



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
7th March 2026**



Our last week of the Spring term has been as busy as ever!

Thank you to our Nursery parents who came to our 'Stay and Play' sessions. We hope you found this useful and enjoyable. The Nursery are looking forward to welcoming more new children in the summer term.

Our staff have also been very busy this week, attending different training sessions. Miss Bibby, Miss Bragg and I travelled to Nelson in Lancashire to visit an outstanding school. This was to strengthen our practice in delivering high quality interactions in the early years. Mrs Frankland and Mrs Pattinson have visited a school in Wigton for Loose Parts training linked to OPAL play, which has given lots of ideas to support our children at lunchtimes. As a school, we love to collaborate with other professionals and look at how we can further develop key areas in school.

In Nursery, the children are finishing their learning about shopping and will have a trip to Morrisons after Easter to consolidate their knowledge in this area. They have been working hard in Literacy and developing their language skills through our structured story sessions. There is further information on our website for this using the link below. There is also information about our reading curriculum and texts we use throughout the school.

[Our Reading Curriculum | St James' CofE Infant and Nursery School](#)

Reception children have had a busy week, the highlight being their walk around Whitehaven to look at physical and environmental features. They continue to amaze us with their reading and writing in school too.

In KS1 have been loving their book 'The Minpins' and have been busy writing character descriptions. In maths they have been working very hard to solve division problems. Well done everyone!

Children have been busy with Easter crafts and we loved all your contributions to the 'decorate an egg' competition.

As we head towards the Easter holidays, the staff would like to thank you for your continued support, we truly appreciate it. Thank you also to Mrs Jones who has been into school to make Easter Gardens and Mr Jones for making wooden crosses for our children.

Have a restful Easter and we will see you all on the 13th April,


Miss Sapsed

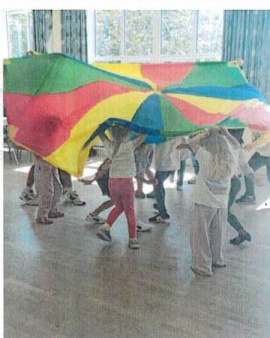




Upcoming Church Services and Community Events

Jesus
And
Me

 *the parish of*
WHITEHAVEN



Church

**IN ST. JAMES' COMMUNITY
CENTRE 1:30pm to 3:30pm**

30th of March

**Includes a tea of hotdogs &
snacks.**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

 *the parish of*
WHITEHAVEN



FAMILY SERVICE

**In St. James'
Church**

**1st SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH**

11:30am

**Followed by bacon butties &
hotdogs in the community centre**



**YOU ARE
WELCOME
HERE**



ST JAMES and ST NICHOLAS EASTER FAIR

**SATURDAY MARCH 28th
St. NICHOLAS CENTRE**

9-30 - 2-00

**TOMBOLA
RAFFLE
EASTER EGG TOMBOLA
EASTER BAKES
CAFE SERVING HOT DRINKS
SANDWICHES CAKES
TOASTIES**



Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Alexia

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Norah and Jules

Melbreak- Ember

Catbells- Delilah

Scafell- Kaitlynn

Skiddaw- Xander

Handwriters of the week - Reggie, Jack, Mario and Blake

Achievements outside of school - Skyla, Blake, Toby, Alfie, Hope and Georgie

Superstar Readers - Skyla





Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership



C S C P

If you **SEE** something... **SAY** something!

Are you concerned about a child or family?

If you **see** or hear something that worries you...
say something!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

To report a child safeguarding concern call:

Cumberland Safeguarding Hub – **0333 240 1727**

Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Hub – **0300 373 2724**

NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**

In an emergency call **999**

Help us keep our children safe in Cumbria

Got an itch? Tummy trouble? Tickly cough?



Head to your
local pharmacy.

Did you know?
Pharmacists across
the North East and
North Cumbria can
offer advice and FREE
treatment for a wide
range of common
conditions* – just like
having a prescription
from your GP!

Please ask your
pharmacy team
for more details
and eligibility.

UTI's non pregnant women 16-64 years

Shingles 18 years+

Impetigo 1 year+

Sore throat 5 years+

Sinusitis 12 years+

Infected insect bites 1 year+

Earache 1 to 17 years

Additional conditions can be treated, without the need to visit a GP.
Ask a member of your pharmacy team about the minor ailments scheme.

Step 1

Go to your local community pharmacy (chemist)
about your illness and they will offer advice.

Step 2

If needed, you will be offered treatment and
if you qualify, this will be given free of charge.

Step 3

A suitable medicine may be offered to you.*
*You qualify for free treatment if you do not pay for your prescriptions.



Find further information at:
www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health



E-School Nurse Video Clinics (By appointment only)



Twice weekly online health support and advice for
parents, carers and professionals who are supporting
children and young people aged 5-19 years old.

Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using
[Attend Anywhere](#). The link is private, secure, confidential and
convenient.

In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's
health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic**

Please read the information leaflet or visit:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment
01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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Easter Activities



The poster features a blue background with a faint image of a person in a sports uniform. At the top center is the Carlisle United Football Club crest, with the text 'CARLISLE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB' and 'Community Sports Trust' below it. The main title 'CUFC CST' is in large white letters, followed by 'Easter Holiday Activities' and 'Locations:'. The locations listed are Carlisle (Football & Gym and Dance), Penrith (Football only), Maryport (Football only), and Whitehaven (Football Only). The dates 'March 30 - April 10' and the time '9am-2pm' are prominently displayed. A QR code is located on the right side. At the bottom, there is contact information for booking and a small quote: 'Inspiring People To Participate, Develop And Achieve Their Goals Through The Power Of Sport.'

CUFC CST
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Penrith (Football only)
Maryport (Football only)
Whitehaven (Football Only)
March 30 - April 10
9am-2pm

For more information and booking [download The Abler app or email Sam.Tickner@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk](mailto:Sam.Tickner@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk) or [Phone: 01228 554169](tel:01228554169)
Book via Abler now

"Inspiring People To Participate, Develop And Achieve Their Goals Through The Power Of Sport."

What is HAF

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides free, fun-filled activities and nutritious meals for children and young people during the school holidays. Designed to support families, HAF offers a wide range of sessions – from sports and crafts to cooking and outdoor adventures – delivered by local providers in a safe and welcoming environment. The programme helps children stay active, make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy healthy food throughout the holidays.

Who is HAF for

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is aimed at statutory school-age children and young people (Reception-Year 11) young people who receive benefits-related free school meals, as well as families who may need extra support during the school holidays.

If you are not eligible for a funded place, many of our providers offer paid places.

To check eligibility please visit:



SCAN ME

How to book

All Cumberland HAF bookings are made through the EEQU booking system, on EEQU you:

- Do not need a HAF code to book
- Can contact providers with any questions through direct messages
- Check each providers SEND accessibility checklist
- Will see more detailed information about each activity
- Can access a more visual and user-friendly platform
- Can request bookings for multiple children at the same time

To see what's on offer and to book, visit: eequ.com/cumberlandHAF



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For any enquiries, please email HAF@cumberland.gov.uk



Cumberland's Holiday Activities and Food Programme



Book now eequ.org/cumberlandhaf

Family Easter fun



At Longlands Lake

Thu 9th April, 11am-2pm

Free



Join us this Easter holiday for some fun...

- River dipping
- Orienteering trail with edible prizes 😊
- Decorate and fill a pot with wildflower seeds to help pollinators in your garden



Due to how popular river dipping is, and to ensure you have a good chance to explore our invertebrates, we have made this bookable here

Just turn up for the rest of the activities, you don't need to book them



For more info or to help with booking contact Mia mia@westcumbriariverstrust.org 07961 614521

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times



Donations and help needed please!

We are running low on recycled boxes etc for our areas of provision in KS1 and EYFS. If you have any old boxes, yogurt pots etc please can we have for our craft and DT areas.

We are also looking for wooden cable reels which electricians use. If anyone knows of any electricians that could donate to school, please could you let us know. We use these for small world, displays and they are easily painted to use in class. Many thanks.

Sport's Week



Our Sport's Week is creeping up on us fast this year. This is a week where we offer a range of sporting activities to the pupils and also have our annual Sport's Day'. We have some coaches booked in, but if we have any parents who are coaches and would like to volunteer to do some sessions in school, this would be greatly appreciated. We have had football, rugby, personal trainers etc in the past and would welcome any sport that the children could be part of. Please let your child's teacher know if you know of anyone or email school admin. Sports Week is from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May. Sport's Day is the afternoon of Wednesday 20th May. Thanks.

10p swims for Cumberland children



All schoolchildren aged up to 16 years old from the Cumberland area will be able to go for a swim in a choice of five indoor pools for only 10p over the Easter school holidays (30 March - 10 April). The discounted scheme has been put in place by Cumberland Council, with the support of Everyone Active, GLL and Wigton Baths Trust. The council scheme will offer discounted swimming opportunities throughout the two weeks. It will be available at the following leisure sites at allocated times during the Easter school holidays:

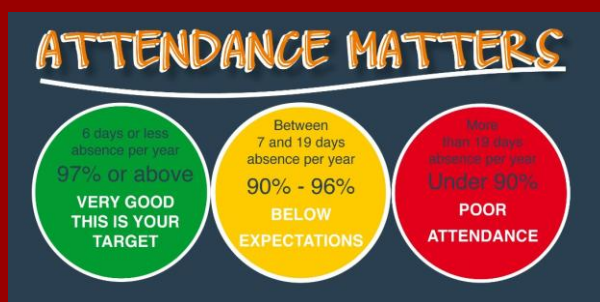
- **The Sands Centre (Carlisle):** Weekdays (except bank holidays), 10am - 10.50am.
- **Cockermouth Leisure Centre:** Weekdays, 1pm - 1.50pm.
- **Workington Leisure Centre:** Monday 30 March and Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 April, 10am - 10.50am. Tuesday 31 March, 1pm - 1.50pm. Monday 6 - Friday 10 April, 10am - 10.50am.
- **Copeland Pool and Fitness Centre (Whitehaven):** Weekdays (except Wednesday 1 and 8 April) 1pm - 1.50pm.
- **Wigton Baths:** Monday 30 March, 3pm - 4pm. Tuesday 31 March and 7 April, 11.30am - 12.30pm and 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Wednesday 1 April and Wednesday 8 April, 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Thursday 2 and Thursday 9 April, 3pm - 4pm. Friday 10 April, 11am - 12pm.

Disability Access Fund



If your child is in Nursery and receives Disability Living Allowance (or you receive it for them) please let Mrs Brown in the office know. If you do, we can then apply access additional funding to help support them even more in class.

Attendance and punctuality



Catbells were our attendance winners this week with 98.4%! Well done everyone !

The more children are in school the more the children have chances to succeed. Good attendance correlates strongly to good attainment and progress.

Our whole school attendance this week was 95.9%, **2.8% higher** than the Primary National average of 93.1%! Well done to everyone who came into school this week. Thank you, we appreciate your commitment to helping us secure very good attendance. It really does pay dividends for your child's progress.

Well done to everyone who received our attendance certificates this term too.

| Attendance % | Days present in a school year | Average number of days missed per term | Days missed in a school year |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 100% | 190 | 0 | 0 |
| 90% | 171 | 6.33 | 19 |
| 80% | 152 | 12.66 | 38 |
| 70% | 133 | 19 | 57 |
| 60% | 114 | 25.33 | 76 |
| 50% | 95 | 31.66 | 95 |

- 5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost per year
- 10 minutes lost per day = 6 days lost per year
- 15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost per year
- 20 minutes late every day = 13 days lost per year
- 30 minutes late every day = 19 days lost per year


Breakfast club/ After school club






























Breakfast and After School Club Bookings are to be made in advance via our online system School Money. Please note that you cannot book via School Money on the day, all bookings must be made by midnight the day before. For emergency bookings at short notice you can still ring the school office. Feel free to book in for any odd sessions that your child would like to attend. Sessions run from 3.15pm-5.15pm. The cost is £5.50 for the session, and pick up can be anytime up until 5.15pm from the middle Key Stage 1 classroom (door with the ramp on the bottom yard)..

Activities

Lots of different activities are provided each day for the children. They are welcome to choose from a variety of different games, crafts, construction and many other activities as well as our set activity for the day.

After School Club Activities
 2025 –2026 Summer 1



| W/C | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 13th April | Quiet Crafts  | Small World Play  | Outdoor Play  | Relaxation and Reading  | Games and Jigsaws  |
| 20th April | Lego Club  | Outdoor Play  | Small World Animals  | Mindful Colouring  | Small World Cars and Trains  |
| 27th April | Games and Jigsaws  | Small World Play  | Lego Club  | Outdoor Play  | Relaxation & Reading Night  |
| 4th May | School Closed May Bank Holiday | Outdoor Play  | Small World Trains & Cars  | Arts & Crafts  | Lego Club  |
| 11th May | Painting and Arts  | Construction Club  | Small World Play  | Games and Jigsaws  | Outdoor Play  |
| 18th May | Teddy Bear's Picnic  | Small World Play  | Lego Club  | Quiet Crafts  | Jigsaws  |

Feel free to book on for regular or one-off sessions if your child would like to attend.
 Sessions cost £5.50 for up to 2 hours
 All bookings should be made via SchoolMoney

Lunch Orders



School lunches need to be ordered through the School Money system. They can be ordered in advance for the rest of the half term but they must be ordered by the day before at the latest. If your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home, please ensure you select that option on School Money so that the office are aware. Packed lunches must not contain fizzy drinks or (as stated above) any items that contain or may contain nuts.

SUMMER WEEK 1

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| Chicken Nuggets (or Quorn Nuggets), Potatoes Waffles & Tomato Sauce or Vegetable Risotto with Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Shortbread Finger & Chocolate Milkshake Fruit | Fishcakes, New Potatoes & Beans or Minced Beef & Potato Pie with Broccoli Mango Fairy Cake Fruit | Beef Bolognese/ Veggie Bolognese with Pasta or Chicken Strips, Roast Potatoes & Tomato Ketchup Peas Digestive Biscuit, Cheese & Satsuma Yoghurt | Beef Burger/ Vegan Sausage, Potato Wedges & Spaghetti Hoops or Sweet & Sour Pork with Noodles and Green Beans Iced Vanilla Sponge Fruit | Chicken Cubes, Mashed Potato and Carrots or Cheese Pie, Mashed Potato & Beans Ice Cream Tubs Fruit |

Upcoming diary dates



- Friday 27th March 3.15p.m. - Break up for Easter
- 13th April - Children return to school
- 30th March to 1st April - Hawes End for Y2
- 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
- 12th May - Class Photos
- Sport's Week - Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May (more details will follow)
- Sport's Day - Wednesday 20th May (more details to follow)

**Please note further dates will be added as they arise throughout the spring term.*

Contact Us



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