



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
11th July 2025**





This is the final newsletter of the academic year. We break up to begin the summer holidays next Friday afternoon at 1pm.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to our entire staff team. Everyday they go above and beyond to ensure that our children have the best opportunities and are happy in school. Thank you for everything you do to make our school run smoothly and for the support you give the children to help them thrive.

Thank you to our wonderful parents- we are so lucky to have you!. We have the most supportive parents who work with us. This really does make a difference and is much appreciated by the staff.

My thanks also extend to our Governing Body who are a dedicated team who provide equal measures of challenge and support for the school strategically. Not only do they attend meetings they have also carried out curriculum monitoring, health and safety checks, additional training for the requirements of the role and they have been a visible presence to support our school events.

We will be holding our annual Year 2 leavers service in the church on Wednesday afternoon. Parents of our leavers are welcome to join us.

As we are approaching the final few days of the academic year, I would like to wish all our families all the best for the summer holidays. I hope you have a great time whatever your plans may be.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore









Farewell to our Year 2 children

Our Year 2 children are ready to take the next step in their education as they transition to the Juniors in September ready to begin Year 3. First and foremost, I want to express how immensely proud I am of each and every one of them. They have shown incredible growth, both academically and personally, during their time with us. We have watched them develop into resilient, creative, and compassionate individuals, ready to take on the world. Their enthusiasm for learning has been so tangible.

As our Year 2s bid farewell to our school, I would like them to always remember that they will always be a part of the St James' Infants community. I have every confidence that they will continue to make us proud as they move on to the Juniors and face new challenges.

On behalf of the entire school community, I wish them all the best for the future. Please come and visit us to say hello!

Goodbye and Good luck



Next week two of our very valued members of staff are leaving us for pastures new. **Miss Williams**, who is based in our Early Years team, has secured a new role out of education as her position here was temporary. Miss Williams has worked within both our nursery and Reception classes and she has been a great support to some of our children with additional needs on a 1:1 basis. We wish her all the best. We will miss you Miss Williams.

Mr Rowell, one of our consistent sports coaches, who works with our Key Stage One children is beginning his teacher training degree in September on a full time basis. Mr Rowell is adored by the children here. He has made a brilliant impression and we are convinced that he will make an amazing teacher. He has already got the firm foundations secure. We can't wait to welcome you back Mr Rowell, hopefully on a placement in the near future! Good luck with your new adventure!

Nursery Visit to Maryport Aquarium



Here are a few final reminders ahead of the upcoming nursery visit on Monday:

- Please ensure that your child has a family member to accompany them on the trip
- The forecast is due to be warm therefore it is advisable to apply sun cream before school, send your child to school wearing a cap and take a refillable water bottle.
- The splash park is likely to be open on the new park. If you would like your child to go on the splash park, they will need to bring a change of clothes.
- Packed lunches are needed (no nuts please)

Autumn term start dates



Year 1 and 2 children will start back at school on **Wednesday 3rd September at 8.40am.**

Nursery and Reception children will start back on **Friday 5th September at 8.40am** due to staff carrying out home visits on the Wednesday and Thursday of that week.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters.

Uniform



As the school year is drawing to a close we would like to remind everyone of our uniform expectations ahead of the new academic year. We have had an increase in children wearing different coloured sports wear for PE and some children have also been coming to school in inappropriate footwear.

Our uniform consists of Gold Polo Shirt, Burgundy Sweatshirt/Cardigan all with our school badge on and Grey Trousers or Skirt/Pinafore Dress. **School shoes should be black.**

In the summer term, girls can wear a Checked summer dress - red, burgundy or yellow.

Our PE Kit consists of embroidered gold t-shirt and **black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms** along with trainers or plimsolls. **An embroidered school hoody is also available.** These are only to be worn on PE days.

We have a stock of pre loved uniform available in good condition. If you would like anything to use as spares, please come to the office. The staff will be happy to help.

Breakfast and After School Club in September



Our Breakfast and After School Clubs are moving home and will be based in this years Scafell Classroom in September i.e. the middle KS1 classroom. This can be accessed from the bottom playground and it's the door with the ramp.

After school there will only the one gate left unlocked and that will be the gate down the side of the school building from the car park. The nursery gate and the Queen Street gate will be locked shortly after school finishes.

Book Amnesty



We would be grateful if parents could check at home to see if there are any of our ReadWriteInc books hiding. Please bring them back to school next week. It is very expensive (£6 per book) to replace the books in this reading scheme and we would appreciate it if we could get some of our "lost" books returned. Just hand them into your child's class teacher and they will be gratefully received.

Summer at The Beacon

The Beacon has a full programme of activities throughout the summer holidays. Please visit the link to find out more. [What's on - The Beacon Whitehaven \(thebeacon-whitehaven.co.uk\)](http://thebeacon-whitehaven.co.uk)

Holiday Activities



Community Sports Trust

Summer Activities

Week One:

Wigton Soccer School

Wigton Rugby Club

Tuesday 22 July -
Friday 25 July 2025

£60 per person

Ages 5 - 13



Week Two:

Carlisle Soccer School

Girls Only Group Available

Harraby 36 Astroturf

Tuesday 29 July -
Friday 1 August 2025

£60 per person

Ages 5 - 13

Whitehaven Soccer School

Whitehaven Football Club

Tuesday 29 July -
Friday 1 August 2025

£60 per person

Ages 5 - 13



Dance & Gymnastics Camp

Harraby 36 Sports Hall

Tuesday 29 July -
Friday 1 August 2025

£60 per person

Ages 5 - 11

Week Three:

Penrith Soccer School

Penrith Rugby Club

Tuesday 5 August -
Friday 8 August 2025

£60 per person

Ages 5 - 13



Cockermouth Soccer School

Cockermouth School

Tuesday 5 August -
Friday 8 August 2025

£60 per person

Ages 5 - 13

For more information and booking visit: <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/carlisleunited/>
or Email: Sam.Tickner@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk or Phone: 01228 554169

Social Prescribing

Wellbeing Festival

Friday 8 August 2025, 10am - 3pm

Whitehaven Rugby League Club

Recreation Ground, Coach Road

**FREE
FUN
DAY**

Wellbeing
support

Arts
and crafts

Dance
and music

Bouncy
castles

Climbing
wall

Plus lots more...

Special guests
include Marathon
Man Gary McKee
and WRLFC mascot
Pride the Lion

Food and drink on sale, plus free food for children, while stocks last

No dogs allowed, other than assistance dogs

A timetable of outdoor activities will be available on the day



Balfour Beatty
Kilpatrick



iRosehill



Upcoming Church Services and Community Centre Events



Family Service

MONTHLY

11.30am

At St. James' Church

**Followed by free bacon butties in the
Community Centre**



**A service specially for families with young
children, but all are most welcome!**

18th of May

22nd of June

20th of July

ST. JAMES TODDLER GROUP

Come join us and be sure of a warm welcome, where everyone can feel relaxed. From the tiniest of babies, right up to those starting school and their carers.



1:30pm to 3pm

St James' Community Centre
(opposite Church)

20th of May

3rd & 17th of June

1st & 15th July

(with refreshments)



"Sport Church"

Monday 4th August

1.30pm to 3.30pm

at

St James' Community Centre

This event is for Primary School age children and their parents/carers to come together for a bible story, crafts, games & singing.

We will be looking at stories in the bible featuring water, including Jonah and the whale & the parting of the Red Sea.

Followed by hotdogs and snacks.

Hope to see you there.

Rev Alison

If you have questions, please email me:

rector.whitehaven@gmail.com

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Daisy

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Ryan

Melbreak- Georgie

Catbells- Sienna

Scafell- Archie

Skiddaw- Theo S

Handwriters of the week

Finley, Alexia, Reese, Bodhi and Tex

Achievements outside of school

Swimming- Noah J, Zachary, Lily, Lucas and Archie

Gymnastics- Emily and Ziena

Football-Brooklyn

Sing Stars- Hope

Judo- Beau

Rugby- Alfie

Race for Life- Sam S

All Stars Cricket- Charlie Cole

Girl Guides- Charlotte





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

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



happierhealthiercommunities.

Be the Reason a Local Child Stays Closer to Home in Cumbria



Every day in Cumbria, young people need a supportive place to call home. When local foster carers aren't available, they may have to move further away from everything that's familiar to them. By becoming a Foster carer in Cumbria, you can help keep them close to everything that they know and love.

By fostering with Community Foster Care, you're not just opening your home to a young person. You could be helping to keep them connected to the communities that are familiar to them as well!

To find out more about fostering with a community-based charity, call us, drop us an email or scan the QR code to visit our website.



communityfostercare.co.uk
info@communityfostercare.co.uk

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Attendance and punctuality



Melbreak 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 **98.11%** , **3.61% higher** than the Primary National of **94.5%**. 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 2024 -2025 Summer 2					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd June	Quiet Crafts 	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation and Reading 	Games and Jigsaws 
9th June	Legos Club 	Painting and Arts 	Small World Animals 	Mindful Colouring 	Small World Cars and Trains 
16th June	Games and Jigsaws 	Small World Play 	Legos Club 	Quiet Crafts 	Relaxation & Reading Night 
23rd June	Music & Dance 	Outdoor Play 	Small World Trains & Cars 	Arts & Crafts 	Legos Club 
30th June	Outdoor Play 	Construction Club 	Small World Play 	Games and Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring 
7th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic 	Small World Play 	Legos Club 	Quiet Crafts 	Outdoor Play 
14th July	Card Making 	Small World Play 	Mindful Colouring 	Outdoor Play 	School Breaks Up Early 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 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.



The menu is presented on a background of a cheesy pasta dish. A central white circle contains the text 'School Lunch Menu'. To the left, a black starburst contains the text 'Plus: Filled Jacket Potato options and Wraps/Sandwiches Available each day'. To the right is the school crest for St James, C of E, Infant and Nursery School. The menu is organized by day of the week, with each day's options listed in a white-bordered box on a dark background.

School Lunch Menu

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

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SUMMER WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Burger or Quorn Pieces with Wedges or Minced Beef Enchilada Peas Iced Chocolate Red Velvet Cake or Fruit	Chicken Pieces in Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Broccoli or Cheese Rolls with Beans Fruit or Yoghurt	Battered Cod with Mashed Potatoes and Tomato Ketchup or Baked Bean and Chilli Beef with Rice Sweetcorn Fruity Jelly or Yoghurt	Chicken and Tomato Pasta Bake or Pineapple Pizza Peas Vanilla Shortbread with Chocolate Milkshake or Fruit	All Day Breakfast Sausage/ Vegan Sausage, Hash Brown, Omelette and Spaghetti Hoops or Roasted Salmon Steak, Noodles and Broccoli Raspberry Bun or Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



Monday 14th July- Nursery trip to Maryport Aquarium (to be accompanied by a parent or Grandparent)

Wednesday 16th July 2.30pm - Year 2 Leavers Service at the church (Year 2 parents welcome)

Friday 18th July 1pm- End of summer term

- **Additional dates will be added in bold throughout the term**

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