



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
9th May 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We have had another brilliant week in school. Yesterday the whole school commemorated VE Day with a themed picnic on the playground. Key Stage One followed this up in the afternoon, finding out about about the significance of the event and why we need to remember those who fought to protect our peace. The children wrote their own explanations of what VE Day is and why it is a celebration.

On Wednesday Mr Beattie visited us to see the children in all the classes as a first step for our transition programme this year. After the half term holiday our Year 2 children will begin visits to our Juniors at different times of the day. to give them an insight into different aspects of the school day including after school clubs. Further details will follow soon.

Yesterday we had a visit from the Deputy Director of Carlisle Diocese- Laura Watson. She spent the day with us: visiting the classrooms, looking at RE books, observing collective worship and she joined in with our VE celebrations. The visit was due to the fact that the school is due their SIAMS church inspection at some point in the next academic year so she likes to visit before hand to the Christian distinctiveness of the school in action.

Nursery have been learning all about number three this week, being able to spot three objects at a glance (subitising) and making groups of three objects of their own. They have also continued their theme about animals, matching different animal species to their habitats.

Reception enjoyed their second forest school session. The children loved exploring outdoors. They had the opportunity to swing in hammocks, climb trees, make dens and make woodland crowns using natural objects. They can't wait for next week's session already! Back in school, they have been growing broad beans and writing 'bean' diaries, documenting their progress!

Year 1 and 2 have been immersed in their Geography theme about Australia. This week they have been comparing the climate in different parts of the country. In their maths lessons, the focus has been about money. The children have been practising finding totals and calculating change. This is always a challenge at this age. The staff would be grateful if this could be consolidated at home in a real life context if you could give your child the opportunity to handle money in shops.

Looking ahead to the remaining two weeks before half term, our Year 2 children will be having their assessments in reading, writing and maths. These will be carried out as normal classroom practice. The children may refer to this as 'doing quizzes'. This is in place of the Key stage One SATS tests which were abolished as they have now been replaced with the Reception baseline tests.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore

**Please see the updated dates at the foot of the newsletter for the remainder of the summer term.**







## Nursery Read Write Inc 'drop in' session



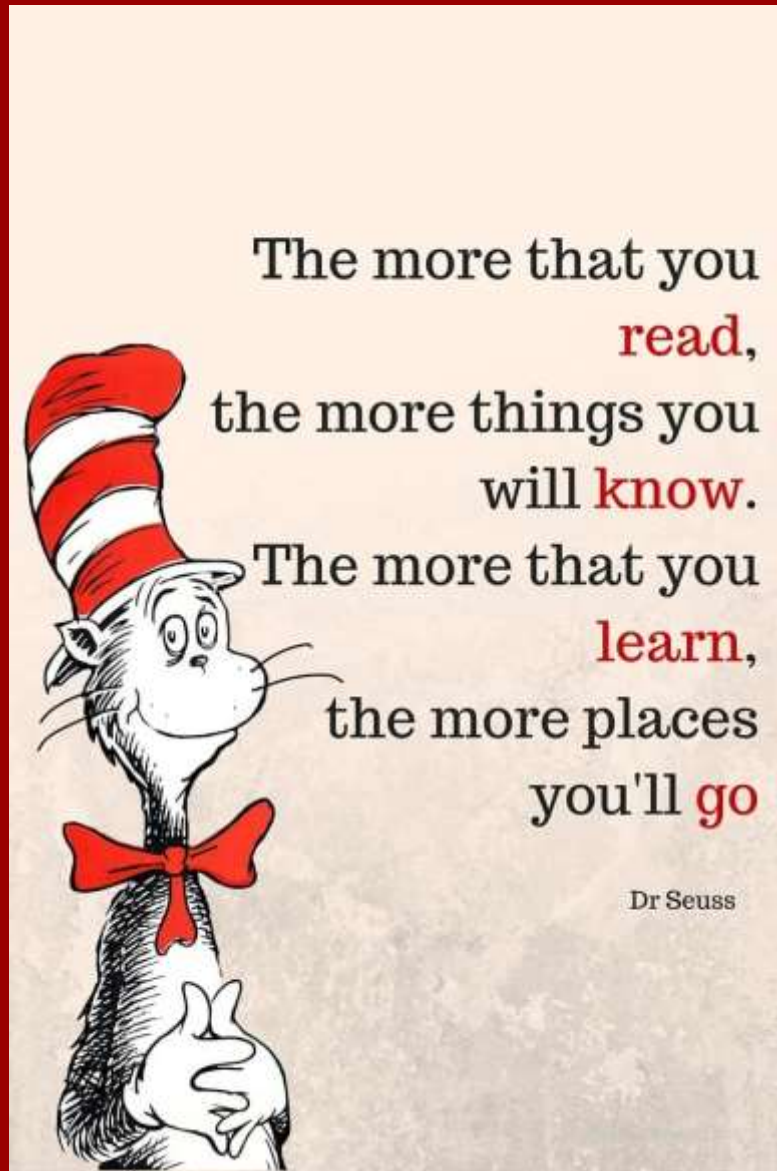
Throughout the summer term, nursery begin to learn the pictures from our Read Write Inc phonics scheme which correspond to the different sounds. This is the first step on their reading journey on their pathway to becoming 'readers'. Mrs Chambers, our Reading lead, will be offering an informal drop in session for any parents who are not already familiar with this phonics scheme on Wednesday afternoon at 2.45pm in our school library.

The purpose of the session is to show parents what your child will be learning on a daily basis and Mrs Chambers will provide hints and tips of how you can support at home. In addition, it will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have too.

Please feel free to come along if you can.

Mrs Chambers will also be adding the sounds taught throughout each week to Tapestry so that your child can reinforce their knowledge of the sounds at home.

## Message from Year 1 and 2 teachers



Please could all parents remember to **complete entries into your child's reading record**, ready to be handed in to staff each **Friday morning**. Please write the date, book title and a brief comment if you wish so that we can keep track of how much reading your child is managing to do at home.

Learning to read is a vital skill as it impacts on all other subjects across the curriculum. To improve children's success in reading, we recommend lots of practise to build fluency and accuracy. This in turn helps to boost children's confidence.

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!**

**20th of April at 3PM for Easter Sunday**

**18th of May**

# 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)

## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Beau R

### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Rowan

Melbreak- Harper

Catbells- Isaac

Scafell- Riley S

Skiddaw- Ollie

### **Handwriters of the week**

Well done to Rory, Rudie, Ferne and Georgie

### **Reading Awards**

Charlotte (second bronze) and Josie (gold)

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

Bodhi R and Reggie

### **Achievements outside of school**

Ava, Sonny, Charlotte, James, Sam, Bodhi R and Elijah





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](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  
RITC

# HOLIDAY Activities

Get in touch to secure your  
place for half term  
[ritc@workingtonafc.com](mailto:ritc@workingtonafc.com)

The poster features a green background with a dark blue central area. At the top, a red shield logo for Workington RFC is centered. The word 'HOLIDAY' is in large, bold, white capital letters, and 'Activities' is in a large, green, cursive font. Below the title, the text 'Get in touch to secure your place for half term' and the email address 'ritc@workingtonafc.com' are displayed. The poster is decorated with cartoon illustrations of children: 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,  
Birks Road, Cleator Moor  
CA255HR

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



The poster has a bright, colorful design with a large yellow sun in the background. The title 'HEAP Activity Day' is prominently displayed in the center. To the left, a green speech bubble contains the text 'Free Kids Goodie Bag!'. Below the title, the date and time 'Thursday 29th May 09:30 - 14:30' are listed, followed by the venue 'Howgill Family Centre, Birks Road, Cleator Moor CA255HR'. A list of activities is provided under the heading 'Join us for'. At the bottom left, contact information is given: 'For more information: Call 01946 817900'. The Howgill Family Centre logo and the acronym 'HEAP' are at the bottom center. On the right, a blue button says 'Register Online Today' and a QR code is located below it. Illustrations of children painting and playing are scattered around the text.

## Attendance and punctuality



**Skiddaw** were our attendance winners with **98.1%** ! 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 **96.8%**, **2.4% higher** than the Primary National of **95.4%**.

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.

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

Tuesday 13th May- Year 1 and 2 'Blue Bots' STEM computing session with Sellafield Education Outreach Team

Wednesday 14th May at 2.45pm- Nursery Read Write Inc 'drop in' demonstration (for parents new to nursery)

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

Date to be confirmed due to transport- Reception visit to the Lake District Wildlife Park

\*\*\*\*\*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**

**Reception athletics event at St Benedicts**

**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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