



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
6th June 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This morning we have had so many generous donations for our chocolate tombola and summer fayre hampers- thank you for all of the kind donations. This will help massively towards our fundraising efforts which are all reinvested in the children.

It's been all go in Year 1 and 2! The rehearsals for the Year 2 Disney production of 'The Lion King' are underway. The children have auditioned for the roles that they have put themselves forward for and they are beginning to learn their lines and practise the songs from the show. Their maths lessons have been very active and practical. The classes have been focusing on measuring linked to capacity, mass and length. They've had lots of fun with this, especially having the chance to measure using coloured water in the water tray.

Nursery have started their new 'Under the Sea' theme for the second half of the summer term. As part of this, they have been reading 'The Rainbow Fish' and they have been creating art work of the fish with the glittery scale in connection with the text.

In their PSHE session, they have been considering the phrase 'I can do it' and what it means to have a positive attitude and how to demonstrate perseverance. During maths this week, the focus has been on counting with 1:1 correspondence to 5 and singing number rhymes to reinforce their knowledge and understanding.

Reception have been learning about the layers of the Rainforest using their stimulus of 'The Great Kapok Tree'. The children have been surprised to find out that trees help us to breathe and are vital to life on Earth. Yesterday they spent their maths lesson in the hall, practising sharing by grouping. This was tricky at first to create even groups but they soon recognised the difference between odd and even numbers and the relationship between halving.

On Wednesday the Director of Carlisle Diocese, Charlotte Tudway, visited our school and spent time observing the classes. She enjoyed her tour and praised the children's '*superb attitude to learning which was evident across the school*'.

It looks like another busy week ahead! Next week the Year 2 children have been invited to visit Whitehaven Science Show, we have stay and play sessions planned for prospective new Nursery and Reception children and Mrs Pickering will be spending a morning with us to get to know our children who are transitioning to the Juniors.

Good luck to our Year 1 children, who will be undertaking their phonics screening checks too. We know how well prepared you are and we are confident you are going to be amazing as always!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore









## Year 2 Transition Events



As always we are working closely with the Junior School to give our Year 2 children the best transition as they move to Year 3 in September.

On 16th June, 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 yesterday 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 send in your reply slips to our school office or give them a ring if your child would like to take part. Places are limited however so it essential to be prompt.

## Year 1 phonics check



The Year 1 National phonics screening test will take place next week. The tests will be administered by your child's class teacher on an individual basis.

Here is a DFE link for further information to answer any queries about the tests: [Information for parents: Phonics screening check 2024 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118100/Information_for_parents_Phonics_screening_check_2024.pdf)

## Nursery trip to Maryport Aquarium

As part of nursery's current theme 'Under the Sea', they will be visiting Maryport Aquarium on Monday 14th July. This will be an opportunity for the children to bring the theme to life, view and handle sea creatures and find out about underwater habitats. A letter will be sent out with further details about timings, uniform requirements and packed lunches.

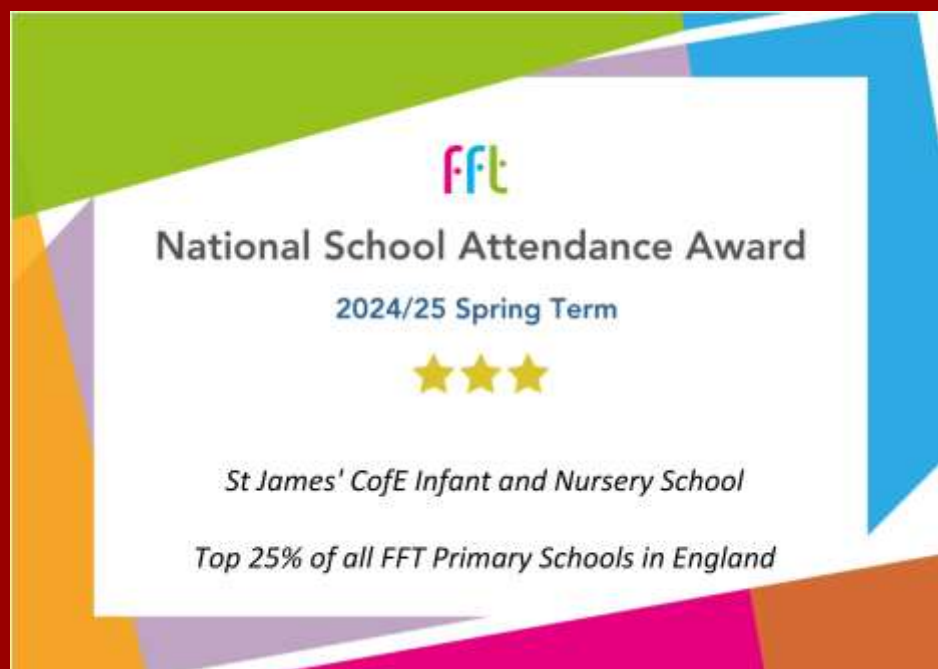
**Please note that each child attending the trip will need to be accompanied by a parent or grandparent as the aquarium will be open to the public.**

## Attendance Award



We are delighted to receive an attendance award for the spring term in recognition of our excellent school attendance. This award places us in the top 25% of similar schools in England. Although this is amazing, our previous certificate was in the top 10% so we would like to see improvements to achieve the highest standard going forward.

Attendance at school is vital for success. Please support us in ensuring that your child attends every single day when they are well. This really does make a difference. Poor attendance leads to learning becoming disjointed and gaps emerging in children's understanding which can have a knock on effect on your child.



## Nursery message about summer events



If your child is currently part time in Nursery, they are welcome to attend the sports afternoon, summer fayre and school trip without needing to swap their sessions. We like to make sure that each child can be included in all events that we offer so that they have a fuller experience of school life.

## Labelled school uniform



We are finding an increasing amount of jumpers around school and school hoodies which have no names in. This makes it difficult for staff to reunite the jumpers with the children who have misplaced them. Despite it being late in the school year, please check that each item of uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Summer Fayre



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.

Thank you everyone for your donations of Chocolate and Hamper items today for our non-uniform day. You can still bring in items to donate next week too if you forgot today.

Week commencing 16th June - we will be 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.

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.



## 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)



## "Summer Church"

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

3.30pm to 5.15pm

at

St James' Community Centre

This is the second after school church club for Primary School age children and their parents/carers to come together for a bible story, crafts, games & singing.

Followed by a tea of hotdogs and snacks.

Hope to see you there.

Rev Alison

If you have questions, please email me:

[rector.whitehaven@gmail.com](mailto:rector.whitehaven@gmail.com)

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Noah C

### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Skyla and Ezra

Melbreak-Mollie

Catbells-Reese

Scafell- Sam

Skiddaw- Anandi

### **Handwriters of the week**

Olivia, Leo, Miami and Xander

### **Reading Award**

James

### **Achievements outside of school**

Rugby Union- Alfie, Toby, James and Finley

Gymnastics- Lowe

Football- Gabe



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 with 98%! 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 **95.4%**, **1.7% higher** than the Primary National of **93.7%**. 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 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.

**School Lunch Menu**

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

SUMMER WEEK 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fish Fingers with Potato Waffles and Wholewheat Spaghetti Hoops or Noodles in Sweet and Sour Sauce with Garlic Bread and Green Beans Iced Apple Sponge or Fruit	Beef Meatballs in Gravy with Mashed Potatoes or Chicken or Quorn Kebab Sweetcorn Oaty Chocolate Cookie or Fruit	Roast Turkey or Quorn with Potato Croquettes or Sausage Roll Beans Ice Cream Tub or Fruit	Margherita Pizza or Vegetable Fried Rice Peas Ginger Sponge & Custard or Fruit	Beef / Veggie Mince Bolognese Pasta Bake or Chicken Strips with New Potatoes and Tomato Ketchup Broccoli Fruit or Yoghurt

## Upcoming diary dates



Monday 9th June- Year 1 phonics screening check week

Thursday 12th June- Science Show at St Nicholas Gardens for Year 2

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 12pm- 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

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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