



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
4th April 2025**





Welcome to the final newsletter of the spring term.

We have ended the term with a full-on week packed with Easter related activities, outdoor fun in the sun and finishing touches linked to the current units of learning. This morning we had an extended celebration assembly as there was so many wonderful things to celebrate!

Nursery have spent lots of time enjoying the outdoor equipment over the past few days in amongst completing their termly assessed pieces. One of their assessment pieces was to draw a picture of themselves. This is to look at their pencil grip/control and pre writing ability. This is something the children can practise with a grown up at home, remembering to add all the body parts! If your child finds this difficult, they may need to improve their upper body core strength through larger body movements which engage the shoulder muscles. Climbing frames at the park are a good way to help promote physical development. Further ideas can be found at [Fun Core Strengthening Activities for Kids: Top Exercises](#)

Reception have been reading 'The Extraordinary Gardener', which complements their upcoming unit of learning about plants. They have been also finding out about Amelia Earhart, the first woman aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

Year 1 and 2 have been building with bread in their design technology lessons, looking at structures and the significance of using solid structures in engineering. They've also been out and about with a visit to the church for the Easter experience and a visit to Crow Park for their science lesson, an opportunity to increase their understanding of biodiversity and connect with nature which helps promote well-being.

We have updated our diary events for next half term. We can't wait to see what everyone achieves when we return to school after the holidays.

I would like to wish all of our families a lovely Easter break, it is lovely to see that the weather is looking good for the start of the holiday.

Mrs Moore





## No smoking and vaping



Please remember that smoking and vaping is not permitted on our school grounds, including our school car park, as stated in our Health and Safety policy. This is for the safety of our children.

## New sports after school club



The summer term sports club focus will be **multi skills and athletics**, promoting agility, fitness, coordination and balance skills. This will continue to take place on Wednesday's after school from 3.15-4.15pm for Key Stage 1 and it will be delivered by Mr Marshall.

Please book your child's place via School Money.

## Reception weekly forest school sessions



Throughout the first half of the summer term, Reception will be visiting Walk Mill Community Woodland in Moresby for a weekly Forest School session. The sessions will take place each Thursday afternoon within school time. They will be run by Emma from West Cumbria Rivers Trust, supported by Reception staff.

Each Thursday your child will need to bring **wellies** into school (please clearly label them with your child's name). If the weather is wet on the day, please send in a waterproof coat too.

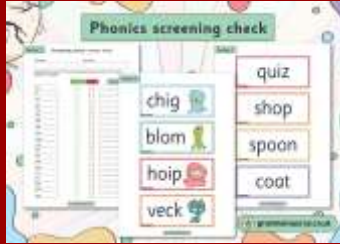
This should be a fantastic experience for your child and an opportunity to connect with nature to support overall well-being. We will update our social media each week to share what your child gets up to.

## Nursery PE Change



Nursery will only need to wear their PE kits for school on **Wednesdays** in the summer term. They will continue to have their weekly PE lesson with Mr Marshall. As the children will be accessing the outdoor provision on a free flow basis, the usual slot for PE will be used for arts based learning opportunities to ensure breadth and balance across the curriculum.

## Year 1 phonics screening check



Year 1 will have their phonics screening check week commencing Monday 9th June.

Each child has been provided with a sound chart, highlighted with the sounds that they still need to practise.

We would be grateful if you could keep up the practise up until this date, using a little and often approach. Please ask your child to say the sound as you point to it using a 'lolly stick' and vary the order by pointing to different sounds. The goal is for your child to know the sounds off by heart which helps them to become fluent and accurate readers.

The test itself contains a mixture of real words and nonsense words and your child will need a secure knowledge of the majority of the sounds on the chart to meet the threshold pass mark.

## Year 2 visit to Hawse End

Thank you to the parents who could join us for the meeting on Monday afternoon. We appreciate that some parents could not attend due to work commitments. Hopefully by now everyone should have received a suggested kit list and an overview of the activities. Please note that swimwear is not needed.

Please return parental consent forms to the school office as soon as possible.

We will be in touch with last minute reminders after the Easter holidays.

**Final payments are due by the end of April. Please make these through the School Money system.**

## Sock donations welcome please



Early Years are in need of spare socks and underwear to use with children who have had accidents. If your child has outgrown any, we would be grateful of any donations.

## Cumberland Holiday Activities



Booking is now open for Cumberland's Easter Holiday Activities and Food Programme. There are over 4000 places available across 56 offers delivered by 39 organisations. Activities include Football, Swimming, Martial Arts, Multi-Sport Camps, Arts & Drama, Animal Care, Cycling, Climbing, Horse Riding and our HAF at the Hub events.

To find out what activities are taking place this, please visit [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme | Cumberland Family Hubs](#) where you can access the activity database. The best way to find out what is happening near to you is to use the search criteria which includes:

- Dates
- Ages
- Location
- SEN appropriate activities
- Paid Places

Or you can drop a pin on the map and search within an area, just enter in the box how far you can travel.

If you have any questions regarding the programme or eligibility, please get in touch. Codes can be requested by emailing [HAF@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@cumbria.gov.uk)

### HAF Codes and Eligibility

A minimum of 85% of HAF places must be filled by children and young people from the following: (Code in **bold**)

- **HAF 1** – A child with a free school meal entitlement
- **HAF 2** – A child who is classed as SEND or who has an EHCP & has a free school meal entitlement.

The remaining 15% of places can be used for the following categories:

- **HAF 3** – Any children eligible through other circumstances (see example list below)
- **HAF 4** – A child who is classed as SEND or who has an EHCP but is **not** on free school meals – up to the age of 18.

Example list:

- cared for or care experienced child or young person

- young carers
- child or young person on Resettlement Schemes
- child or young person seeking asylum
- young person who is not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
- a family with another need
- child or young person who is classed as SEND or on a EHCP but not on free school meals up to the age of 18

## Puppet show



Please see the poster below about an upcoming Easter puppet show at Mirehouse Ponds on **Thursday 10th April 11am-1pm**

It is aimed at younger children up to age 9.

**Backpack of Beasts**

At Mirehouse Ponds  
Thu 10th April, 11am-1pm  
Free

Join us for a magical show with Wayfarer Theatre's puppets and an Easter egg hunt!

For children up to age 9 (big kids welcome too!)

Places are limited, please book here 

or email [mia@westcumbrianriverstrust.org](mailto:mia@westcumbrianriverstrust.org)

Children must be supervised by an adult. Sturdy footwear and outdoor clothing needed. Parking is very limited so please lift share or walk if you can, thank you

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## OPAL donations welcomed



We would welcome donations for our 'wheelie zone' if your child has outgrown any of the items listed below:

- trikes
- Little Tikes style cars
- small go karts
- 'skuttle bugs'
- **Dressing up clothes**



## Holiday Activities



**HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
**EASTER HALF TERM**  
**MON 7<sup>TH</sup> - THUR 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
Ages: 5-11 years  
Venue: St James' CoE Juniors - Whitehaven

Let by our experienced staff, there's never a shortage of exciting activities and sports to enjoy. We welcome both boys and girls of all skill levels, as our programs are designed to ensure every child has a positive, fun experience while developing their skills through sport and activities.

**RITC**

The poster features a green background with illustrations of children playing tennis, soccer, and basketball. A circular logo at the top center shows a lighthouse on an island.



**SOLWAY HALL**

# EASTER #HAF2025

Cumberland Councils Easter Activity and Food Programme

7th, 10th, 15th & 17th April 2025  
11am - 3pm

Each sessions will include:

- Morning activities - arts & crafts with Together We Can Create
- Afternoon activities - Moby lit with Shameem

each day will also include a healthy lunch, snacks and refreshments

Age 5-16 years (16-18 years with special educational needs) Please note: to register, you must be able to provide us with a HAF code

Email: [thesolwayhallactivities@outlook.com](mailto:thesolwayhallactivities@outlook.com)

Registered Charity Number: 1138826

The poster is decorated with colorful bunny head icons in orange, purple, teal, and yellow.



You are invited!

# Cumberland Family Hub



Join us for fun family activities

Tuesday 15 April 11am - 3pm

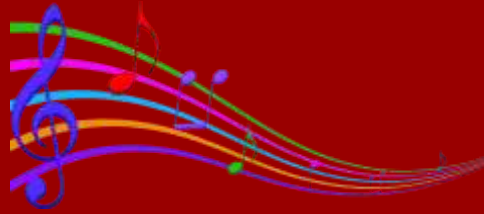
Family Hub on the Harbour, Swingpump Lane, Whitehaven, CA28 7LZ



Sign up here to let us know you are coming

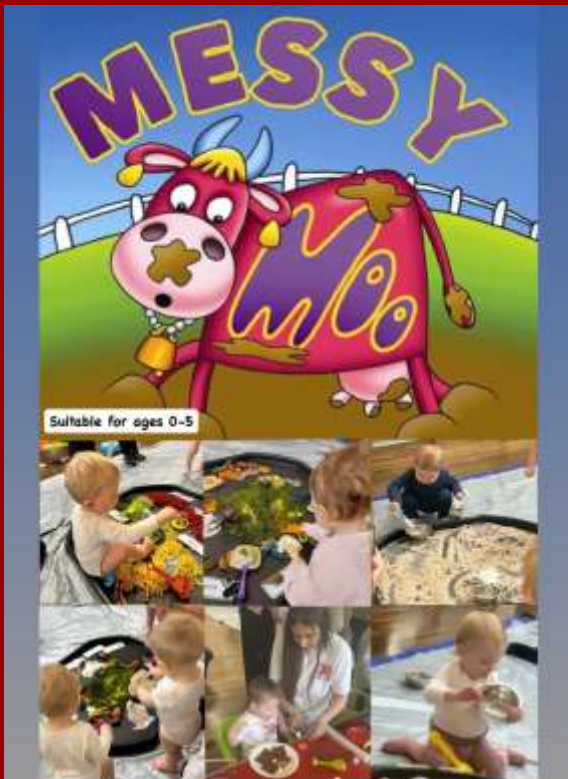


## Moo Music sessions during the Easter break



Here are two fun sessions being run in our community centre for children aged 0-5 during the Easter holidays. Anyone who attends these sessions speaks very highly of them. They are run by a Nursery teacher and teaching assistant, who make them fun and interactive. The first one is 'Messy Moo' and the second one is the Easter session 'Music Moo'.

If you are free, please feel free to book by visiting their Facebook or Instagram pages- 'Moo Music West Cumbria'.



**MESSY**

Suitable for ages 0-5

Join us at St James Church Hall on Tuesday  
8th April 10-11am for our Easter theme  
Messy Moo 🐮

To book a place, please message us  
on our Facebook/Instagram page  
'Moo Music West Cumbria'



Come join us for our...

**Easter Special**

Join us for our Easter Special Moo  
Music sessions at St James Church Hall

Tuesday 15th April 🐮 Ages 0-5

9.30-10.15am  
10.45-11.30am

[@moomusicwestcumbria](#)

## Fostering Information Events



**Cumbria Fostering**

Become part of Cumbria's biggest Family

Find out about

# Fostering

Attend our online event from the comfort of your home

Join our online information event on **Wednesday 23 April** from 6pm to 7pm.  
To register scan the barcode to the right or visit [cumbriafostering.org.uk](http://cumbriafostering.org.uk)



SCAN ME

**0300 019 0200**

[cumbriafostering.org.uk](http://cumbriafostering.org.uk)

   
Working for Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council

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of Cumbria's  
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## Fostering



### Attend our online event this Foster Care Fortnight 2025

Join our online information event on  
**Tuesday 20 May** from 6pm to 7pm. To  
register scan the barcode to the right or  
visit [cumbriafostering.org.uk](http://cumbriafostering.org.uk)



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### Speak to our friendly team this Foster Care Fortnight

Visit our information stand at  
**Workington Library** on Vulcan's Lane,  
Workington, CA14 2ND on **Friday 16  
May** from 1pm to 3pm.



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## 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- Miami**

**Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Bradley

Melbreak- Sonny

Catbells- Josie

Scafell- Bodhi

Skiddaw- Rudie

**Handwriters of the week**

Well done to Ivy, Jovana, Sophia and Alexia

Also a big well done to the group of children for achieving the bronze, silver and gold level reading certificates. A lot of our children are on the second round of their certificates too.





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 **98.2%** ! 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
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## 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.

**Our New look menu starts after Easter. School Money has been updated with the new options. We hope you like it!**



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

**School Lunch Menu**

St James' C of E Infant and Nursery School

**SUMMER WEEK 1**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Easter Monday School Closed	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	Margherita Pizza or Vegetable Fried Rice Peas Ginger Sponge & Custard or Fruit	Roast Turkey or Quorn with Potato Croquettes or Sausage Roll Beans Ice Cream Tub or Fruit	Beef / Veggie Mince Bolognese Pasta Bake or Chicken Strips with New Potatoes and Tomato Ketchup Brccoli Fruit or Yoghurt

## Upcoming diary dates



Tuesday 22nd April - School reopens

Wednesday 23rd April - Nursery New Starters start

Thursday 24th April- Forest school sessions begin for Reception

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

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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