



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
16th May 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week nursery have been immersed in planting based on their class text of *'Jasper's Beanstalk'*. They have learned what conditions are needed for plant growth and they have loved being hands-on, getting their hands dirty to make our school grounds look more colourful with flowers. In maths, the children have been learning how to instantly spot number 3 (subitising) using dice, beats of a drum and from arrangements of different objects e.g. spots. On Tuesday afternoon the children created natural landscape textured collages using natural objects. They found this fun, cutting, sticking and getting messy!

Reception have been focusing on domestic animals (pets) and taking care of living creatures. They have been role playing 'vets' and they have been talking about respect for animals. In their art lesson they learned about abstract sculpture and they created their own plasticine models inspired by the work of Dame Barbara Hepworth. This work is now proudly displayed in our main entrance.

Year 1 and 2 have been using Oliver Jeffers *'Lost and Found'* book as a stimulus for writing their own adventure stories based on a lost object. Their science lesson this week was outdoors, the children learned how to identify birds through the sounds that they make using the *'Merlin bird ID call'* app. They were excited to find lots of different birds in the vicinity around our school. In geography, the classes have sorted human and physical features of Australia. This afternoon in art the children have learned about combining the wax resistant technique with layering textures.

Next week is the final week in school before we break up for the half term holiday. We have lots to pack in, including: Year 2 assessment 'quizzes', Read Write Inc assessments for Reception upwards, a Reception visit to the Lake District Wildlife Park and another exciting STEM session for Year 1. Mrs Pickering from the Juniors will also be coming to visit to start our Year 2 transition.

Have a lovely weekend making the most of the sunshine,

Mrs Moore









## Year 1 and 2 Australia Day



Next Thursday please can Year 1 and 2 can come to school dressed in brightly coloured shorts and t-shirts as they will be having a themed day all about Australia. This will end their Geography theme '*Do you wish you were here, Australia?*' As part of this, they will be playing cricket, having a BBQ and taking part in Australia related activities.

## 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.

## Year 2 leavers hoodies



Leavers hoodies have been delivered to school. These will be handed out to the children next week. The Year 2 children can wear them as part of their uniform after the half term holiday.

## Uniform Orders



We are now taking orders for uniform ready for September. This is an extremely busy time of year for our suppliers so it really is advisable to order early to ensure delivery before we break up for the summer. Orders can be placed via School Money and we recommend ordering as soon as you can. Any deliveries that come after we break up for summer will only be available to collect when school reopens in September.

## 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 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

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](mailto: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

# 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)

1st & 22nd of April

6th & 20th of May

3rd & 17th of June

(with refreshments)



# 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**

## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Martha

### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Margot

Melbreak- Georgie

Catbells- Zayan

Scafell- Bonnie

Skiddaw- Sophie

### **Handwriters of the week**

Well done to Tex, Liv Ferne, Martha and Archie

### **Reading Awards**

Well done to our large group of bronze and silver award winners.

### **Golden Welly Award winners for OPAL play**

Bodhi S and Rudie D

### **Achievements outside of school**

Swimming- Charlotte, Sienna and Sonny

Gymnastics and dancing- Alexia

Football- Sam and Reese



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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## 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](mailto:ritc@workingtonafc.com)

Illustrations of children playing 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 29<sup>th</sup> May  
09:30 - 14:30

Howgill Family Centre,  
Birka 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 **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 **96%**, **1% higher** than the Primary National of **95%**.

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 1



W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21st April	Bank Holiday School Closed	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation and Reading 	Games and Jigsaws 
28th April	Lego Club 	Painting and Arts 	Small World Animals 	Mindful Colouring 	Small World Cars and Trains 
5th May	Bank Holiday School Closed	Small World Play 	Lego Club 	Quiet Crafts 	Relaxation & Reading Night 
17th Mar	Music & Dance 	Outdoor Play 	Small World Trains & Cars 	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 
24th Mar	Outdoor Play 	Small World Play 	Construction Club 	Games and Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring 

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 with a top banner showing a close-up of a cheesy pasta dish. A central white circle contains the text 'School Lunch Menu'. To the left, a dark red banner says 'Plus: Filled Jacket Potato options and Wraps/Sandwiches Available each day'. To the right is the school crest for St. James' C of E Infant and Nursery School. Below the banner, the days of the week are listed in white boxes, each containing a list of lunch options separated by 'or'.

**School Lunch Menu**

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

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**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



Wednesday 21st May- Year 1 STEM workshop- 'Who uses this?' aspiration session

**Wednesday 21st May- Reception visit to the Lake District Wildlife Park (letters have been sent out about this)**

\*\*\*\*\*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

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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