



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
14th March 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We have had another busy week in school! This week we welcomed Anna from OPAL who came to observe our playtime. She was delighted to see that we have increased our playzones. The children gave her a tour of the areas and chatted to her about what they were doing. Anna reported back that the playground was a "hive of activity" and that "every single child was engaged in an activity of their choosing". She said it was "amazing to see and was lovely to experience". We are absolutely delighted with the feedback and will continue to work on our provision.

This week, Nursery have been looking at rhymes and patterns in stories and songs. They had a visit from the Blood Bikes on Thursday as part of our theme on People Who Help Us. Many thanks to Graeme and Louise who talked to the children about the important volunteer work they do and showed them their brand new motorbike too.

In English, Reception have been continuing to read the book *The Tiny Seed*. They have planted their own sunflower seeds and have been learning about how plants grow. In Maths they have been learning about number bonds to 10.

This week has been Science Week, Key Stage 1 joined the NFU Science Farm Live lesson learning about sustainability and also had an engineering online lesson with Daniel Innes from the Civil Aviation Authority who spoke about rocket inventions, the children then designed their own rocket for a competition. They have also been planting sunflower seeds and in History they have been learning about Neil Armstrong. The Year children have been over to the Junior School this afternoon to play cricket with some of the Junior children as a start to their transition programme.

Myself and Miss Sapsed attended the Coastal Schools Conference which was a brilliant opportunity to highlight what amazing things are happening in schools right along the West Coast of Cumbria and Lancashire.

Next week looks to be busy too, Nursery will be having a visit from Cumbria Fire and Rescue as part of their topic on People Who Help Us, we will be holding a virtual author event for Reception and Key Stage 1, Key Stage 1 will also be having an assembly with local artist Amy about creating art with recycled materials. We are holding Parent's Evenings which will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and their next steps with the class teacher - see post below regarding bookings. It is also our U-Dance performances at the Carnegie Theatre.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Moore





School Council - Lunch Survey



Mrs King held a school council meeting this week. The children discussed what food and meals they would like to see on our new Summer Term menu. Mrs Hendren and Mrs Broatch are now working hard to incorporate their ideas into our new menu for next term.

U Dance



The children completed their dress rehearsal yesterday. They were fantastic and are very excited about their performances next week! Just a reminder that the children will be provided with a school packed lunch (you should have ordered a wrap choice for them on School Money for Tuesday) and after their early lunch will leave school at 11.30pm to go to the Carnegie Theatre. They will then take part alongside the other schools in their rehearsals.

You should provide a packed tea on the day for them to take with them to eat in between the two performances. Please include plenty of drinks/water bottle. The children should be collected from the Carnegie Theatre following the second performance which starts at 5.30pm and is due to last about 1 hour.

Parents Evenings - next week



Parent's Evenings for Reception, Years 1 and 2 will take place next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Links to book your appointment were sent out on Monday. By following the link you will be able to book a suitable appointment. If you have had any problems booking an appointment, please see Mrs Brown in the school office.

Nursery parents can sign up to one of our hour long "Stay and Play" sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday next week by speaking to the Nursery staff.

Scholastic Book Fayre



We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fayre during the Parent's Evening next week. You will be able to buy some fabulous high quality books for your child and school can earn reward points to put towards buying books for school too. You can also use the World Book Day tokens towards your purchases. You do not need to bring cash, all payments can be made online.



St James' Juniors



Our fabulous Junior School have joined Facebook. Please give them a like and follow to see what great things are happening.

[St James Junior's Facebook Page](#)

Moo-Music



Moo-Music West Cumbria are holding Messy Moo and Moo Music sessions in St James' Community Centre during the Easter holidays. These sessions are designed for young children 0-5 but places are limited.

Messy Moo sessions are planned carefully to be totally play based and sensory rich experiences where learning happens by "hands on" exploration. The sessions are enhanced by parents/carers getting involved and supporting play based learning

Moo Music sessions combine a music session followed by messy play.

Sessions are planned for 8th and 15th April, full details of how to book can be found on their Facebook and Instagram pages - Moo Music West Cumbria.

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.

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. Please can all payments be made by Friday 28th March as they take a while to process due to demand across the country.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Alfie

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Esther

Melbreak- Ava

Catbells- Sebastian

Scafell- Fred

Skiddaw- Lily

Handwriters of the week

Well done to Penny, Jessie, Charlie-Cole and Theo!

Also a big well done to Isaac for gaining his Captain's Armband for football and Isla for achieving her gymnastics certificate!





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**

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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



Skiddaw were our joint attendance winners with **98.3%** ! 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 **96.6%**, 2% higher than the Primary National of **94.6%**.

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 & Japanese
3rd Mar	Logic Club 	Painting and Arts 	Small World Animals 	Mindful Colouring 	Clay Model Making
10th Mar	Quiet Crafts & Music 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 	Logic Club
24th Mar	Outdoor Play 	Small World Play 	Dressing Up & Role Play 	Games & Japanese 	Clay Model Making
31st Mar	Quiet Crafts & Music Night 	Easter Crafts 	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Bread 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 7 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 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Margherita Pizza With Peas	Chicken Strips or Quorn Pieces with Beans and Mashed Potato	Shredded Beef / Vegan Sausage in Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes	Lamb Burger in a Bun with Tomato Ketchup	Battered Cod and New Potatoes
Main	Baked Fish with Cous Cous and Pepper and Raisin Salad	Minced Beef Pie and Green Beans	Chicken Fried Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Baked Bean & Beef Chilli with Rice
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	Ginger Sponge & Custard Or Fruit	Artic Roll & Blueberries or Yoghurt	Cheese & Biscuits, Yoghurt or Fruit	Anzac Biscuit or Fruit	Iced Chocolate Red Velvet Cake or Fruit
* Jacket Potato options: Cheese, Tuna or Beans.			*Wrap options, Ham, Cheese, or Tuna.		

Please note that the vegetables used in school lunches are strictly washed only.

Upcoming diary dates



Monday 17th March- Nursery Fire Service visit

Tuesday 18th March- U Dance Performances at the Carnegie Theatre- 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Wednesday 19th March- Parents meetings and Scholastic Book Fayre

Reception NHS health screening- heights and weights

Thursday 20th March- Parents meetings and Scholastic Book Fayre

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.

1pm 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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