



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
20th June 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We have rounded our week off nicely with our summer fayre. Thank you for all your support. It was a successful afternoon and our children have enjoyed themselves taking part in the outdoor games and going around our tombola, having their face painted and circulating around our stalls. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Brown who leads and coordinates our event. Thanks also goes to our PTA and Governors for sorting our games and to the staff for running the stalls. We have raised a massive £893 which is incredibly worthwhile. All of this funding generated will be used directly for the benefit of the children to enhance our curriculum.

Nursery have been using Julia Donaldson's classic tale of 'Tiddler' as a vehicle for exploring how they can contribute the 'act local, think global' campaign for reducing plastic pollution in our oceans. Afterwards they used their water tray as a means of visualising the impact of pollution. They were shocked at how the marine life were restricted in their movements and how the rubbish poses a threat to fish.

Reception have been investigating pre historic animals and how we know that dinosaurs existed. The children used evidence from the past to act as palaeontologists and decide how the animals could have died. Despite the gory subject, they loved digging for fossils and fact finding!

Key Stage One have been writing their own versions of 'Oceans Meets Sky' which will act as their final assessed piece of descriptive writing for the academic year. In science they have been recapping what a pet would need to survive. In their history lesson they have been learning about the many reasons the Titanic sank.

We have lots of sports planned for our annual PE week. The children can wear their PE kits everyday next week. The first activity is football with Mrs Frankland on Monday morning.

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine,

Mrs Moore



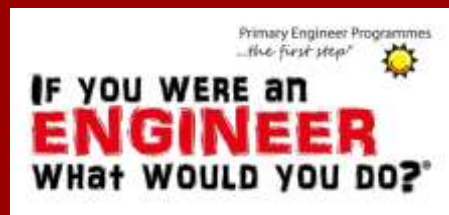


## New MIS system



This week we are transitioning over to a new Management Information System called Arbor. The system will be used predominantly by the admin team to manage registers, attendance, text messaging and pupil assessments. There may be some initial teething problems at first so please bear with us until the system is fully operational.

## Primary Engineering Award winners



This morning we congratulated James, Archie and Matei in recognition of their achievements at the Primary Engineering Awards in our celebration assembly. James and Archie attended a prestigious award ceremony in Ambleside yesterday where they were presented with framed certificates. James was identified as a winner and Archie and Matei were highly commended for their designs. We are very proud of you all and it is amazing to see that you are applying the STEM learning to real life contexts.





## Class Photographs



All of the children looked and behaved fantastically for our class photographs earlier this week.

The link to order your child's group photo has been emailed out on the newsletter. Order before the 25th of June to qualify for free postage and have your photos delivered to school. After the deadline you can still order but you will be charged postage.

## Year 2 Transition Events



The Year 2 after school Football and Zumba sessions at the Juniors start on Monday next week. There are still a few places available. If you would like your child to attend, please see Mrs Brown in the school office. We will take the children across, pick up is at the Junior school at 4.15pm

## Sports afternoon arrangements



Our sports afternoon will take place on the church grass on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th June. We are going to split our sports afternoon into two parts. **Nursery will begin their events at 12.15pm** (lasting approximately 30 mins) and Reception/Key Stage One will follow on afterwards at 1.30pm. **Nursery parents are welcome to attend from 12.00pm. Please can all other parents come for 1.15pm at the earliest.** Once the nursery events are complete, you are welcome to collect your child if you would like to (Mrs Chambers will have a signing out sheet). This will mean that they can watch older siblings compete.

If anyone has any gazebos that we could borrow (which would accommodate a class of roughly 25 children) please let us know.

Each class will be displaying the children's coloured teams on their classroom doors this week. Please check your child's colour as we would like the children to wear a t-shirt of their team colour on the day. Some children may have been moved into a different colour this year to ensure that the teams are balanced.

For safeguarding purposes, we have children who do not have photo permission so please only take photos of your own child.

*Things to remember:*

- apply sun cream and please send children with caps if it is warm
- coloured t shirts (if possible)
- refillable water bottles

## Year 2 end of year performance of The Lion King

Our Year 2 children will perform their Lion King shows on **Thursday 3rd July at 9.30 and again at 5pm** for parents and grandparents. Tickets are now available to purchase via School Money. We will also be selling raffle tickets on the day of the performances to raise money for our school funds.

## Drowning Prevention Week



This week, 14th June – 21st June 2025, is Drowning Prevention Week.

This is a national campaign, led by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), which aims to raise awareness and reduce preventable deaths by drowning.

Preventing drowning around the home is as important as making your child aware of being safe outside of the home.

**Bathtime** is often a fun, calming part of the day, but it comes with real risks. Below are five simple steps that parents and carers should follow to help keep their child safe during bathtime:

- **Stay within arm's reach** Never leave your child alone in the bath, even for a moment. Don't rely on older siblings for supervision. Babies and toddlers can slip under the water in silence, and they may not be able to turn themselves around.
- **Take care when running the bath** Children are curious and quick. Always stay in the bathroom while the bath is running, even a few centimetres of water can be enough to cause harm.
- **Pull the plug straight away** As soon as bath time is over, make sure that you empty the tub. A full bath left unattended can still pose a risk, if a child climbs back in.
- **Avoid bath seats as a substitute for supervision** Baby bath seats may offer support, but they are not safety devices. They can tip and children can still slip under the water. Always supervise closely, even when a seat is being used.
- **Prevent slips and falls** Wet, soapy surfaces can be hazardous. Use non-slip mats or bath stickers and clean up water spills right away to help prevent accidents

### Hot Tubs

- Always cover and lock hot tubs when not in use. Use properly fitted, child-resistant covers.
- Never leave children unattended in or near a hot tub, even for a moment.
- Teach children that hot tubs are not play areas - no jumping, diving or unsupervised access.
- Poor maintenance can also pose a health risk, including skin, ear and stomach infections. Follow the HSE's Hot Tub Safety Guidance (referring to hot tubs as "spa pools") to ensure water hygiene is up to standard.

### **Ponds & Water Features**

- Children can drown in just 5cm (2 inches) of water.
- Fill in, cover or fence off ponds while your children are young.
- Check your neighbours' gardens - young children can easily wander off and find water, even if you don't think they have access.
- Consider child-safe garden designs until children are older.

### **Paddling Pools**

- Keep young children within arm's reach at all times around water, even near shallow pools or empty-looking features.
- Avoid distractions like phones or conversations.
- Get towels, toys, nappies and dry clothes ready before your children go near the paddling pool or hot tub, so you don't need to step away.
- Empty paddling pools immediately after use.

## 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)

## Our weekly celebrations



### **Headteacher Award- Fred**

#### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Freddie

Melbreak- Reggie

Catbells- Zack

Scafell- Cora

Skiddaw- Indie

#### **Handwriters of the week**

Ricardo, Josie, Lowe and Toby

#### **Reading Award- Gold level**

Ollie R

#### **Primary Engineering Award**

James, Archie and Matei

#### **Achievements outside of school**

Gymnastics- Charlotte

Football- Kain

Mini Lakes Games- Barnaby

Swimming- Albert





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)**

**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



**Skiddaw** were our attendance winners for the **third week running** with **99.5%**! 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 **95.9%** , **1.4 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.

<div style="text-align: right; display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                     After School Club Activities                      2024 -2025 Summer 2                 </div>  </div>					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd June	Quiet Crafts 	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation and Reading 	Games and Jigsaws 
9th June	Lego Club 	Painting and Arts 	Small World Animals 	Mindful Colouring 	Small World Cars and Trains 
16th June	Games and Jigsaws 	Small World Play 	Lego Club 	Quiet Crafts 	Relaxation & Reading Night 
23rd June	Music & Dance 	Outdoor Play 	Small World Trains & Cars 	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 
30th June	Outdoor Play 	Construction Club 	Small World Play 	Games and Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring 
7th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic 	Small World Play 	Lego 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.

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

# School Lunch Menu

**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 23rd June- Sports week begins

Wednesday 25th June **12.15pm**- Nursery sports afternoon (parents welcome)

1.30pm- Reception, Year 1 and 2 sports afternoon (parents welcome)

Monday 30th June- Full Governing Body meeting

Wheelchair Basketball

Wednesday 2nd July- Move up transition morning

**Thursday 3rd July 9.30am and 5pm - Year 2 'Lion King' performances**

Friday 4th July- Reports out to parents

**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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