



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
25th April 2025**





Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term.

Although it has been a shorter week back in school, the children have had a busy time as always!

Nursery have launched the new half term using the 'hook' text '*One Springy Day*' by Nick Butterworth. They have enjoyed talking about what animals like to live in a park habitat and they followed on from this by painting animal pictures, thinking carefully about their features. In their maths activities the children have started considering what patterns are and they have been exploring this concept through music and movement in preparation for taking this a step further next week, looking at repeated patterns.

Reception have began their new unit of learning, focusing on plants and animals. This week they have been investigating different types of plants to introduce specialist vocabulary. Today they have started their art block of work all about sculpture. The children will be exploring the properties of clay by making clay pots.

In Year 1 and 2 the main focus has been the launch of their new theme about Australia. The classes have used Atlases and Google Earth to locate Australia on the map, focusing on the oceans that surround the island. In English, their new text is 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. On Wednesday the children were introduced to the 'lost penguin' and they are soon going to find out what happens next with him. This afternoon in art, the classes have started their textile unit, using weaving techniques to thread different fabrics through a frame.

Next week, the Year 2 children are going on their first residential to Hawse End. We are sure that they will have an amazing experience: problem solving, orienteering, ghyll scrambling, canoe rafting and sampling bush craft. The most memorable aspect of the trip is always spending time with their friends. We hope they all enjoy this brilliant opportunity in the outdoors!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore











## Year 2 visit to Hawse End

With less than one week to go until our outdoor residential, here are a few last minute reminders:

- Year 2 need to be at school at 7.45am, ready for the register and a toilet stop before their coach departs at 8am on Thursday morning. Please leave any suitcases outside the main entrance so that the children do not need to carry them through school.
- As we are a nut free school, this applies to school visits too. As explained in the meeting, we will be providing snacks for the children as we cannot allow the children to have 'may contain nut products' either. Please do not send any snacks for your child in their bags as we have children with various allergies to be mindful of.
- It is useful for your child to be there when you pack their suitcase. Parents have previously found using 'sandwich bags' labelled with the days helpful so that your child can dress independently without adult support. Grouping clothes in this way also means that they don't need to empty out all their belongings at once, reducing the chance of them getting mixed up with other children's in their room.
- The last activity finishes at Hawse End at 12.30pm on the Friday. The children will arrive back at school at approximately 2pm. We will send a text message to confirm what time the children are back at school so that they can be collected from the coach (with their wet belongings!).

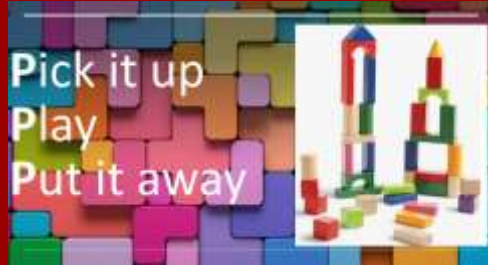
An overview of the itinerary has been issued to each child today as a handy reference for parents, please check your child's book bag.

## 80th anniversary of VE Day



On Thursday 8th May, we are hoping to have a VE celebration picnic on the playground (weather permitting!) at lunchtime. The children are welcome to come to school dressed in red, white and blue on that day to commemorate the end of the Second World War in Europe.

## Nursery focus on tidying



Nursery are having a big focus on the mantra of 'Play, Pick it up, Put it Away'- 3 3 Ps especially as we are now preparing most of our nursery children for their step up to Reception. Each day two 'tidy medals' will be awarded throughout the summer term, as an incentive for the children to take pride in and contribute towards an orderly environment, conducive to learning.

We would be grateful if parents could reinforce the same principle at home so that we are showing the children a united front. We encourage children to tidy an area of learning that they have been playing in before moving on to the next one, this leaves the area organised for the next person and promotes independence at the same time.

Here are our first wave of 'tidy medal' winners, don't they look proud of themselves!



## Reception Forest School



Reception forest school sessions are starting a week later than anticipated next Thursday afternoon.

**Please send your child to school with a pair of wellies in a clearly labelled bag with their name on.**

## 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**



## "Spring Church"

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

3.30pm to 5.15pm

at

St James' Community Centre

This new initiative is an opportunity 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)

# 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- Leo T

**Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Reya

Melbreak- Tex

Catbells- Remi

Scafell- Mahnaz

Skiddaw- Barnaby

**Handwriters of the week**

Well done to Ollie R, Reese, Sam, Daisy, Emeilia and Sonny.



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)





# 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



**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%**, 1.1% higher than the Primary National of **94.9%**.

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.

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

### School Lunch Menu

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 30th April - Governor Morning

Thursday 1st May- 2nd May Hawse End Residential for Year 2 children

Thursday 1st May Reception - Pet Encounters Visit to School

Monday 5th May - School Closed Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th May - VE Day Celebrations

Friday 9th May - pm Catbells Dream Jobs STEM event

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

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

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