

ST JAMES' Newsletter

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Doug Stitches

Mr D Stitches, Headteacher

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back! I hope everyone celebrating had a wonderful Easter and a lovely Eid.

Unfortunately, yesterday we had another incident in Earl Street leading to a child being injured by a car. Whilst I can't give specifics about the incident, there is no doubt that a contributing factor is people parking on Earl Street on the yellow zig zags and partially on the pavement.

This is creating a very dangerous situation where we have a lot of fast-moving vehicles, parked cars and vans and children leaving the school all at the same time.

I have written to the Local Authority to ask for their support in enforcing traffic restrictions, but I am appealing to all of you to leave your cars at home if you can.

If drive a van, please think about where you park it. It obstructs the view of drivers and pedestrians and makes an accident far more likely.

I know everyone has got somewhere they need to be, but what will it take for people to stop and think about the consequences of their inconsiderate parking and driving?

Ultimately, this is your children's safety at risk. Please think about how you can do your bit to keep our children safe at school. No child should have to feel unsafe walking home from school.

Thank you for your support.

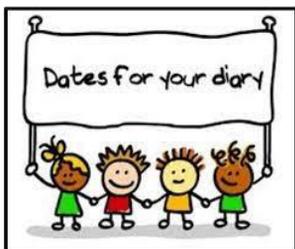
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Stitches



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SUMMER TERM DATES:

Wednesday 22nd April – 24th April – Robinwood Residential

Tuesday 23rd April – St Georges Day

Thursday 25th April – Rock Steady Band/Rock Concert – 10am KS2 hall
(Parents of the children involved)



Contact the school office
immediately to inform us of **any**
changes to your **contact details** or
childs medical details



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After school clubs will resume next week



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ST JAMES' SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY PATTERN 2025/2026

<p>AUTUMN TERM 2025</p> <p>INSET 1 & 2 Re-open on Closure after School Mid Term Closure Re-open on Closure after school on</p> <p>INSET 3</p> <p>Number of openings 75</p>	<p>Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 Wednesday 3rd September 2025 Friday 24th October 2025 Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025 (inc) Monday 3rd November 2025 Thursday 18th December 2025 Friday 19th December 2025</p>
<p>SPRING TERM 2026</p> <p>INSET 4 Re-open on Closure after School Mid Term Closure Re-open on Closure after school on</p> <p>Number of openings 55</p>	<p>Monday 5th January 2026 Tuesday 6th January 2026 Friday 13th February 2026 Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026 (inc) Monday 23rd February 2026 Friday 27th March 2026</p>
<p>SUMMER TERM 2026</p> <p>Re-open on May Day Closure Closure after School Mid Term Closure Re-open on Closure after school</p> <p>INSET 5</p> <p>Number of openings 65</p>	<p>Monday 13th April 2026 Monday 4th May 2026 Friday 22nd May 2026 Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026 (inc) Monday 1st June 2026 Friday 17th July 2026 Monday 20th July 2026</p>

TOTAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS – 195





We are excited to showcase the musical talents of St James' Rock Steady Bands and what they have been learning this term. On Thursday 25th April, parents of those children who are in the music bands are welcome to come and join us for a rock concert at 10am in the KS2 Hall.



attendance **MATTERS**



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 3S WHO ARE THE ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK!

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS NEXT WEEK?

95% and above	RS	86.4%	
	RJ	97.7%	🥈
	1S	91.5%	
90% - 94.9%	1J	97.0%	
	2S	96.3%	
	2J	95.3%	
	3S	98.8%	🥇
	3J	81.3%	
Below 90%	4S	97.5%	
	4J	96.3%	
	5S	92.9%	
	5J	90.2%	
	6S	85.9%	
	6J	90.8%	

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



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		Ibrahim B & Aisha K & Zakariyya P & Khizar K & Adam K	
RS	Amara A & Aaliyah P	RJ	Amna S & Firdaus H
1S	Farah A & Sarim A	1J	Zaid P & Muhammed Aayan H
2S	M.Deen Hussain & Anaya Patel	2J	Hassan Ali S & Tayyab S
3S	Yusuf V & Rehan A	3J	Muhammad M & Mohammad Umar M
4S	Bilal B & Mitzee-Leigh R	4J	Muhammad G & Veronika H
5S	Anaabia B & Haider A	5J	Sabeeh A & Shujah A.
6S	Farha N & Mihai A	6J	Yusuf Patel & Ibrahim Nazir



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Forest Pre-School & Nursery

This week in Pre-school and Nursery we have started our new topic 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Throughout the summer term the children will be learning about all animals from all around the world. This week we have started by looking into the Jungle and specifically focusing on Monkeys. The children have enjoyed listening to different stories about Monkeys and creating monkey artwork.

Action

Can your child name you some animals that live in the Jungle?

Reception

It has been lovely seeing all the children back after the holidays. They were very keen to share what they had been up to and all the lovely things they had done. This week we have started our new class text 'A shark in the park'. The children have enjoyed making telescopes and reading the story together. In maths we have continued learning about repeating patterns and making these in lots of different ways.

Action

- As we are in the final term of Reception it is vital that children read and are read to on a regular basis. The children can also use their homework books if they want to write any super sentences!



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 1

"Welcome back to our final term in Year 1. We can't believe how fast time has gone.

We enjoyed our Spirituality Day, where we looked at how we can develop yourself and connect with others. We discussed things that make us happy and calm.

1S have thoroughly enjoyed going outside helping to develop St James' Church garden.

We are getting closer to the Phonics Screening in June, if you have any questions please a member of the Year 1 team and we will be happy to help in any way we can.

Action

- Next Tuesday we are looking at tidying up our community and doing a local litter picking. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic first week back reading our new text 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl. We are beginning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minute, so please ask your child the time at home.

Action

- A reminder that 2S have a parent worship on Thursday 25th, so please be at the KS1 hall door at 8:50. 2J group 1 also have their Church garden visit on the Thursday 25th, please wear sensible clothing / shoes which can get dirty. Lastly, both Year 2 classes are litter picking on Tuesday 23rd in the afternoon, so please make sure all children are in suitable clothing.



YEAR GROUP *updates*



Year 3

What a busy but great week we have had in Year 3! Year 3 completed their pneumatic toys and enjoyed visiting the Reception Classes to try out their toy and evaluate it. We have finished writing our adventure stories and a big thank you to all who have written their own adventure stories at home. In maths, we have been estimating, weighing and comparing mass.

Action

- Please do not bring in toys or equipment into school. Smart watches and Apples are not permitted in school.

Year 4

Well done to everyone in Year 4 on a fantastic first week back after the holidays. Please remember to continue learning your timetables for the MTC tests that are fast approaching!

Action

- Learn timetables.



YEAR GROUP updates



Year 5

Year 5 started their new text and used this to write a short scary description. In Maths, they have started to calculate the area & perimeter of a shape.

Action

P.E is on Monday & Tuesday next week. Please read with your child 3 times a week.

Year 6

"We have had a full on action packed week. We have been learning all about fractions and angles. Developing our reading strategies and learning all about spirituality as part of spirituality day on Tuesday. Next week, please come to school at normal time whether you are attending Robinwood or not.

Action

- For those children attending Robinwood, here are a few reminders and notices.
- Please have 2 pairs of shoes (one of these needs to be strong and sturdy for walking)
- Pack extra socks in case of poor weather
- Remember the bin bag for wet clothes (we are doing water activities on the last day)
- No sweets, food, drinks or deodorant aerosols allowed
- Bring a water bottle (Packed in the bag)
- Come in the clothes the children will do the activities in.
- It has been poor weather recently so please DON'T pack nice, expensive clothes as they are likely to get muddy and ruined.



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

Y4 Multiplication Club
Year 6 SATs Booster Club

Tuesday

Year 1 Phonics Club
Years 3/4 Athletics Club
KS2 Computing Club
Y3/4 Film Club

Thursday

Rec/Y1 Gardening Club

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.

