



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
23rd May 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We have had a wonderful half term which has been even better with the prolonged sunshine over the past few weeks. The children have made the most of the short but very busy term.

The focus in Nursery this week has continued to be linked to their class story '*Jasper's Beanstalk*'. Following on from this, the children have been printing repeat patterns using different types of fruit and vegetables. In maths, it's been all about number 5 and the children have had a good time learning number rhymes such as Five Little Speckled Frogs and Five Current Buns, using the actions.

Reception have had a lovely week in the outdoors. They had a successful trip to the Lake District Wildlife Park on Wednesday where they were singled out and praised for their exemplary behaviour by two of the zoo keepers. The zoo keepers said that they were the best behaved school group which is amazing feedback. The children had a brilliant day exploring the wildlife park, having close encounters with the animals and taking part in some of the 'keeper talks'. They enjoyed their hands on experiences and built on their knowledge of animal classification at the same time. They have also finished their block of forest school sessions. This week they were making nest sculptures from natural materials.

The highlight of the week for Year 1 and 2 has been '*Australia Day*' today which has been a culmination of their geography unit of work. Today the children have answered the register with an Australian accent, played cricket, had a BBQ, made Australian flags, explored Aboriginal art and they have written riddles about Australian animals. They've all had a day to remember and so much fun!

Mrs Pickering popped into Year 2 classes this week to familiarise herself with the children and begin the process of putting faces to names. After the holiday, the Year 2 children will begin their transition programme to the Juniors. This will help to ensure a smooth transfer and alleviate any of the children's nerves. In the first couple of weeks, Mrs Pickering will spend time in lessons here and then the children will go for a visit to experience a playtime and collective worship before move up day.

Looking ahead to after the holiday, we have a non uniform day for the first Friday back. Please see the information below related to our summer fayre.

Thank you very much for all your continued support.

Have a lovely week off,

Mrs Moore





If I were an Engineer Competition winners

Our Year 1 and 2 children have entered this years 'If I were an Engineer Competition'. All of our children achieved the pass mark and three of our children have been chosen for the Distinction level shortlist. Well done to James, Archie and Matei who will be invited to an awards ceremony to celebrate their winning designs in July.



Staffing change for September



In September, Mrs Cocksedge will be teaching Reception alongside Miss Sapsed as we will have two Reception classes. This will mean that the current Year 1 children in Catbells will be split between Scaffell and Skiddaw. The children will find out their new classes on move up day which is Wednesday 2nd July.

Our staffing structure for the classes next year will be:

Nursery: Mrs Chambers

Reception (2 classes): Mrs Cocksedge and Miss Sapsed

Year 1 and 2 (2 classes): Mrs King, Mrs Butterworth and Miss Powell

Push for punctuality



We are finding that there has been an increase in the number of children late for school this half term. More children than usual are coming in through the main entrance as the gates have been locked to make the site secure. **Our doors open at 8.40am ready for registration at 8.45am.** Please could we appeal to all parents to help to ensure your child arrives on time next half term as arriving late means your child is having to walk into class when the teaching has started. This can be unsettling and embarrassing for them which is not a positive start to the day. It also is disruptive for the staff as their input is interrupted.

Year 1 phonics check



The Year 1 National phonics screening test will take place week commencing **Monday 9th June 2025**. Each child has been provided with a sound chart which has been highlighted to show the gaps in their sound knowledge. In addition we have sent out QR codes which link to extra practice for use at home.

Please continue to practice your child's sounds using a little and often approach if you can. This extra retrieval practice will help their confidence and help them feel fully prepared.

Hygiene Inspection



Congratulations to Mrs Hendren and Mrs Broatch for achieving a Very Good 5 rating in Cumberland Council's hygiene inspection yesterday. Thank you ladies for all you do!

Summer Fayre



It's that time of year again where we will be preparing for 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.

In the coming weeks we will be giving further arrangements however here are some note-worthy dates for you:

Friday 6th June (first week back after half term) - Non-Uniform day to collect items for our Hampers and Chocolate Tombola.

We ask that all the children in Early Years (reception and Nursery) bring in an item or two of chocolate for our fantastic Chocolate Tombola at the Fayre. This could be a box of chocolates, bars of chocolate, chocolate oranges etc - anything is gratefully received.

The Key Stage 1 children are asked to bring in an item for their class hamper. Each class has a colour theme. Items could be toiletries, bottles of wine, sweets, chocolates, small gifts etc. as long as they suit the themed colour. The colours are:

Catbells: Red Scafell: Blue Skiddaw: Green

Two of the hampers will be raffled off at the summer fayre and the third at the end of our Year 2 performance of The Lion King..

Week commencing 16th June - we will be collecting pre-loved toys for our Toy Stall

We will also be asking for cakes on the day for our cake stall.

Messy Church



Mrs Jones will be running another round of Messy Church in June. The theme is **Friendship** to coincide with our next Christian value, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

The dates are:

- Thursday 5th June 3.15-4.15pm
- Thursday 12th June 3.15-4.15pm
- Thursday 19th June 3.15-4.15pm

If your child would like to come along, please register on the School Money app. It is £4 per session.

Targeted short breaks for children with SEND



Targeted Short Breaks Registration Window now open! The Targeted Short Breaks registration window is now open for families to register their child/ young person. The registration window will be open until June 6th.

Register your child for Targeted Short Break Activities Please note that if your child is already registered for Targeted Short Break Activities and you can currently book activities you do not need to re-register until October 2025. This registration window is a mid-year window for those who missed the October window, or have since become eligible.

What is a Targeted Short Break?

Targeted Short Breaks Activities are activities provided in the Cumberland area that are designed to meet the needs of children and young people with disabilities. This gives parents and carers the opportunity to take a Short Break from caring.

We offer our own targeted short break services which gives children and young people in Cumberland access to 76 hours of free activities across the year.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Targeted Short Breaks service in Cumberland, your child or young person must:

be ordinarily resident in Cumberland, and have a disability as defined in the Equality Act 2010, and have an Education, Health and Care Plan, and be within the academic year groups Year 1 to Year 13. If you would like to speak to someone directly about Short Breaks or have any questions surrounding eligibility or the registration process, please call: 0300 3038 165. You can also email the service at: shortbreaks@cumberland.gov.uk

Eligible children and young people will be offered access to Targeted Short Break Activities. Most of our providers are only able to support children and young people with low to moderate level needs. They are unable to support children or young people that have a higher-level need.

If your child has a higher level of need, Specialist Services Short Breaks may be appropriate for you. For more information, please contact the Children with Disabilities Team on: 03332 401 727.

Please register if you are eligible:

<https://central.digital.cumberland.gov.uk/w/webpage/new-case-log-link?service=shortbreaks&council=cumberland>

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 9th 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

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award-Ziena

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Bodhi

Melbreak- Lowe

Catbells- Anderson

Scafell- Rudy

Skiddaw- Ricardo

Handwriter of the week

Well done to Gabe

Reading Awards

Well done to Anderson and Olivia who have achieved the bronze award and to Ziena and Ricardo for achieving the gold award.

Golden Welly Award winners for OPAL play

Ziena and Nell

Distinction- If I were an Engineer Award winners

James, Archie and Matei

Achievements outside of school

Swimming- Elijah; Gymnastics - Florrie and Emelia; Rugby- Alfie



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

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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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Holiday Activities



Workington RFC logo featuring a shield with a lion and the text 'WORKINGTON RFC'.

HOLIDAY Activities

Get in touch to secure your place for half term
ritc@workingtonafc.com

The poster features illustrations of children playing various sports: a girl on a skateboard, a boy running, a boy with a soccer ball, and a boy with a basketball.



HEAP Activity Day

Free Kids Goodie Bag!

Thursday 29th May
09:30 - 14:30

Howgill Family Centre,
Birks Road, Cleator Moor
CA25SHR

Join us for

- fun activities for adults & children
- free goodie bags for children
- problem solving activities
- Arts & Crafts
- Lunch
- Meet companies & organisations from the local area

For more information:
Call 01946 817900

Howgill Family Centre
HEAP

Register Online Today



Attendance and punctuality



Scafell were our attendance winners with **98.2% for the second week running** ! 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 **98.2%**, **2.6% higher** than the Primary National of **95.6%**. 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	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.



The menu is presented on a dark red background. At the top, there is a banner image of a chicken and tomato pasta bake. A black starburst graphic on the left says "Plus: Filled Jacket Potato options and Wraps/Sandwiches Available each day". A central white circle contains the text "School Lunch Menu". On the right, there is a circular logo for St. James' C of E Infant and Nursery School, featuring a church building. Below the banner, the text "SUMMER WEEK 3" is centered. The menu is organized into five columns, one for each day of the week, with each day's name in a white banner above its respective column. Each column contains a list of food options separated by "or".

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

Upcoming diary dates



*****MAY HALF TERM WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 26TH
MAY*****

Wednesday 4th June- Visit from Director of Carlisle Diocese- Charlotte Tudway

Friday 6th June- Non uniform day

Monday 9th June- Year 1 phonics screening check week

Tuesday 10th June- Library bus visit

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 day

Thursday 3rd July- Year 2 performances (times will follow)

Friday 4th July- Reports out to parents

Wednesday 16th July 2.30pm - Year 2 Leavers Service at the church

Friday 18th July 1pm- End of summer term

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

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