS	95.0%
RJ	86.2%
1S	98.0%
1J	96.8%
2S	91.3%
2J	95.0%
3S	82.7%
3J	92.9%
4S	93.7%
4J	95.9%
5S	88.0%
5J	94.4%
6S	91.3%
6J	95.7%

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		Talha I & Aaima A & Rayan M & Hamza P`	
RS	Duha S & Khadijah A	RJ	Naila N. & Maryam B.
1S	Fatima M & Amyra M	1J	Ahmed K K & Fatimah Zahra H
2S	Fatima K & M.Issa H	2J	Anaya M & Rumaisa R
3S	Saba I & Mohammed Hadi A	3J	Inaya M & Muhammad P
4S	Hamza C & M Siddiq Malek	4J	Fatima V & Norhan A
5S	Fahim P & Aazim H	5J	Ariana A & Malayeka H.
6S	Amaara B & Sharjeel A	6J	Khadijah V & Mustafa N



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

We have had a fantastic week in Pre-school and Nursery. We are so proud of the children who did their best in the Nativity performance this week. We hope all the parents and families who came had a lovely time.

Action

- Next Tuesday is our Christmas party day. Please feel free to dress your child in party clothes but do please bear in mind that they will still be participating in playtime outside (weather permitting). Suitable footwear is needed.

Reception

Well done to all our Reception for a fabulous Nativity performance! Mrs Mekari and Mrs Gell are extremely proud of you super stars!

Action

- Please encourage your child to dress themselves. Children in Reception should be able to put their clothes on and off independently, as well as doing their own shoes.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 1

"Thank you to the all the parents who came to watch our KS1 carol concert. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed performing it. Next week is our last week of Autumn term (how time flies) and we have lots of festival activities planned, such as the Christmas party on Tuesday 18th December. We would appreciate it if the children could bring in party food/drinks to share with their class."

Action

- "If you have any reading books at home please can you ensure they are returned to school as soon as possible."

Year 2

"We've had a wonderful festive week in Year 2! The children have worked extremely hard planning and writing their non-chronological reports. They have also enjoyed finding ten more and ten less than any given number and shown off their creative talents to complete their glove puppets in Design Technology. We can't wait for our Christmas party next Tuesday and look forward to finishing off the term with a festive film and popcorn! "

Action

- Please could you listen to your children read at least 3 times a week. If you have any home reading books at home, please could you return them to your class teacher. Thank you :-)



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy but wonderful week. The Year 3 Team were extremely proud of all of Year 3 for their performance in the Christmas concert, thank you to the parents who were able to attend. In English, the children are enjoying finding out about healthy eating by reading explanation texts. The children have fun making a puppet theatre and will be performing a shadow puppet play to end of Light topic in Science.

Action

- "Monday is Christmas Party day. Your child can wear party clothes, however please make sure that what they are wearing enables them to play out safely and complete normal school activities. Please support the party by bringing in some party food, your child will let you know what they have chosen to bring in."

Year 4

"Year 4 put on a great performance with years 3 and 5 during their Christmas Carol Concert. Thank you for all of your support with this. Next Thursday will be the last day of term. We hope you have a lovely break. "

Action

- Please continue to practise all of the times tables at home with your child. Thank you.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 5

"Year 5 performed amazingly in the 'Christmas Concert.' This week Year 5 have continued learning how to add fractions within 1 and greater than 1. In English, they have been analysing a poem which is a classic narrative of 'The Highway Man' by Alfred Noyes."

Action

"There will be no P.E lesson next week. Year 5 christmas party is on Monday (pm), your child will know what food/item they need to bring by their class teacher, thank you in advance for your contribution. Please continue to support your child with 'Century Tech' and also with their reading."

Year 6

What an amazing performance this week! We are so grateful for all the children's hard work during the Nativity. We hope you enjoyed it too. We have a few days left and then we can all have a well-earned rest. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to your child's education this term.

Action

- "[https://www.grammar-monster.com/Google - Mathsbot Arithmetic](https://www.grammar-monster.com/Google-Mathsbot-Arithmetic) "



PRAYER

for the week

Dear God

Thank you for our St James' community and everyone who helps our school to be the best that it can be.

We pray for the year ahead.

Let's all pray for the safety of everyone and peace all around the world.

Amen



Follow the school on social media to keep up to date on what is happening in and around school!

Facebook: [@StJamesCofEBlackburn](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCofEBlackburn)

Twitter: [@st_blackburn](https://twitter.com/st_blackburn)

Please note that you don't need to have an account to view our social media pages.

