



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
7th November 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We have had a very packed first week back after half term. The classes have all started their new units of work this week. Curriculum overviews have been sent home today so hopefully you will be able to see what your child will be learning about over the next few weeks on the lead up until Christmas.

Today our Key Stage One children did us proud in church, reflecting on Remembrance and the significance of the poppy. Well done to all the children who contributed through readings, poetry or prayer. They also demonstrated our value of respect well as they observed the silence and listened to the Last Post.

This week in Nursery, they've been diving into the story *Kipper's Toybox*, sparking conversations about toys, sharing, and storytelling. In maths, the children have been singing number songs to build their counting skills in a fun and engaging way. The class have also begun exploring different types of weather, getting ready to start our daily weather chart. The children loved looking out of the window and reporting on the weather conditions each day.

Reception have had a busy and creative week! They finished their storytelling journey with *Look Up*, using their imaginations to bring the story to life. Outdoors, they explored their autumn treasures, which inspired beautiful leaf rubbings and seasonal discussions. In art, the children experimented with finger painting, creating both abstract and figurative pieces that showcased their creativity and growing confidence with colour and texture.

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils had a fantastic time at Stocks Wood, diving into the wonders of the forest habitat. They investigated different habitats, explored food chains, and enjoyed pond dipping to discover aquatic life. The children were full of curiosity and excitement as they learned through hands-on experiences and had lots of fun in the great outdoors!

A brilliant first week back overall!

Mrs Moore



Children in Need



BBC Children in Need is a charity that supports children across the UK who face challenges such as mental health, poverty and inequality. We will be getting involved by fundraising on Friday 14th November. The children are welcome to come to school dressed up, they can choose whatever theme they like and be creative in exchange for a £1 donation. Yellow and spotty outfits or pyjamas and onesies tend to be the firm favourites! Please visit [Dress Up Ideas - BBC Children in Need](#) for inspirational ideas.

Non Uniform Day

As mentioned before half term, our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching (Friday 5th December at 2.00pm). In our preparations for this we offer a non-uniform day in exchange for a donated item for our hampers or chocolate tombola. This year our non-uniform day is Friday 21st November.

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.

Applying for Childcare codes for January 2026



Families need to apply by the 31st December deadline in order to use their hours from 1st January. Families can:

- Check what support they can get using the childcare support tracker on the Best Start in Life
- Apply online: apply via gov.uk for a code. This code will be needed to access the hours.

Families need to keep their code up to date by reconfirming their details every 3 months via their gov.uk account. Families will get a reminder when it is time to renew.

Free childcare is available for working parents- please visit [Free Childcare for Working Parents: Apply for free childcare - GOV.UK](#)

Donations wanted please...



Year 1 and 2 would still be grateful of any donations of children's underwear to use as spares when children have accidents in school. Also if anyone can spare any clothes suitable for KS1 particularly for taller children we would like to add to our stock for changing children.

Parent Governor Election



We are holding a parent governor election as there is now a vacancy on our board. Letters with information about how to apply has been sent out this afternoon via email to each parent/carer. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Brown in the school office

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- Bodhi R

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Arthur

Melbreak- Juan

Catbells- Florrie

Scafell- Lowe

Skiddaw- Ricardo

Handwriters of the week

Rosie, James, Rory and Ava

Achievements outside of school

Ezra- rugby

Rosie- dancing medals

Emma- dancing medals

Alexia- publication in a magazine

Cora- swimming





Cumbria **Fostering**

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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



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 **0300 019 0200**

cumbriafostering.org.uk



Working for Cumberland Council and
Westmorland & Furness Council

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



**Cumberland
Council**



Parents/carers are
responsible for applying
for a school place by
15 January 2026

Starting School

Children born between
1 September 2021

and 31 August 2022

can start school in **September 2026**

You can apply online at: www.cumberland.gov.uk

or contact: 01228 221582

or email school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk

cumberland.gov.uk

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

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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

You can telephone for an appointment

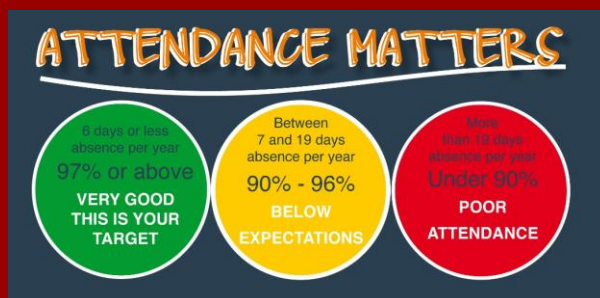
01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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Attendance and punctuality



Catbells were our attendance winners this week with 100%! 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 **96.6%** , **1.5% higher** than the Primary National of 95.1%. 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 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza or Roast Salmon and Noodles Sweetcorn Vanilla Sponge & Custard or Fruit	Chicken Burger in a Bun / Quorn Pieces in a Wrap with Cucumber Sticks & Raisins or Beef Lasagne with Broccoli Digestive Biscuit with Cheese & Apple or Yoghurt	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Cabbage and Gravy or Vegetable Stir Fried Rice with Garlic Bread Fruity Jelly or Yoghurt	Sausage Roll or Vegan Sausage with Waffles or Chicken Strips with Waffles Peas Flapjack or Fruit	Fish Fingers with Mashed Potato and Beans or Beef Curry with Rice and Broccoli Ice Cream Tub or Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



Monday 10th November- Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 11th November- Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November- Children In Need

Monday 17th November- Road Safety Week

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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