



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
10th October 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

What a lovely week we've had at St James! We were delighted to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children for their Stay and Play sessions — it was wonderful to see so many happy faces exploring their new environment, making friends, and settling in so confidently. A big thank you to our families for supporting this important transition. We also enjoyed our joint Harvest Service in church, where the children contributed beautifully with songs, poems, and donations. It was a reminder of the importance of community and giving thanks. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Nursery have been carrying out a range of activities linked to their focus traditional tale of Goldilocks throughout the week. This morning they were tasting porridge just like the characters from the story. This afternoon the focus has been science related- identifying different types of weathers through sound. Another area of focus has been work on choosing different emotions to represent different situations- with an aim of developing their emotional literacy.

Reception investigated a range of textured materials to create their own pictures. They were fantastic using different vocabulary to describe the key properties. In geography, the learning has been linked to their own locality- where they live. In their English lessons the classes have read the folklore Anansi the Spider, a tale from Ghana.

Year 1 and 2 have been finishing their applique bunting flags ready to assemble as a class next week. In English the children the children have combined their reporting skills with note taking to create documentaries about wolves. They have also been planning and preparing non fiction related facts about wolves ready for writing their non chronological reports next week. In maths the classes have been looking at doubles, near doubles and adding three one digit numbers.

Looking ahead to next week we have our parent teacher meetings. These will be an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new year group and to find out how they are performing so far this year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore







## Year 1 and 2 Geography Walk



On Monday morning Scafell and Skiddaw will be going on a local walk around the harbour linked to their current geography unit of work '*What is an island?*'. The children will be developing their locational knowledge by considering where Whitehaven is placed on the coast line. Additionally, they will be identifying physical and human features of the area around the harbour.

Please can you send your child to school with a waterproof coat as the weather is changeable.

## Parent's Evenings



It's our Parent's Evenings next week. If you have not already signed up for a slot to speak to your child's class teacher, please do so before Monday. We are looking forward to seeing you.

## School Photographs



The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday morning next week. All children in school will have their photographs taken and there will be an opportunity for you to purchase them online afterwards. They make ideal Christmas presents for grandparents etc!

If you are wanting a photograph taken with family members who do not attend our school, you can arrive from 8.15am to have this done before school starts.

## Battery disposal



If you have any batteries at home to recycle, we have a collection box in the office.

## Fancy Dress Parties



We will once again be holding our spooky fancy dress parties before half term. They will take place on Thursday 23rd October. Early Years will be 4pm-5pm and Key Stage 1 will be 5pm-6pm. Virtual tickets will be available to buy on SchoolMoney for £4.00. It will be a party of fun and games with hot dogs and drinks for refreshments. Children can be dropped off at their appropriate time and collected afterwards. For those children attending the After School Club, just bring in their costumes and we will ensure they are dressed ready for their party.

## Hawse End



We are delighted to be able to provide the Year 2 children with a wonderful experience again this academic year from our annual residential trip to Hawse End on 30th April-1st May 2026. Although it seems like a long way off, we know some parents will want to budget as the trip this year will cost **£126 per child**. We will of course as always set up a payment plan to spread the cost out over 3 or 4 months, however if you would like to start paying earlier or feel that the cost is an issue, please call in to see Mrs Brown or Mrs Moore.

We will be holding a meeting in March for parents to give information about the trip however, if you have any concerns or want to discuss the trip please make an appointment to see Mrs Moore. This is truly a fantastic experience for the children and we hope that all of the Year 2 children can attend.

Upcoming Church Services and Community Centre Events



**FAMILY SERVICE**

**In St. James'  
Church**

**2nd November**

**7th December**

**11:30am**

**Followed by bacon butties & hot-  
dogs in the community centre**



**YOU ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE**



## October Half Term Events



The poster features a bright yellow sun in the background with the text 'HEAP ACTIVITY DAY 2' written across it. To the left, two children are shown reading a book together. To the right, three children are playing with large colorful puzzle pieces. The background is decorated with colorful bunting, clouds, and balloons. The text is arranged in a clear, easy-to-read layout with various colors and fonts.

# HEAP ACTIVITY DAY 2

**Join us for:**

- Fun activities for adults & children
- Free goodie bags for children
- Problem solving activities
- Lunch
- Meet companies & organisations from the local area including Morgan Sindall, OneAim, Sellafield Education Team

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10:00 - 14:00**  
Howgill Family Centre,  
Birks Road, Cleator Moor  
CA25 5HR

Free Kids Goodie Bag!

Register Online Today!

For more information:  
Call 01946 817900



## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Ayden

### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Beau

Melbreak- Mia

Catbells- Narla

Scafell- Ella

Skiddaw- Zayan

### **Handwriters of the week**

Isla, Reya, Asal and Ivy

### **Achievements outside of school**

Brooklynn-

Elijah- Blue Peter badge

Anandi- Red Taekwondo stripe



Cumbria Safeguarding  
Children Partnership



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# 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)

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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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**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](http://www.cumberland.gov.uk)**

or contact: **01228 221582**

or email **[school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk)**

**[cumberland.gov.uk](http://cumberland.gov.uk)**

## Attendance and punctuality



**Melbreak** were our attendance winners this week with **98.9%**! 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%** , **1.7%** higher than the Primary National of 95.6%. 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 Blencathra classroom which is around the back of school past the Nursery class.

### 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 1					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Sept	Inset Day	Inset Day	Small World Play 	Construction Club 	Quiet Crafts 
8th Sept	Quiet Crafts 	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation and Reading 	Games and Jigsaws 
15th Sept	Lego Club 	Outdoor Play 	Small World 	Mindful Colouring 	Small World Cars and Trains 
22nd Sept	Games and Jigsaws 	Small World Play 	Lego Club 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation & Reading Night 
29th Sept	Music & Dance 	Dressing Up & Role Play 	Small World Trains & Cars 	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 
6th Oct	Painting and Arts 	Construction Club 	Small World Play 	Games and Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring 
13th Oct	Teddy Bear's Picnic 	Small World Play 	Lego Club 	Quiet Crafts 	Jigsaws 
20th Oct	Card Making 	Small World Play 	Mindful Colouring 	Cookery Club 	Crafts 

*Feel free to book in 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.

**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 13th October- Parents Evening

Tuesday 14th October- Individual school photos- Family photos from 8.15am

Nursery stay and play session (please sign up with the nursery staff)

Parents Evening

Thursday 16th October- Forest School session 2- Melbreak

Monday 20th October- Full Governing Body meeting

Thursday 23rd October- Forest School session 3- Melbreak (final session)

Fancy dress parties (optional attendance)

Early Years children- 4-5pm

Year 1 and 2- 5-6pm

\*\*\*\*\* *OCTOBER HALF TERM* \*\*\*\*\*

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Tuesday 4th November- Library bus visit

Wednesday 5th November- Tullie House Toys from the Past interactive workshop for Year 1 and 2

Friday 7th November 10.30am- Remembrance Service for Year 1 and 2 in church

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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