



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
7th February 2025**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

It has been another productive week in school and yet again we have welcomed some special visitors. On Monday Mr Christian, the Foodbank schools worker delivered a collective worship linked to our current Christian value about love. Mrs Jones, one of our Governors has also been in school to carry out some RE monitoring and evaluation alongside our RE lead, Mrs Cocksedge. She met with a group of children and chatted to them about their learning. She commented: *'it was absolutely fantastic'*.

Yesterday we welcomed staff from other local nurseries to view our early years provision. The purpose of their visit was to see how the role of the adult is vital to promote quality interactions between children to impact on children's language and communication skills. The visitors passed comment on how *'warm and inviting'* the school was and they felt that they had gained knowledge which they could use in their own practise. Thank you to Mrs Chambers, Miss Bragg, Miss Cullnean and Mrs Frankland for modelling effective practice and providing vital school to school support based on research.

This afternoon Skiddaw had their 'Dream Jobs' STEM session which they thoroughly enjoyed. It was very hands on- the class were challenged to work collaboratively in teams to build the tallest tower to contain a lollipop! At first the children thought it was going to be easy but all was not as it seemed. Extra challenges were added and the children had to apply their problem solving and thinking skills to overcome the difficulties they faced. A huge thank you to Bill Miller from Altrad for facilitating this for us. The other Key Stage One classes will have the opportunity to do this in the next few weeks. Please look out for photos on our social media pages!

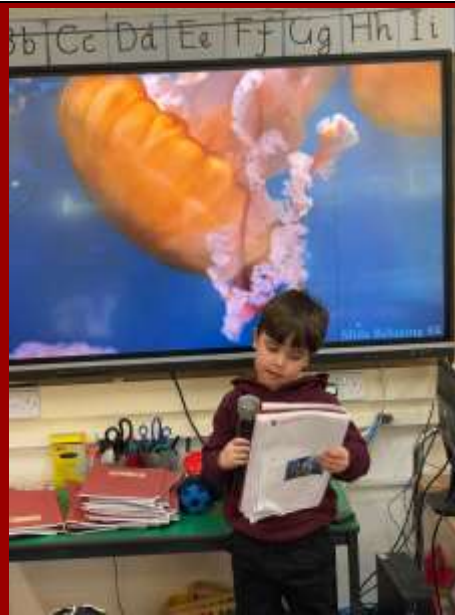
We have one more week in school before the February half term holiday which promises to be another busy one.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore

Please could we ask that children do not bring toys from home into school. These can easily get lost or broken which causes children to become upset. They are also a distraction.





Phonics



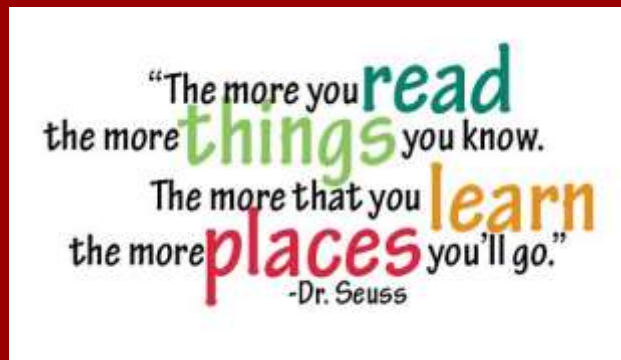
This week Mrs Chambers has been assessing all the children who are part of the Read Write Inc phonics programme and she is delighted to report that the vast majority of the children have moved up to the next colour book. A few parents have asked where their child should be at this point in the year to be classed as on track. This is the structure that the children progress through with the aim of becoming fluent and accurate readers.

Books	Year Group Expectations
Red Books 1-10	Reception
Green 1-10	Reception
Purple 1-10	Reception
Pink 1-10	Year 1
Orange 1-12	Year 1
Yellow 1-10	Year 1
Blue 1-10	Year 1/2
Grey 1-13	Year 1/2

Further information about our programme can be found on our school website [Phonics and Early Reading | St James' CofE Infant and Nursery School \(st-james-inf.cumbria.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-james-inf.cumbria.sch.uk)

We have a large number of phonics books missing which haven't been returned after they've been sent home. Please can we ask that any books belonging to school are returned. If possible, please can you check everywhere- under beds etc as these are going to be costly to replace.

Reading Challenge



We reward home reading through our star chart system. The children get a star on their chart each Friday if they have completed 3+ reads at home during that week. Once the children have accumulated 2 rows on their chart they receive their bronze award. To qualify for the silver award they need 4 rows complete and they need 6 rows for the gold certificate. Once the children reach gold, they are rewarded with a new book to take home.

Each child's home reading record is checked by a member of staff each week as reading is so vital to future success. We really appreciate parental support with this as it is proven to lead to better academic outcomes in the long term.

This was a successful reading initiative that we implemented last year and the children are motivated to receive their certificates during our weekly celebration assembly.

Reception visit to Struda Bank Farm on Thursday

Reception have been looking at photos of the farm ahead of their visit next week. They are very excited to meet the animals and look at where our food comes from.

Please remember to dress appropriately and bring a packed lunch (containing no nuts/ nutella).

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.

Donations welcome please...



Our stocks are running low for spare trousers, underwear, tights and socks to change children into when they have accidents. We would be grateful of any donations please of clothing that your child may have outgrown.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Josie

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Aynas

Melbreak- Noah

Catbells- Reese

Scaffell- Riley H

Skiddaw- Daisy

Handwriters of the week

Well done to Sonny, Alexia, Olivia and Barnaby

Congratulations to Charlotte and Charlie- Cole for their bronze reading awards and Ollie for achieving his silver reading award this week.

Well done to Olivia, Sofia, Ella, Hope, Sonny, Beau and Albie for achievements outside of school in swimming, singing, judo and receiving a letter from the Houses of Parliament!



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



Family Service

First Sunday of each month

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 February

2nd March

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.



2pm to 3pm

St James' Community Centre

(opposite Church)

7th & 21st of January

4th February

4th & 18th March

(with refreshments)

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.

UTTs non pregnant women 16-64 years

Shingles 18 years+

Impetigo 1 year+

Sore throat 5 years+

Simultis 12 years+

Infected insect bites 1 year+

Euroche 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 exact eligibility criteria.

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.*

*Not qualify for free treatment if you do not pay for other prescriptions.



Find further information at:
www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health



NHS
North Cumbria
Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust

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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Attendance and punctuality



Skiddaw 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%**, **1.4%** 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 1					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10th Feb	Construction Club 	Small World 	Biscuit Decorating 	Crafts 	Games & Puzzles 

*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 vegetable oil used in school contains genetically modified crops

Upcoming diary dates



Monday 10th February- Full Governors meeting

Tuesday 11th February- Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February- Climate Change assembly with Geoff Norman

Thursday 13th February- Reception visit to Strudda Bank Farm, Seascale

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

Tuesday 25th February- Library bus visit

Thursday 6th March- World Book Day

Friday 7th March- 'Dream Jobs' STEM lego session for Scafell (through Altrad)

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

Monday 17th March- Scholastic Book Fayre

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

Wednesday 19th March- Parents meetings

Thursday 20th March- Parents meetings

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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