



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
28th March 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week we have seen a huge dip in our school attendance due to having lots of poorly children. The bugs going round have wiped out swathes of children in each class. We wish them all a speedy recovery and we hope that they are feeling back to themselves soon.

On Wednesday, Miss Powell has achieved the Music Mark for our school for this academic year. This is in recognition of her advocating excellent musical learning in school for Infant children. Thank you Miss Powell for securing this for the school. The children love the musical opportunities provided and creating compositions with instruments in class.

Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Whitehaven Fire Service this morning. They had a brilliant time, learning about how the Fire Service keep us safe and help us when we need them. The children had the opportunity to try on uniform, look at equipment, look round the fire engine and squirt water from the hose like a real life superhero!

Reception had their audiology checks yesterday carried out by the health service. This has highlighted a few children who need follow up checks at the hearing clinic. Letters will be issued to those affected.

In Key Stage 1 this week it has been Assessment Week. The children have also been comparing explorers in History and they held a debate about who was the best. In Science they have been looking at what plants need to survive and thrive and In Design and Technology, they have been studying the properties of building materials.

Next week is the final week of the spring term. We have lots of Easter activities planned. The classes will have the opportunity to make Easter gardens and Year 1 and 2 will be visiting the church to take part in 'Experience Easter' with Mrs Jones.

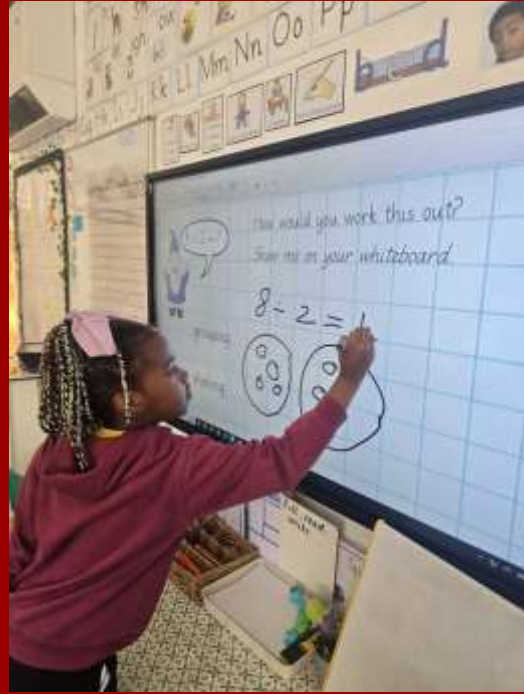
We will be closing at 3.15pm as normal next Friday however if you have older children at our Juniors, you are welcome to collect your younger child early to attend the Easter Fayre there. You can collect your child from their usual classroom door at 1.20pm. We will lock the gates again ten minutes later to ensure the safety of the remaining children on site.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEXT FRIDAY

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore





Hawse End residential meeting for Year 2 parents



Our Year 2 residential is fast approaching. On Monday afternoon we will be holding a meeting for parents at 2.45pm to outline what the visit entails and all the necessary information you will need. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the trip.

If you can't make the meeting due to work commitments, please don't worry. We will send out the information packs containing the overview of activities and kit list for you.

Year 1 and 2 science in the woodland



On Wednesday morning next week each Key Stage One class will be taking turns to go to the woods to consolidate their science learning about plants. Geoff Norman from CDEC will be facilitating the sessions accompanied by school staff. The children will be comparing and contrasting trees, identifying spring flowers and carrying out practical, explorative science in a real life context.

If your child has wellies, please send them into school in a bag with your child's name clearly visible.

OPAL donations welcomed



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

- trikes
- Little Tykes style cars
- small go karts
- 'skuttle bugs'

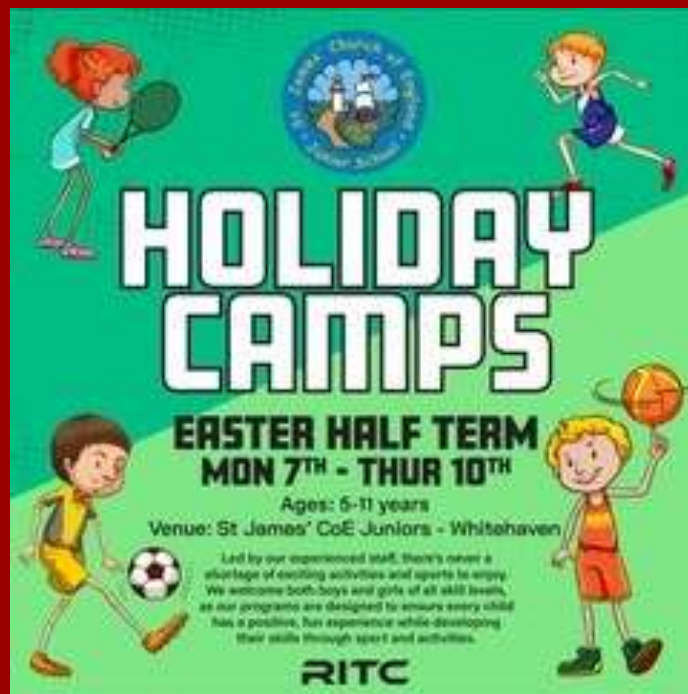


Easter Egg Decorating Competition



As ever, we will be running our annual competition to find the best decorated eggs (hard boiled of course!) Now is the time to start thinking of ideas. Children can bring in their decorated eggs on Thursday 3rd April and there will be winners in each class.

Holiday Activities



SOLWAY HALL

EASTER #HAF2025

Cumberland Councils Easter Activity and Food Programme

11th, 18th, 25th & 31st April 2025
11am - 3pm

Each session will include:
 Morning activities - arts & crafts with Together We Can Create
 Afternoon activities - Naky fit 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 NAF code
 Email: thesolwayhallactivities@outlook.com





Registered Charity Number: 1128552

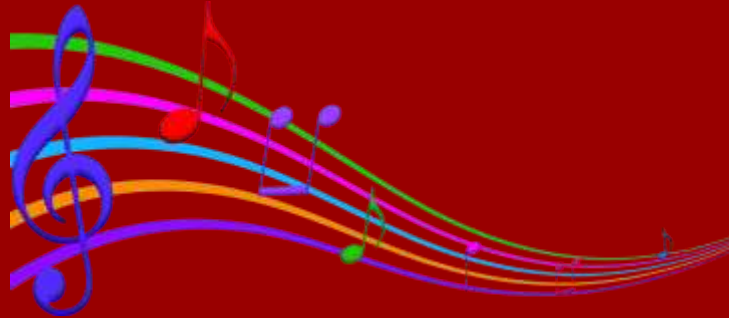
 **You are invited!**
Cumberland Family Hub



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

Leavers Hoodies for Year 2



Burgundy leavers hoodies are available to order via School Money. The cost is £20. The children can wear them in school after the May half term holiday.

LAST CALL AS PAYMENTS ARE DUE TODAY

Fostering Information Events



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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



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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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Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Anandi

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Blake B

Melbreak- Bodhi

Catbells- Blake D

Scafell- Albie

Skiddaw- Emelia

Handwriters of the week

Well done to James, Sid, Beau R and Emelia

Also a big well done to the group of children for achieving the bronze and silver level reading certificates.

Well done to Sienna and Seb for achievements in dancing, swimming and football.





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

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

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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Family Service

MONTHLY

11.30am til 12 noon

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!**

2nd of March

30th of March for Mothering Sunday

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)

4th & 18th March

1st & 22nd April

6th & 20th May

(with refreshments)

Attendance and punctuality



Melbreak 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


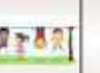



















Breakfast club/ After school club



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 Spring 2					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24th Feb	Mindful Colouring 	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation and Reading 	Games & Jigsaws 
3rd Mar	Lego Club 	Painting and Arts 	Small World Animals 	Mindful Colouring 	Clay Model Making 
10th Mar	Quiet Crafts & Movie Night 	Small World Play 	Dressing Up & Role Play 	Clay Model Making 	Relaxation & Reading Night 
17th Mar	Music & Dance 	Outdoor Play 	Small World Trains & Cars 	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 
24th Mar	Outdoor Play 	Small World Play 	Dressing Up & Role Play 	Games & Jigsaws 	Clay Model Making 
31st Mar	Quiet Crafts & Movie Night 	Easter Crafts 	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Biscuit Decorating 

*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.

St James' C of E Infant and Nursery School Menu Spring 2024/25					
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake	Roast Chicken Pieces in Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Carrots	French Bread Pineapple Pizza	Fish Fingers, Waffles and Tomato Ketchup	Sausage/ Vegan Sausage, Mashed Potato and Beans
Options	Honey Roasted Salmon with Cous Cous	Vegetable Risotto with Garlic Bread	Chicken & Pepper in White Sauce with New Potatoes	Beef Curry & Rice	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Noodles and Peas
Vegetables	Broccoli		Peas	Sweetcorn	
To Order *	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie or Fruit	Fruit or Yoghurt	Raspberry Buns or Fruit	Yoghurt or Fruit Platter	St Clements Sponge & Custard or Fruit
* Jacket Potato options: Cheese, Tuna or Beans.			*Wrap options, Ham, Cheese or Tuna.		

Please note that the vegetables are used in a food processor generallyly until they are...

Upcoming diary dates



Monday 31st March 2.45pm - Hawse End meeting for Year 2 parents

Tuesday 1st April- Easter Gardens for Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Experience at the church for Year 1 and 2

Thursday 3rd April- Decorated egg competition

Friday 4th April- End of the spring term.

1.30pm Juniors Easter Fayre - all welcome

- **Additional dates will be added in bold throughout the term**
- Catbells 'Dream Jobs' session is the following half term.

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