



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
13th June 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week our Year 1 children have done us proud during their phonics screening checks. It has been great to see how much effort they have applied throughout. Well done everyone! We will be sharing the children's results with you with their end of year reports. Overall the results are EXCELLENT and they will comfortably surpass the National average which makes us all feel very proud! A huge thank you to all the staff involved who have gone above and beyond and been so visibly invested to secure the fantastic outcomes for the school.

Year 2 had an interactive afternoon at the Science show yesterday in St Nicholas Gardens. The police fed back to the staff that the children were *'lovely and polite, with impressive behaviour and a good knowledge of forensics!'* The children viewed and got hands on with the different exhibitions and engaged well with the show itself. Well done Year 2!

This week we have had two lovely 'stay and play' afternoons to welcome our new September starters in Nursery and Reception. The staff have enjoyed meeting all our 'newbies' and being able to chat with their parents.

Mrs Pickering spent another morning with us in Key Stage One this week getting to know everyone and she commented on how amazing the children's handwriting is for Year 1 and 2. Next week the staff will be having a staff meeting with the Junior staff for the handover of our Year 2 children. This all contributes to a smooth transition process.

Nursery have continued their focus on creating AB patterns in maths this week, making use of different craft resources such as coloured lolly sticks to show their understanding. In their PSHE lesson they used mirrors to compare and contrast their features and they discussed how they are all so different but they can all be friends together.

Reception have been reading a favourite text of theirs *'The Night Pirates'* in their English lessons. In maths, they have enjoyed consolidating their work on sharing and grouping objects in different contexts using a range of equipment. Their theme work this week has continued to revolve around Rainforests and the animals that live within the habitat and their adaptations.

Next week we are looking forward to our summer term fundraiser- our summer fayre. Please look out for further details below.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore





Class Photographs



On Tuesday morning next week, the school photographer will be in school to take our class photographs. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full uniform with sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie.

Links will be sent out within a couple of weeks for you to order a photograph should you want one.

Year 2 Transition Events



On Monday, the Juniors will host an After School Club taster session for any Year 2 children that may want to use the club when they move to the Juniors. If your child would like to attend, just book our After School Club as normal. The Junior staff will come and collect the Year 2 children and take them over for a variety of fun activities. This will give the children the chance to familiarise themselves with the club. The children can then be collected by parents at anytime directly from the Juniors. Mrs Thomas who runs the Juniors After School Club has suggested that parents give the children until 4.30pm if possible to give them a chance to take part in the planned activities.

Invitations came out last week for further After School Club activities too. Mr Tyson will run an After School Football Club and Mrs Maiden will run an After School Zumba Club for the following 3 Mondays: 23rd June, 30th June and 7th July. Please book via the school office - **there are still a few places available.**

Reminder that there is a meeting for Year 2 parents at the Junior School at 2.15pm on Tuesday next week (17th June).

Our Year 2's will be visiting the Junior School on Wednesday for Collective Worship and playtime as part of their summer term transition.

Pre-loved toys collection



We are really looking forward to our Summer Fayre which takes place this year on **Friday 20th June at 2.00pm**. It is always a fun afternoon for parents and children alike.

Next week we are collecting pre-loved toys for our Toy Stall. If you have any old toys which are in good condition, please keep them and bring them in from Monday 16th June. We accept games, jigsaws, books, cuddly toys - anything in good condition but no bric-a-brac thanks.

We will also be asking for **home baking, cakes** etc. on the day for our cake stall. These can be brought in on the morning of the Fayre (20th June). Please remember that we are a nut free school.

This year we will be doing **face painting during the school day this year as a way of reducing the queuing. If your child would like their face painted, please send your child to school with a £1 on Friday morning to give to their class teacher on arrival.**

We ask that parents come to school to collect your child at 2.00pm then accompany them round the Fayre. Staff will be manning the stalls so a prompt pick up is really appreciated.

It is always a big success and is an important school fundraiser so we really do appreciate everyone's help. If we have any parents willing to help with the setup and manning stalls, please speak to Mrs Brown in the school office.



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.

Birthday treats



We have had an increasing amount of requests to send in birthday treats for the classes which is a lovely thing to do. However we now have 17 various allergies to cater for across the school. Due to this we have had to make the difficult decision to ask that sweet treats are not brought into school. We need to ensure the safety of our children at all times throughout the school day.

Playground Equipment



As you know we have provided some fabulous activities through our OPAL play in the playgrounds for the children to use during their playtimes. Could we kindly ask parents not to let the children use the equipment before and after school as staff have worked hard each day to put everything away tidily. Can we also ask you to make sure the children are well supervised as you leave after collecting your child, we don't want an accidents from children climbing and falling etc.

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- Ayden

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Jason and Max G

Melbreak- Emma

Catbells- James

Scafell- Rory

Skiddaw- Xander

Handwriters of the week

Riley S, Zachary, Martha and Cleo

Achievements outside of school

Taekwondo - Skyla

Football- Georgie, Seb and Sophie

Caring and responsibility for pets award- Albie





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

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 second week running 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 **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: center;">  <p>After School Club Activities 2024 - 2025 Summer 2</p> </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	Legs Club 	Painting and Arts 	Small World Animals 	Mindful Colouring 	Small World Cars and Trains 
16th June	Games and Jigsaws 	Small World Play 	Legs Club 	Quiet Crafts 	Relaxation & Reading Night 
23rd June	Music & Dance 	Outdoor Play 	Small World Trains & Cars 	Arts & Crafts 	Legs Club 
30th June	Outdoor Play 	Construction Club 	Small World Play 	Games and Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring 
7th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic 	Small World Play 	Legs 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.

School Lunch Menu

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

SUMMER WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato Pasta or Mince and Potato Pie or Broccoli Chocolate Krispie Cake or Fruit	Chicken / Quorn Nuggets Potato Wedges with Tomato Ketchup or Sticky Pork with Noodles Sweetcorn Raisin Flapjack or Fruit	Shredded Beef / Quorn Pieces with Gravy Mashed Potato and Carrots with Yorkshire Pudding or Cheese & Ham Wrap Stack with Cucumber Sticks and Raisins Artic Roll & Mandarins or Yoghurt	Pork or Vegan Sausages with Potato Waffles and Beans or Chicken Curry with Cous Cous and Broccoli Digestive Biscuit & Cheese with 1/2 Apple or Yoghurt	Cheeseburger in a Bun or Baked Fish and Mashed Potatoes Peas Syrup Sponge & Custard or Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



Tuesday 17th June- Class photos

Wednesday 18th June- Year 2 visit to the Juniors for breaktime and collective worship.

Friday 20th June 2pm- Summer Fayre

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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