



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
13th March 2026**

(Apologies for the different format this week, we are still having issues with Microsoft Sway)



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week in school we have been celebrating British Science Week. In KS1 the children have been planting strawberry plants and taking part in a live online Science lesson on a farm. They have met an Engineer to create their own invention, which will be sent to enter a Primary Engineer competition alongside other schools.

Reception pupils have been learning about Amelia Earhart this week and I was amazed at what they were able to tell me about her. They have also been learning about observational drawings and we were blown away by their flower paintings using watercolours.

Nursery pupils have been continuing with their learning about shops and have engaged in some lovely role play; using excellent vocabulary from past lessons. We are hoping to visit a real supermarket in the coming weeks, to bring their learning to life.

This week Mrs Cocksedge has been working with our school Worship Leaders who are planning an exciting Collective Worship for other pupils. This will be about our current Christian Value of Forgiveness. Our school values are embedded in everyday life at St James and something children and staff adhere to. They are Courage, Kindness, Love, Forgiveness, Respect and Friendship. I'm sure you will agree, they are values that are important no matter your age and in all walks of life.

More information about our Christian Vision and Values can be found using the following link.

<https://www.st-james-inf.cumbria.sch.uk/our-christian-distinctiveness>

This week we have welcomed two external advisors into school. Firstly, we had a visit from Carolyn Singleton from DBE Services. She spent time looking around the school and was impressed with the high-quality interactions between staff and pupils. Our children were as friendly as ever and were very keen to show off what they were learning.

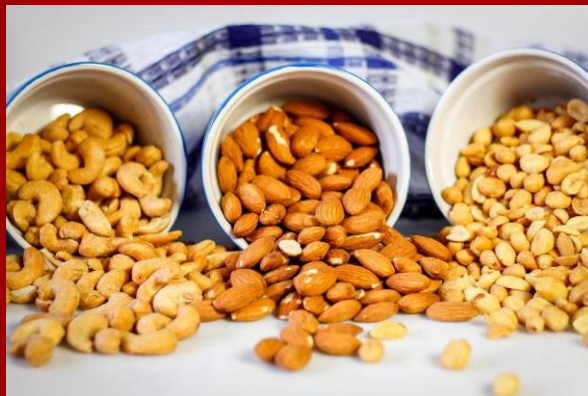
Our local Attendance Officer also visited and was impressed with our data. We continue to be above the national and local average on a weekly basis. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Enjoy your weekend,

Miss Sapsed





Nut-free School reminder



Can we remind all parents that we are a NUT-FREE school. Due to allergies in school we ask that no food containing nuts (or that even state they may contain nuts) are brought into school. This is vital to keep our children safe. Thank you for your support with this.

Upcoming Church Services and Community Events

Jesus
And
Me



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



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



Parent's Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing Reception and KS1 parents next week for Parent's Meetings. This is a great opportunity to look at your child's work, discuss progress with teachers and see how you can support at home. There is still time to book a slot if you haven't already.

Nursery will be holding Stay and Play sessions on Monday 23rd March. This is an opportunity to spend a little time in classroom playing with your child and will give you the chance to speak staff about your child's progress in Nursery. Timetables are up on the classroom doors for you to sign up to a slot.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Cora

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Eliana and Tommy

Melbreak- Jack

Catbells- Dan

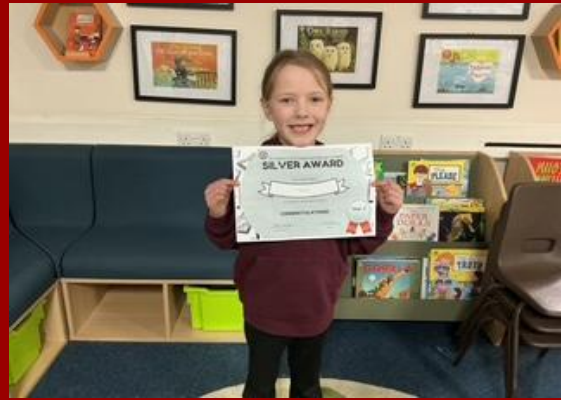
Scafell- Olivia DV

Skiddaw- Sam

Handwriters of the week - Juan, Bodhi S, Bodhi R and Ruby

Achievements outside of school – Barnaby, Alfie and Jack

Superstar Readers - Cora



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



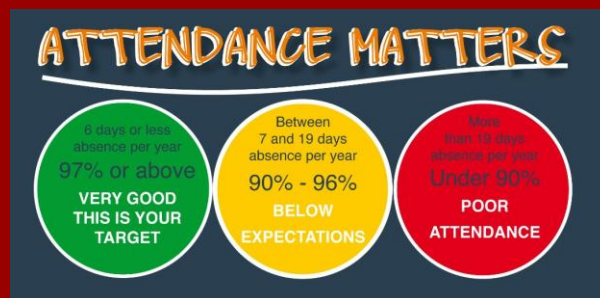
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U Dance



Our show takes place next week. Letters will be coming out on Monday to parents of those children taking part and remind you of the arrangements for the day. You will receive your tickets to the show today too.

Attendance and punctuality



Scafell 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 98.02 %, **2.12% higher** than the Primary National average of 95.9%! 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

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.



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

School Lunch Menu



SPRING WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Burger in a Bun or Baked Fish with New Potatoes Sweetcorn and Tomato Ketchup Pineapple Sponge & Custard or Fruit	Chicken / Quorn Nuggets with Mashed Potato and Beans or Vegetable Risotto with Garlic Bread Digestive Biscuit, Cheese & Satsuma or Yoghurt	Roast Turkey / Quorn Pieces with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli and Gravy or Lamb Kofta with Tortilla and Salad Broccoli Krispie Cake or Fruit	All Day Breakfast Lorne Sausage/ Vegan Sausage, Hash Brown, Omelette and Spaghetti Hoops or Chicken Curry & Rice with Green Beans Ice Cream or Fruit	Battered Cod with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup or Meat and Potato Pie Peas Iced Carrot Cake or Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



- 16th and 17th March - Individual Parent's Meetings
- 18th March - U Dance
- 23rd March - Nursery Stay and Play Sessions
- 23rd March 2.45 - Hawse End information Meeting for Parents
- 26th March - Decorate an egg competition
- Break up for Easter Friday 27th March 3.15p.m

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

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