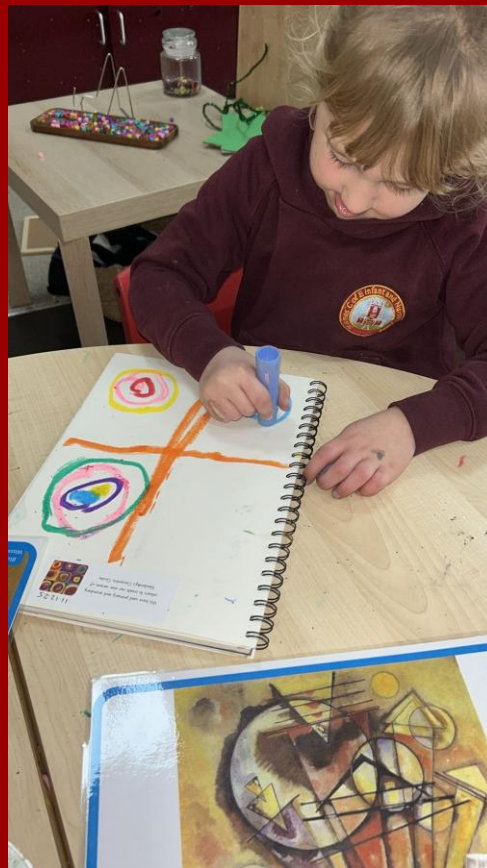




**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
12th December 2025**





Welcome to the final newsletter of the autumn term.

It has been a joy to be in school this week! At the beginning of the week the children performed their Christmas nativities to packed audiences- it was a full house and a lovely atmosphere for each show. The children were amazing with their super singing and confident speaking! These were both a lovely start to the festivities! This morning everyone went over to watch the Key Stage Two nativity and the children were engrossed. It was amazing as usual.

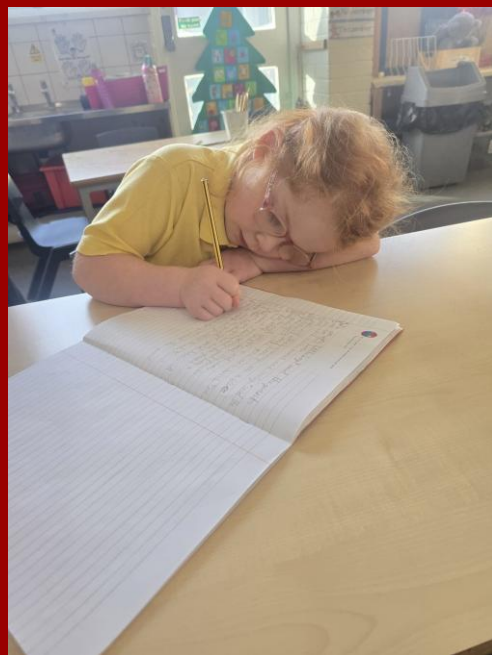
We have lots more Christmas activities planned for the children for the final few days of the term. It promises to be another busy week!

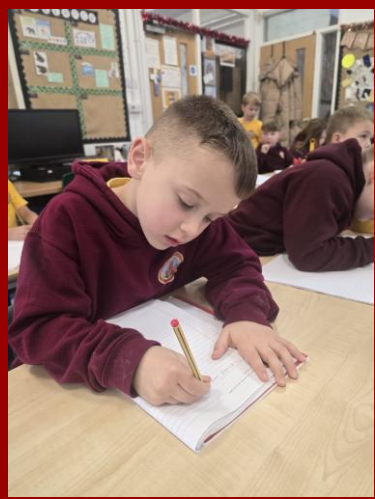
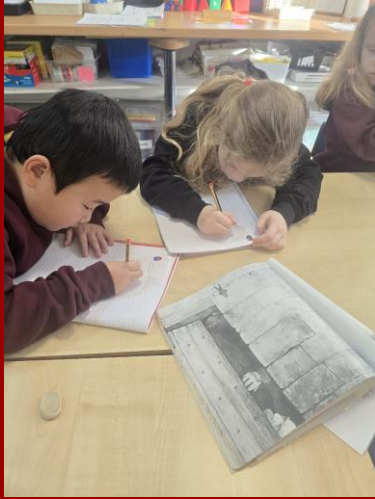
On behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the spring term on Wednesday 7th January.

Have a lovely Christmas break, best wishes,

Mrs Moore







Christmas Lunch Day



Christmas lunch is available to order through School Money as usual. There will only be one lunch option for Wednesday.

The children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers (no donation needed) and they will have their party in the afternoon.

Christmas Service in Church



On the final day of term we will be holding our Christmas church service at 12.15pm with our Junior school. Parents are welcome to join us for Christmas songs, readings and prayers. At the end of the service we will bring our children back over to school to go home from their classrooms. School will close for Christmas at the earlier time of 1.15pm (the service is anticipated to last 45 minutes).

Please note: Nursery will not be attending the service so they can be collected from their classroom door at 1pm.

Melbreak new classroom



As you are already aware, Mrs Chambers will be teaching Melbreak (one of our Reception classes) from January onwards as Miss Sapsed will become Head of School.

Melbreak are moving into a different classroom next door to Scaffell which will make room for our new nursery intake. Drop off and collection will be from the classroom at the back of school in the new year. The staff will be on hand to let you know where to go if you are unsure (your child will be able to help as they know where to go!)

U Dance



There are 12 remaining places to participate in U Dance 2026 at the Carnegie Theatre in March. Please sign up via School Money if your child would like to take part. Once these places have been filled, we cannot offer anymore.

If payment is a barrier, please contact the school office in confidence.

After school football club



This week we have asked the classes which sport they would like the sports coach (Dan) to run after the holidays. The vote went in favour of football! The after school football club will continue after Christmas for Key Stage 1.

Please log on to School Money if you would like your child to take part each Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm.

Toilet training



New potty-training guide

Across the country, 1 in 4 children aren't toilet trained when they start Reception. The new [Potty Training Guide](#) has been developed by the early years sector and offers clear, research-based guidance around when and how to potty train. Please follow the link if you would like some hints and tips to best support your child to achieve this.

Applying for Reception and Transferring to Junior School



Cumberland
Council



Apply now for school places in September 2026

cumberland.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace

Cumberland School Admissions are reminding parents of the deadline to apply for places in Reception and Year 3 for September 2026 is 15th January 2026. All children moving from our Nursery to Reception next year still need to apply through Cumberland Council as do our current year 2 children moving onto the Juniors. You can use the link below to apply:

[Apply for a school place or change schools | Cumberland Council](https://cumberland.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace)

Upcoming Church Services and Community Events



FAMILY SERVICE

**In St. James'
Church**

4th JANUARY

1st FEBRUARY

11:30am

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



**YOU ARE
WELCOME
HERE**



**PARISH OF WHITEHAVEN
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

24th DECEMBER

4pm

ST. JAMES CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME





Cumberland
Council

Cumberland
Family Hub.



All activities are 4:30pm-6:30pm
and all children must be
accompanied by an adult- please
book your place via the QR code

Family Hub on the Border 8th
December

Wigton Family Hub 10th
December

Millom Family Hub 15th
December

Family Hub on the Harbour 16th
December

Chances Family Hub 16th
December

Family Hub in the Port 17th
December

Westfield Hub Family Hub 18th
December





Hensingham ARLFC Recruitment!



Under 12's, years 6 & 7.
Training Tuesdays 7.15pm - 8.15pm @
Whitehaven School Astro.



Girls, years 6 - 9
Training Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm @
St Benedicts School Astro.



Under 15's, Years 9 & 10.
Training Mondays 6pm - 7pm & Thursdays 7pm - 8pm @
St Benedicts School Astro.

This team are in NWC's league, commitment to travelling is a must (transport provided).



Community Sports Trust

Carlisle Christmas Soccer School

Harraby 3G, Edgehill Road,
Carlisle, CA1 3SL

Monday 22nd December

Ages 5-13

Book now via
the QR code:

£20

Every child in attendance will receive a
selection box



For more information and booking **Download:** The Abler app or **Email:**
Sam.Tickner@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk or **Phone:** 01228 554169

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

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Rory

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Frankie

Melbreak- Esther

Catbells- Delilah

Scafell- Asal

Skiddaw- Emelia

Handwriters of the week

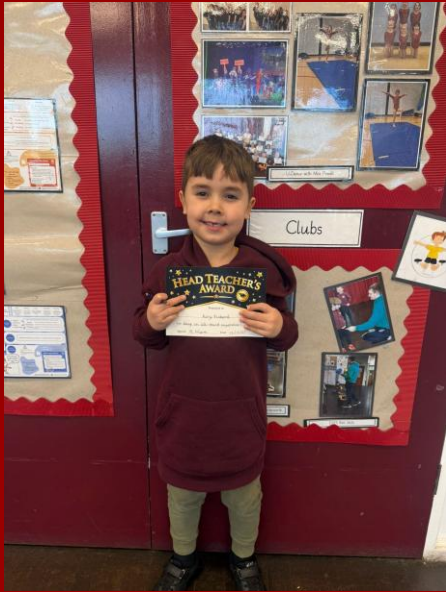
Indie, Elijah, Cora, Florrie and Bradley

Bronze and Silver Reading Certificate-

Lots of children this week - well done!

Achievements outside of school

James H , Blake, Mia, Noah and Penny



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**

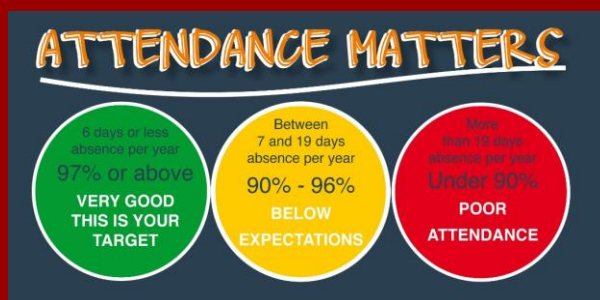
Please read the information leaflet or visit:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

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



happierhealthiercommunities.

Attendance and punctuality



Skiddaw are our attendance winners this week with **99.2%**! 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 **97%** , **3.5% higher** than the Primary National average of **93.5%** but we have had a number of viruses circulating this week. Hopefully we will be back up to our usual excellent attendance next week. Thank you, we appreciate your commitment to helping us secure very good attendance. It really does pay dividends for your child's progress.

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 Autumn 2					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3rd Nov	Cars & Trains 	Bonfire Night Crafts 	Clay Modelling 	Lego Club 	Small World Animals 
10th Nov	Board Games & Jigsaws 	Small World Play 	Pirates & Dolls 	Arts & Crafts Hand Print Acorns 	Dance and Party Games 
17th Nov	Arts & Crafts Autumn Trees 	Lego Club 	Phunky Foods Biscuit Decorating 	Construction, Cars & Trains 	Movie Night 
24th Nov	Phunky Foods Sandwiches 	Small World Dinosaurs 	Games & Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts Autumn Paper Chains 
1st Dec	Lego Club 	Arts & Crafts Snowflakes 	Dance & Party Games 	Clay Modelling 	Board Games & Jigsaws 
8th Dec	Small World Play Animals 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts Christmas Baubles 	Board Games 	Cars & Trains 
15th Dec	Christmas Crafts 	Lego Club 	Christmas Activities 	Dance & Party Games 	No After School Club

Feel free to book on for regular or one-off sessions if your child would like to attend.
Sessions cost £5.50 and run from 3.15pm-5.15pm pick up at any point in between these times.
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.

Christmas Dinner Day change: see above



Plus: Filled Jacket Potato options and Wraps/Sandwiches Available each day

School Lunch Menu



AUTUMN WEEK 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	All Day Breakfast Sausage/ Vegan Sausage, Hash Brown, Omelette and Spaghetti Hoops	Pineapple Pizza	Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Turkey with Mashed Potato and Gravy
or	or	or	or	or
Cheese Pie with New Potatoes	Sticky Beef & Rice with Green Beans	Roast Gammon with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Noodles	Tuna Pasta Bake
Sweetcorn	Yoghurt or Fruit	Peas	Sweetcorn	Broccoli
Chocolate Krispie Cake or Fruit		Ginger Sponge & Custard or Fruit	Anzac Biscuit or Fruit	Iced Carrot Cake or Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



Wednesday 17th December- Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and Christmas party

Friday 19th December- Joint Christmas Carol service at church (12.15pm)

Break up for the Christmas holidays (1.15pm)

Wednesday 7th January 8.40am- School reopens for the beginning of the Spring Term

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