



St James' Church of England Infant and Nursery School

Welcome to our newsletter. This week has been jam packed full of exciting activities for the children.

Firstly, thank you to the parents who attended our Y1 phonics screening meeting this week. We hope that you found the information about the up and coming screening test useful and are able to use some of the strategies suggested at home. All children on the Read, Write, Inc scheme have been given QR codes that link to the website. These are a fabulous way of consolidating learning from school at home and would ask that children are given time to do this.

The children have also had fun celebrating World Book Day. Although, they had lots of fun on the day, we encourage a love of reading everyday at our school. Our aim is that children will learn to read with confidence, fluency and understanding, providing them with the skills required to achieve a lifetime of enjoyment through reading. If you would like further information regarding reading at St James' please click on the link below.

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Nursery have had a lovely time at their Teddy Bear Hospital this week. Medical students from the NHS taught them basic first aid skills and how to look after their friends. They are continuing with their learning about shopping and this week learned which types of shops sold which product.

Reception continue to enjoy their book 'Little Red'. They are exploring the sequence of the story and the characters in more detail this week. They have also been learning about historical figures linked to transport, this week they have been focusing on The Wright Brothers.

In KS1 the pupils have been learning about wild and garden plants in Science. They are continuing to learn about Florence Nightingale and her greatest achievements in History. This week our Link Governor for History, Katie Hawksworth and History Lead, Mrs Butterworth completed a pupil interview with the children focusing on their learning in History. I was luckily enough to overhear some of this and was blown away by the pupil's knowledge of the past and their attention to detail.

Finally, the booking system for parents evenings will be live from Monday at 4.00 through School Money. Nursery parents will have the opportunity to speak to their child's teacher through a 'Stay and Play' session for which more information will follow.

Thank you for your continued support and have a restful weekend,

Miss Sapsed





Upcoming Church Services and Community Events

Jesus

And

Me

 *the parish of*
WHITEHAVEN



Church

**IN ST. JAMES' COMMUNITY
CENTRE 1:30pm to 3:30pm**

30th of March

**Includes a tea of hotdogs &
snacks.**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Indie

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Maverick and Aubrie

Melbreak- Jason

Catbells- Brooklynn

Scafell- Josie

Skiddaw- Daisy W

Handwriters of the week -

Aaron, Elijah and James

Achievements outside of school -

Mario, Hope, Zara, Blake and Lily L

Superstar Readers -

Delilah, Florrie, Reya and Beau

Unfortunately, our photos cannot be added at this point due to an issue with Microsoft Sway. They are on Facebook and we will keep trying to attach them to this newsletter 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?



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



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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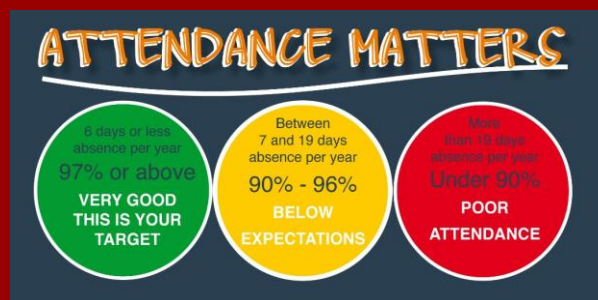
U Dance



1 - School money is now closed for UDance tickets. If you do not have your tickets, you will now need to contact the Carnegie theatre, who respond to all ticket enquiries from this point.

Miss Powell would like to request that those taking part bring in a plain white t-shirt and plain black trousers/leggings to use during the performance. These should be brought into school on Monday 16th March. Thank you.

Attendance and punctuality



Catbells were our attendance winners this week 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 98.5 %, **3.1% higher** than the Primary National average of 95.4%! Well done to everyone who came into school this week. Thank you, we appreciate your commitment to helping us secure very good attendance. It really does pay dividends for your child's progress.

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

Scholastic Book Fayre



At our Parent's Evening we will have books available to buy from Scholastic. Not only is it your chance to purchase some beautiful books to share at home, it also means that the school get free books based on on how many we sell. To purchase a book you need to scan a QR code and this will take you to a payment page to buy there and then. Thank you.

Foodbank Autumn Appeal



2 - We received an email from the North Lakes Foodbank this week saying "Thank you to everyone at St James' CofE Infant and Nursery School for donating a total of 188 kgs of food to North Lakes Foodbank in 2025. Thanks to your support, we were able to help over 5,000 people in West Cumbria with emergency food parcels."

During our parent's evenings there will be an opportunity to buy books from our Scholastic Book Fayre. As always, there are lots of amazing books on sale and as a school we receive books based on what is sold. This is card payment only via QR code and can be done in school. Thanks for your support.

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 middle Key Stage 1 classroom (door with the ramp on the bottom yard)..

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 2025 –2026 Spring 2



W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23rd Feb	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Small World Animals 	Pirates & Dolls 	Arts & Crafts 	Dance and Party Games
2nd Mar	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 	Phunky Foods Biscuit Decorating 	Construction, Cars & Trains 	Movie Night
9th Mar	Phunky Foods Sandwiches 	Small World Dinosaurs 	Games & Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts
16th Mar	Lego Club 	Arts & Crafts 	Dance & Party Games 	Pirates & Dolls 	Phunky Foods
23rd Mar	Small World Play Animals 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts 	Board Games 	Cars & Trains

Feel free to book on for regular or one-off sessions if your child would like to attend. Sessions cost £5.50 and run from 3.15pm-5.15pm pick up at any point in between these times. 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.

School Lunch Menu

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

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SPRING WEEK 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Burger in a Bun or Baked Fish with New Potatoes Sweetcorn and Tomato Ketchup Pineapple Sponge & Custard or Fruit	Chicken / Quorn Nuggets with Mashed Potato and Beans or Vegetable Risotto with Garlic Bread Digestive Biscuit, Cheese & Satsuma or Yoghurt	Roast Turkey / Quorn Pieces with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli and Gravy or Lamb Kofta with Tortilla and Salad Broccoli Krispie Cake or Fruit	All Day Breakfast Lorne Sausage/ Vegan Sausage, Hash Brown, Omelette and Spaghetti Hoops or Chicken Curry & Rice with Green Beans Ice Cream or Fruit	Battered Cod with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup or Meat and Potato Pie Peas Iced Carrot Cake or Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



- 16th and 17th March - Individual Parent's Meetings (Reception to Y2)
- Nursery Stay and Play for parents
- U Dance - 18th March
- 23rd March 2.45 - Hawse End information Meeting for Parents
- 26th March - Decorate an egg competition
- Break up for Easter Friday 27th March
- 30th March to 1st April - Hawes End for Y2

**Please note further dates will be added as they arise throughout the spring term.*

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