



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





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Although it has been a shorter half term, we have packed so much into six weeks- it has been a fantastic half term with lots to celebrate!

Nursery have had an amazing week finishing off their Superhero theme. They have enjoyed the story of Super Kid. In maths, they have been learning about equal amounts. They have had a teddy bears picnic and they had to make sure that all of the teddies all had the same amount of cutlery. It is hard to believe that some of our newer children have only been in school a few weeks, they have settled in well and responded well to our daily routines.

Reception have had a brilliant time at Struda Bank Farm even though it was very cold! Farmer Kev was impressed with their knowledge and their interest in agriculture and their willingness to have a go at so many new experiences! The class have learnt about 'Farm to Fork' including dairy and arable farming.

In Year 1 and 2 the classes have been learning about the seas surrounding the United Kingdom, labelling maps and locating the names using atlases and large scale maps. In art the children have been continuing with their print making, creating their own stencils and reverse printing looking at over printing and the stippling method.

All of the children in school have done us proud and have earned their week's break (as have the staff!)

We hope you all have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24th February.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Moore





Moo Music sessions for 0-5 years



Moo Music West Cumbria are holding two sessions for children aged 0-5 in **St James Church hall** on **Tuesday 28th February at 9.30am and 10.45**. Moo Music do sessions around West Cumbria and this is their first time using this venue.

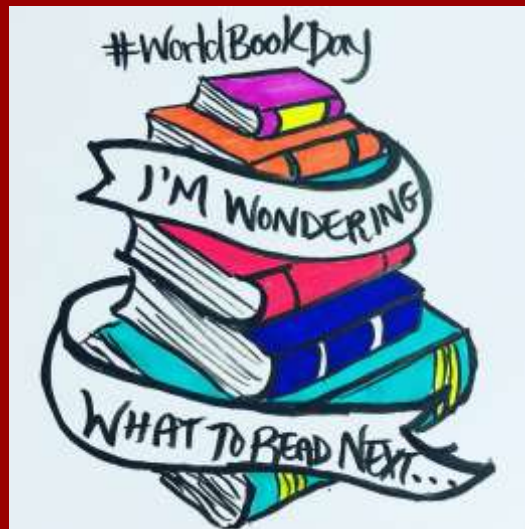
Please go along if you are free. This is ideal for our early years children, they will have lots of fun!

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.

It is entirely optional whether the children want to wear costumes or not – we know some prefer not to!

OPAL Play



Our school website has been updated to reflect the changes we are making to our playtimes and lunchtimes. The goal is to make them even better as they equate to 1/5 of a school day. Over the next few weeks, we will be launching our next play zone which will be a craft station. This will be positioned next to the Skiddaw classroom.

[OPAL - Outdoor Play And Learning | St James' CofE Infant and Nursery School](#)

Our staff will be having another training next month to learn more about the different types of play.

The children have requested more real life equipment for the sand such as sieves, metal pots and pans and ladles. We would be grateful as always for any donations.

Nursery notices



Nursery doors open at 8.40am. We would appreciate the children to be on time to enable us to lock the gate soon afterwards. Some children are coming into class towards 9am and it is having a knock on effect on the start time to the sessions.

We have a number of children who are finding sharing and taking turns challenging. We are working with the children in school on this target area and we would appreciate any support you could provide your child with at home.

Please follow the link below for suggested activities:

[Sharing Activities for Children and Preschoolers - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

Hawse End Residential for Year 2



The countdown is on for our annual residential to Hawse End outdoor centre in Portinscale. The visit is due to take place on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd May, to hopefully take advantage of warmer weather. **The initial deposit is due by Friday 28th February to secure your child's place.** In preparation for the visit, we will be talking to the children about what to expect, the types of outdoor activities involved and what they will be doing. We will also be holding a meeting for parents to share key information and an equipment list closer to the time.

We recognise that staying away from home overnight can be a big step, particularly if children aren't used to sleep overs. If you have any questions related to the trip, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Sam S

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Norah

Melbreak- Sid

Catbells- Isaac

Scafell- Alexia

Skiddaw- Oliver O

Handwriters of the week

Well done to Lily, Fred, James and Madison

Congratulations to a bumper group of silver and gold reading challenge winners.

Well done to Ferne and Charlotte for gaining a gymnastics certificate outside of school.





Hub 2U
Official launch



Free fun event

Help us to celebrate the launch of the Hub2U 'Family Hub on Wheels' bus



Tuesday 18 February: 1pm to 4pm

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

Snacks | Facepainting | other fun activities – all free!



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Join us for our Family Fun Days this February Half Term!



*Tuesday 18th February 2025
South Whitehaven Hub (Valley)
1:00-2:30pm
(Space & Sealife theme)*



*Wednesday 19th February
Millom Children's Centre
10.30-12.00 noon
(Pirates, Princesses, Space & Sealife)*



*Friday 21st February
Family Hub On The Harbour
10:30am-12pm
(Pirates & Princesses theme)*



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Find out more at cumberland.gov.uk

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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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 attendance winners with **98.1%**! 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
24th Feb	Mindful Colouring 	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation and Reading 	Games & Jigsaws 
3rd Mar	Legs 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 	Legs 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 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 vegetable oil used in school contains genetically modified soya

Upcoming diary dates



***** FEBRUARY HALF TERM WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY *****

Tuesday 25th February- Library bus visit

Wednesday 26th February- Print Making art workshops for Year 1 and 2

Thursday 27th February- Year 1 and 2 STEAM session about PPE

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

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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