



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
24th January 2025**



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We have had another busy week in school culminating in an unexpected and unfortunate school closure today. I hope all of our families have sheltered from the storm and kept safe. As a result of the sudden closure, we have not been able to hold our celebration assembly today but we will make sure we are back on track next week. I know there are children who are keen to share their achievements from their hobbies and interests out of school.

The classes across the school have all been putting a lot of effort into their learning and we are very proud of the children's attitudes. Miss Gillian was in school yesterday working with Miss Powell and our large group of 'U Dancers'. Miss Powell is very pleased with how the choreography is coming together and the children are now at the stage of rehearsing with props.

Next week we are welcoming staff from local Nurseries to view our early years provision and we are providing professional development for their staff based on approaches grounded in research. We have been identified as appropriate support from the local authority to help the staff from elsewhere capitalise on the role of the adult in promoting and extending children's learning.

In addition, we have our phonics consultant visiting us on Monday as part of our partnership with the English Hub to observe our practice in phonics teaching. She will be working alongside Mrs Chambers, our Reading Lead, to monitor our provision and plan next steps to sustain improvements.

Fingers crossed for a calmer week next week,

Mrs Moore



U Dance Tickets



U Dance tickets are £7.50 each and they are available to purchase on School Money now. There are two performances 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Tickets are unlimited but please place your order before the deadline of Wednesday 12th February. Please note that all children should be collected from the Carnegie following the 5.30pm performance. Each performance is anticipated to last one hour.

We are a NUT free school



Recently we have had lot of new starters therefore we would like to ensure that all of our school community understands that we are a nut free school. We have a number of children with severe nut allergies. This also extends to packed lunches (*no nutella please*) and the same policy applies on school visits.

Is my child too ill to go to school?



UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Nursery fees increase



Due to rising costs, our nursery fees for those parents that pay for sessions (over and above their free entitlement) will be rising to £5.00 per hour (£15 per half day session) from the 1st April in line with Government guidelines.

If you pay for your nursery provision, this change will be reflected on School Money from April.

SEND Surveys now open



Cumberland SEND Partnership Annual SEND Survey now open! We want to hear your views on SEND services and provision in the Cumberland area! The Cumberland SEND Partnership are launching our SEND Annual Surveys for 2025.

We have created two surveys to help us understand what is important to you so that we can work more effectively with you.

One is for children and young people, and the other is for parent carers. Our parent/ carer survey has a maximum of 20 questions, and our children and young people survey has a maximum of 12 questions; both should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Parent

[Cumberland SEND Partnership - Annual SEND Survey for Parents and Carers](#)

Child

[Cumberland SEND Partnership - Annual SEND Survey for Young People - Word version](#)

Wanted please...

Year 1 and 2

We are looking for the following donations to replenish our stock:

- Design Technology materials (please see details below)
- A range of opaque, reflective, conductive and shiny materials for an upcoming STEAM session

We are looking to collect resources to build a Design Technology area for children to use in Year 1 and 2.

If you have any of the following items available at home, we would be grateful of any donations:

- ❖ Kitchen roll tubes
- ❖ String
- ❖ Bottle tops- plastic
- ❖ Buttons
- ❖ Corks
- ❖ Washed out yoghurt cartons/ small tubs
- ❖ Washed shells
- ❖ Jar lids
- ❖ Egg boxes
- ❖ Small sized cardboard boxes e.g. variety pack of cereal
- ❖ Paper straws
- ❖ Wooden lolly pop sticks
- ❖ Cotton reels





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.

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

HERE
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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Attendance and punctuality



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.

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 Pesto	Chicken Strips or Quorn Pieces with Beans and Mashed Potato	Shredded Beef / Vegan Sausage in Yorkshire Pudding with Raisin Potatoes	Lamb Burger in a Bun with Tomato Ketchup	Battered Cod and New Potatoes
Main	Baked Fish with Cous-Cous and Peppers 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 Drink *	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap
Dessert	Range Sponges & Custard Or Fruit	Arctic Roll & Biscuits or Yoghurt	Cheese & Biscuits, Yoghurt or Fruit	Apple Strudel or Fruit	Red Chocolate and Velvet Cake or Fruit

* Jacket Potato options: Cheese, Tuna or Beans. *Wrap options: Meat, Cheese, or Tuna.

Upcoming diary dates



Friday 7th February- 'Dream Jobs' STEM lego session for Skiddaw (through Altrad)

Monday 10th February- Full Governors meeting

Tuesday 11th 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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