



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





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Miss Sapsed is unexpectedly booked in for further surgery on her hand on Monday. This is disappointing for her as she was under the impression that she was on the mend. However the plates that she has had fitted now need to be removed. A supply teacher has been booked for her class for next week. She is hoping that the surgery is less invasive than the last operation and she will be back in as soon as she is fit and well. We wish her all the best and hopefully she will have better luck next time.

This week the children have enjoyed their visit from the library bus. This is an annual tradition that the children look forward to. Each class took their turn to listen to a story and choose a book to add to their class collection.

Yesterday Year 1 and 2 took part in another exciting STEAM workshop facilitated by Steph Hetherington from the Sellafeld Education Outreach Team and her team of ten STEM ambassadors. This time the focus was on properties of materials and the role of PPE in industry. The children tested out different materials and recognised why certain materials are most suitable than others. This was all delivered in a fun and interactive way allowing the children to work in small teams to dress their teddy bears appropriately. The children did a fabulous job with the challenges set!

This week we have had two Governor visits as part of our monitoring and evaluation cycle. The focus subjects were history and music. The link Governors met with the respective subject leads and groups of children to find out about the impact of the curriculum. Mrs Butterworth (History lead) and Miss Powell (Music lead) were both amazed by the children's knowledge retention, use of vocabulary and enthusiasm shown. After the book looks and the chats with the children present, the Governors and teachers discussed the progress of the subject action plans. The feedback was very strong and only minor tweaks are needed.

Looking ahead to next week, we have art printing for Year 1 and 2 (rearranged from this week), a visit from Sellafeld Police dogs for Nursery, World Book Day and STEM sessions for Reception and Scafell on Friday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore





School lunches



Some children are saying that they don't like their meal choices at lunchtimes. If this is the case, we give stickers out saying 'I didn't like my lunch today'. For some children this is becoming more regular. To help overcome this becoming an ongoing issue, we would advise that when parents are placing the orders, the children are present so that they know what lunches to expect and they can say at the point of ordering if they would rather order an alternative choice.

Inappropriate online content



Since half term we have noticed an increase in the number of children talking about online games and films with older age restrictions e.g. Squid Game. Due to the gore and violence involved, games and films such as these are not suitable for Infant aged children. Please can you check parental controls to make sure that children cannot access anything of this nature for safeguarding purposes.

Year 1 phonics screening check meeting



Next Thursday morning between **9am-9.30am** we are running a meeting about the phonics screening check for parents of Year 1 children. The 2025 Phonics Screening Check or Phonics Screening Test will take place during the week commencing **Monday 9th June**. It is administered to the majority of children in Year 1 in UK schools. The test has been running for a number of years.

What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is a short, light touch assessment to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. The check consists of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one –on –one with a teacher. It will identify the children who need extra help so they are given support by the school to improve their reading skills. They will then be able to retake the check so that schools can track children until they are able to decode.

Reception Read Write Inc taster session



Next Friday at 9.15am we are holding a Read Write Inc taster session which will last approximately 30 minutes. This is for parents of Reception children. The session is intended to demonstrate what the expectations are for the children at the start of the reading journey.

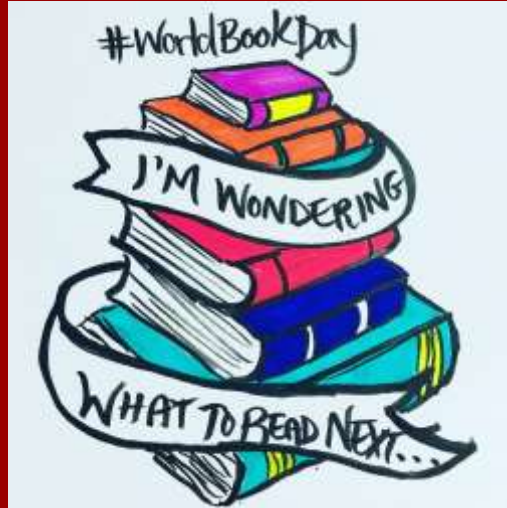
If you would like to come along, please can you register interest by emailing: admin@st-james-inf.cumbria.sch.uk

Messy Church



Messy Church will restart on Thursday 6th March for 4 consecutive weeks on the lead up to Easter. This half term the theme will be Easter. If your child would like to take part please sign up to this club via School Money.

World Book Day



Put **6 March 2025** in your diary for World Book Day 2025! World Book Day encourages more children and families to find the fun and enjoyment in reading, because reading for pleasure changes lives.

This year we are asking the children to come to school in their onesies/ pyjamas/ oodles on this day, essentially anything that makes them comfortable! No donations are needed. We do not want our families to go to any unnecessary expense on costumes.

If you would like to dress up and wear a costume, the choice is yours! It is optional.

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.

Help welcomed



We are struggling to get one of our concrete steps fixed as it's become unstable. As it's such a small job it is difficult to get a tradesmen to come out specially. If anyone knows of anyone who could help us out please could you ring the office. we would be very grateful.

U Dance tickets



If you would like to purchase additional tickets for the U Dance shows please follow the link below. The tickets are now available on general sale direct from the theatre as the schools have all got their allocations. <https://carnegietheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows/873652727/events>

Hawse End Residential for Year 2



The initial payment date to secure your child's place for the Hawse End residential was today. If you would like your child to take part and you haven't made the payment yet, please contact the school office so that we can hold their place.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Liv

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Otis

Melbreak- Nell

Catbells- Albert

Scafell- Luna

Skiddaw- Ziena

Handwriters of the week

Well done to Lily, Charlotte, Georgie and Toby

Congratulations to Theo S, Jovana and Leo T for achieving their silver and gold reading certificates.

Well done to Lily, James, Reese, Mario, Sam and Gabe for their achievements in dancing, running, swimming and football out of school.



Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership



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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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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



Nursery were our attendance winners with **98.5%**! 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%**, **1.4%** 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 side entrance of the school on the top 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 2024 - 2025 Spring 2					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25th 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 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Chicken or Quorn Nuggets, Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta	Fish Cake & Rice with Tomato Ketchup	Pepper Pizza with Sweetcorn	Roast Turkey, Potato Waffles & Beans
Options	Sticky Beef & Noodles	Roast Ham and Cous Cous	Cheese Pie with New Potatoes	Beef Lasagne with Celery and Raisin Salad	Vegetable Noodles with Garlic Bread
Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Peas		
To Order *	Jacket Potato or Sandwich	Jacket Potato or Sandwich	Jacket Potato or Sandwich	Jacket Potato or Sandwich	Jacket Potato or Sandwich
Dessert	Chocolate Krispie Cake Or Fruit	Iced Coconut & Lime Sponge or Fruit	Vanilla Biscuit & Hot Chocolate or Fruit	Fruit or Yoghurt	Apricot Flapjack or Fruit
* Jacket Potato options: Cheese, Tuna or Beans.			* Sandwich options, Ham, Cheese, or Tuna.		

Please note that the responsible use of school catering provision is a condition of the school's terms and conditions.

Upcoming diary dates



Tuesday 4th March- Sellafield Police visit for Nursery as part of their 'People who help us' theme

Wednesday 5th March- Print Making art workshops for Year 1 and 2

Thursday 6th March- World Book Day and **Read Write Inc phonics meeting for parents new to Year 1 at 9.15am**

Friday 7th March- 'Dream Jobs' STEM lego session for Scafell (through Altrad) and **Reception Read Write Inc phonics taster session for Reception parents at 9.15am**

Monday 10th March- Reception multi skills event at St Benedicts

Thursday 13th March- Nursery Blood Bikes 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

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

Friday 4th April- End of the spring term.

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

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