



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
20th March 2026**



What a week it has been in school!

Firstly, thank you to all of you who attended Parent's Meetings this week. As always we are so grateful for your lovely feedback and ideas for the future. There were so many amazing comments, some of which I have shared below.

- "Since my children have come to St James' School, they have thrived"
- The school is "very inclusive and supportive"
- "Such lovely and caring staff, that go above and beyond every day"
- "Our children love coming to school and are very happy - they belong"
- Great supportive environment

Some suggestions for the future were for more outdoor forest school experiences for KS1 and more trips. We do try to offer a wide range of enrichment activities for our pupils, whether it is visitors in to school or trips. Some experiences that we offer are forest school through Stocks Wood and Moresby Woods, Struddabank Farm, Aquarium visits, shopping trips, cinema trips, walks around Whitehaven, autumn walks, Hawes End, Science Road Shows etc. We do however, have to be mindful of the cost implications for all of our families and ensure we are not asking for too many contributions.

Another suggestion was making our Facebook page private. Although, we understand the concern here school Facebook accounts are typically public to maximise accessibility for parents, wider family members, boost community engagement and serves as advertising tool for perspective parents. We do allow parents to opt out online photos if this is a concern for you as a family.

This week our KS1 pupils amazed us at UDance. We were all so proud of their amazing performance and behaviour on the day. We have lots of superstars in the making! A huge thank you to Miss Powell, Miss Gillian and Mrs Bennett for all your hard work and making this experience possible for the children.

It has been assessment week in school this week, so our children have all been working so hard. The teachers are delighted with the children's progress and, as ever, are blowing us away with their knowledge. Mrs Chambers is busy assessing Read, Write, Inc and you will find out which colour group your child is in after Easter.

Just a reminder that we finish for Easter next Friday at the usual time of 3.15p.m.

Have a restful weekend,


Miss Sapsed

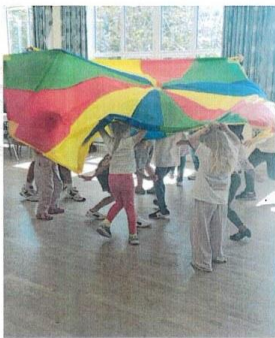




Upcoming Church Services and Community Events

Jesus
And
Me Church

 *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- Mahnaz

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Margot and Frankie

Melbreak- Ezra

Catbells- James

Scafell- Toby

Skiddaw- Hope

Handwriters of the week - William, Emily, Emma and Barnaby

Achievements outside of school - UDance Team Daisy M, Lowe and Anandi

Superstar Readers - Esther, Emilia, and Bodhi







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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Water Bottles



We have been advised that some water bottles that come into school have a rubber ring stopper that can come loose and is a choking hazard. Children do drink in the classroom, so we are able to see them. However, please could parents regularly check the bottles at home to see if the ring remains in tact. Thank you.

Reception Walk



On Monday, Catbells and Melbreak are going on a walk around the harbour and town linked to their Geography lessons. We are hoping for nice weather, but please can parents ensure the children have appropriate footwear and a waterproof coat. Thank you.

Easter Activities



Community Sports Trust

CUFC CST Easter Holiday Activities

Locations:

Carlisle (Football & Gym and Dance)

Penrith (Football only)

Maryport (Football only)

Whitehaven (Football Only)

March 30 - April 10

9am-2pm



Book via Abler now

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)

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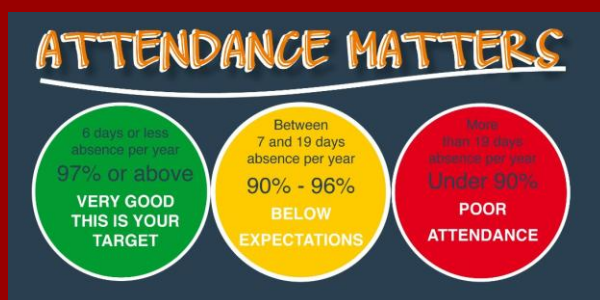
Decorate an Egg Competition



It is time for our annual 'Decorate an Egg Competition'. For those new to the school, we invite you to decorate a hard boiled egg into a person or theme of your choice. This can be linked to learning from school, a book or anything else you would like to do. In the past we have had footballers, animals, Ameiia 'Eggheart', Minecraft and a whole host of fabulous ideas. I have attached some photos below for 'eggstra' ideas. If your child would like to take part, eggs should be brought into school on Thursday 26th March and winners will be announced on the last day.



Attendance and punctuality



Skiddaw were our attendance winners this week with **98.5%**! 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 **98.2%**, **2.9% higher** than the Primary National average of **95.3%**! 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.

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

Superstar Readers

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the Book Fayre. This meant that school were able to chose over £250 books for the children.

Also, a reminder about or Superstar Reader initiative for Reception to Year 2 pupils. If your child reads 5 times in one week and this is recorded in their reading records, they can earn points towards a bronze, silver or gold certificate. When they reach gold, they are able to choose a new book to take home too.




























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 Spring 2					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23rd Feb	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Small World Animals 	Pirates & Dolls 	Arts & Crafts 	Dance and Party Games 
2nd Mar	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 	Phunky Foods Biscuit Decorating 	Construction, Cars & Trains 	Movie Night 
9th Mar	Phunky Foods Sandwiches 	Small World Dinosaurs 	Games & Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts 
16th Mar	Lego Club 	Arts & Crafts 	Dance & Party Games 	Pirates & Dolls 	Phunky Foods 
23rd Mar	Small World Play Animals 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts 	Board Games 	Cars & Trains 

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.

School Lunch Menu

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

SPRING WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake or Roast Salmon Steak with New Potatoes Broccoli Chocolate Brownie or Fruit	Margherita Pizza with Peas and Sweetcorn or Sticky Pork Noodles with Green Beans Lemon and Vanilla Biscuit & Hot Chocolate or Fruit	Beef Chilli (or Vegi Chilli) with Rice and Broccoli or Battered Chicken Steak, Mashed Potato and Beans Iced Chocolate Sponge or Fruit	Chicken Strips or Quorn Pieces with Potato Waffles or Sausage Roll with Potato Waffles and Tomato Ketchup Sweetcorn Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Puddin, Roast Potatoes and Gravy or Cheese and Ham Wrap Stack Peas Arctic Roll with Blueberries or Yoghurt

Upcoming diary dates



- 23rd March 2.45 - Hawse End information Meeting for Parents
- 23rd March PM - Nursery Stay and Play Sessions - Staff have slots for you to sign up to in class
- 26th March - Decorate an egg competition
- **Friday 27th March 3.15p.m. - Break up for Easter**
- **13th March - Children return to school**
- **30th March to 1st April - Hawes End for Y2**
- **4th May - Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed**
- **12th May - Class Photos**

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

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