



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School**

**14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

It has been another busy week!

In Nursery, the children have been reading Bear Shaped and learning new words such as brave, nervous, shy and disappeared. In Heartsmart they looked at the similarities and differences in their faces and used mirrors to draw themselves.

Reception have also been looking at a new book, Halibut Jackson and have looked at the settings of the story. They have also looked at woodland habitats and which animals would live there. They are continuing their focus on the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Key Stage 1 have been making jam jar salads in Design and Technology. In History they are looking at toys from the past and in Science they are studying the senses.

This week we have also started rehearsals for our nativities. Children are starting to learn their lines. We encourage them to practise the songs at home. These can be found on our website under the Children drop down menu. This year our Early Years children will be performing The Twinkly Nativity whilst Key Stage 1 children will be performing The Nativity. Dates for the performances are at the bottom of this newsletter, these are ticket only events and tickets will be made available to buy nearer the time.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our Children in Need non-uniform day. We raised a brilliant £81.50, which we will forward on to this worthwhile charity.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Moore





## Anti-Bullying Week 2025- The Power of Good



This week, our children explored the theme “Power of Good” and reflected on how kindness can overcome negativity. We looked at the Bible story of **David and Goliath**, where David’s courage and faith remind us that even small acts of goodness can defeat great challenges. The children discussed what bullying means—*Several Times On Purpose*—and shared ideas on how to respond with kindness and support. Together, we agreed that using the power of good means standing up for others, speaking kindly, and making sure everyone feels valued and safe.

## Inter Faith Week – Understanding, Celebration and Connection



This week we have been taking part in Inter Faith Week, a time to learn about different religions and beliefs and how they connect us as a community. Across the school, children have enjoyed food-themed craft activities to celebrate diversity: **Nursery** decorated biscuits, **Reception** made traditional Ladoo treats, and **KS1** baked bread. These activities helped us explore the themes of *understanding, celebration and connection*. Classes also watched short, age-appropriate festival clips on CBeebies to see how people celebrate around the world.

## Messy Church



Our lovely Messy Church group starts again next week. Places can be booked via SchoolMoney. The group takes place each Thursday for 3 weeks (19th November, 27th November and 4th December) 3.15pm-4.15pm and will take place in the classroom next door to the After School Club. Pick up will be from the bottom yard and our theme is People from the Bible.

## Christmas Fayre

Our annual **Christmas Fayre** is just around the corner, and we need your support to make it a fantastic event for our school community! We are looking for volunteers to help with **preparations** and to run **stalls** on the day. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, spread festive cheer, and contribute to our fundraising efforts for the school. Whether you can spare an hour or help for the whole event, every bit of support makes a big difference. If you're able to help, please contact the school office.

### Non Uniform Day Friday 21st November

In our preparations for this we offer a non-uniform day in exchange for a donated item for our hampers or chocolate tombola.

We are asking:

Nursery and Reception to bring 2 items of chocolate for our tombola - any items of chocolate would be great from chocolate bars to boxes of chocolates, novelty chocolates etc.

Year 1 and 2 to bring hamper items according to their class colours

- Scafell - Silver/Green
- Skiddaw - Red / Gold

As always the types of things that can be included are sweet treats, toiletries, small gifts, bottles of wine - anything that is in the colour for your class that would make a nice addition to a gift hamper.

This is a big fundraiser for our school so we really appreciate your support with this.

## Cumberland Neurodiversity Pathway



Cumberland Family hub have been working to improve the neurodiversity and emotional well being service for children in Cumberland. Full details of this strategy that was launched last week can be found here.

<https://cumberlandfamilyhubs.org.uk/neurodiversity-and-emotional-wellbeing/neurodiversity-and-emotional-wellbeing-service>

## Applying for Reception and Transferring to Junior School



Cumberland  
Council



# Apply now for school places in September 2026

[cumberland.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace](https://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 Centre Events



**FAMILY SERVICE**

**In St. James'**

**Church**

**2nd NOVEMBER**

**7th DECEMBER**

**11:30am**

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



**YOU ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE**



## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Emily

### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- CeCe

Melbreak- Elsie

Catbells- Blake

Scafell- Emma

Skiddaw- Elijah

### **Handwriters of the week**

Teddy, Sasha, Cleo and Luna

### **Achievements outside of school**

Bradley - 1st Remembrance Parade

Dance - Elsie and Ruby

Gymnastics - Skyla

Swimming - Ruby, Zara, Cora, Emma, Penny and Lily





Cumbria Fostering



Become part of Cumbria's biggest Family

Find out about

# Fostering



## Ready to take the first step on your fostering journey?

Join our online information session from the comfort of your home on **Wednesday 19 November** from 6pm to 7pm and talk to our friendly team and foster carers



SCAN ME

 **0300 019 0200**

[cumbriafostering.org.uk](http://cumbriafostering.org.uk)



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?

**NHS**



**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](http://www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health)**

**HERE  
TO  
HELP**



# 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](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19)**

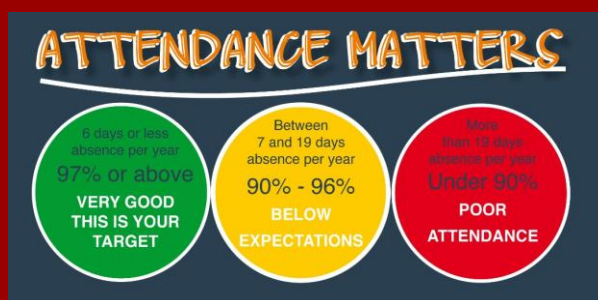
You can telephone for an appointment

**01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm**



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## Attendance and punctuality



**Scafell** were our attendance winners this week with **98.8%**! 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 **95.2%** , **only 0.1% higher** than the Primary National average of 95.1% 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.

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

### School Lunch Menu



AUTUMN WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken / Quorn Nuggets Potato Waffles with Spaghetti Hoops  or  Cheese and Ham Toasted Wrap with Cucumber and Pepper Sticks  Iced Chocolate Red Velvet Cake or Fruit	Lamb Meatballs in Gravy with Pasta and Broccoli  or  Chicken / Quorn Kebab with Lettuce and Raisin Salad  Arctic Roll with Blueberries or Fruit	Sausages, Mashed Potatoes and Beans  or  Sweet and Sour Noodles with Naan Bread  Raspberry Fairy Cake or Fruit	Battered Cod with Potato Wedges  or  Cottage Pie  Peas  Vanilla Biscuit & Chocolate Milk or Fruit	Pepper Pizza with Sweetcorn  or  Turkey Escalope with New Potatoes, Carrots and Gravy  Yoghurt or Fruit

## Upcoming diary dates



Monday 17th November- Road Safety Week

**Friday 21st November - Non-uniform day for Christmas Fayre Donations (see above)**

Tuesday 2nd December- Beauty and the Beast pantomime at the Carnegie Theatre

Friday 5th December 2pm- Christmas Fayre

Monday 8th December- Early Years Nativities (9.30am and 2.30pm)

Tuesday 9th December- Year 1 and 2 Nativities (9.30am and 2pm)

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

Friday 19th December- Break up for the Christmas holidays

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

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