



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
10th January 2025**



Welcome to the first newsletter of the spring term. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break. Although it has been a shorter week back in school it has been a productive one! The classes have all begun their new units of work. The spring term is always a shorter one on the run up to Easter. It is the term that is the most settled in schools without the Christmas and summer events. The children are already demonstrating that they are ready to learn, displaying very pleasing attitudes to their learning.

It has been very encouraging going into the classes to see the children so engaged and we have rounded the week off with many positive things to celebrate in our collective worship this morning. The teachers will be sending out curriculum overviews very soon to share with you what your child will be focusing on this term in all their subjects.

On Monday we are welcoming four new nursery starters and there are another few children starting their journey with us in the next few weeks. Due to our rise in numbers we are using the classroom adjacent to nursery for more space.

The diary dates for the spring term have been updated at the foot of the newsletter. These will be added to as the term progresses.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore





Deadline for Reception and Year 3 places



A small reminder for our Nursery parents of children who are due to join Reception in September 2025 and to those Year 2 parent who have yet to apply for Junior place for September. The deadline to apply is **Wednesday 15th January**. If you have not applied by this date you will not have a place confirmation on National Offer Day which is 16th April this year.

U Dance March 2025

Miss Gillian will be beginning rehearsals for our U Dance entry next week. We will be asking the children in Year 1 and 2 who would like to enter and commit to a weekly rehearsal on the lead up to the performances at the Carnegie on Tuesday 18th March. The cost for each child will be £10.00 which will contribute towards the cost of the costume, props and transport. School will be subsidising the remainder of the costs. Miss Powell will be sending a letter to the children who are interested in signing up next week with more details.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Archie

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Zara

Melbreak- Lowe

Catbells- Sam

Scafell- Kain

Skiddaw- Theo S

Handwriters of the week

Well done to Gabe, Hope, Emelia and Albie.

Congratulations to Elijah and Lily for their achievements outside of school this week in swimming. They have both passed the red level. Well done!





New Year, New Start

Would you like help and advice with your money matters, budgeting, energy bills and training opportunities?

Join us at our event on Wednesday 15th January 2025 2-6pm.

Support available from Citizen's Advice, Credit Union, Skills 4 You, Groundwork & others.

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat - children welcome!

FREE PRIZE DRAW TO WIN AN AIR FRYER!

For more information contact:
tamsin.beattie@cumberland.gov.uk



Family Hub On The Harbour,
Swingpump Lane,
Whitehaven, CA28 7LZ

Family Hub.

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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Attendance and punctuality



Scafell were our attendance winners for the with **100%**! Well done everyone!

| 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 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 repetition of food is used to ensure correct presentation of the menu.

Upcoming diary dates



Monday 13th January- Nursery new starters

Tuesday 21st January- Year 1 and 2 children cycling event at St Benedicts

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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