



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School**

13th December 2024





Welcome to the final newsletter of the autumn term.

It has been a joy to be in school this week! At the beginning of the week the children performed their Christmas nativities to packed audiences- it was a full house and a lovely atmosphere for each show. The children were amazing with their super singing and confident speaking! These were both a lovely start to the festivities!

Yesterday a group of Year 2 children visited a local care home to sing carols for the residents and spread kindness in the community. The children had a lovely time and they can't wait to pay another visit in the future.

Next week our groundworks are due to commence for the development of our internal courtyard and area adjacent to the community centre. We are looking forward to developing a new sensory garden and a mini forest school area to benefit all of our children. The work is due to be completed in phases as the planting will need to take place once the weather becomes a bit warmer.

On Monday we are looking forward to going to watch the Key Stage Two nativity and we have lots more Christmas activities planned for the children for the final few days of the term. It promises to be another busy week!

On behalf of all the staff and Governors I would like to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the spring term on Tuesday 7th January.

Have a lovely Christmas break, best wishes,

Mrs Moore





Christmas jumpers



Next Wednesday the children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers (no donation needed) for their Christmas dinner and Christmas party day.

Trips



We have organised some Christmas trips for the children to round off the autumn term. Please see the dates below.

Nursery- Tot Spot

Reception- Rainbow City

The cost of the visits are now visible on School Money. Please pay anytime up until the day the visit takes place.

Christmas church service

On the final day of term we will be holding our Christmas church service at 12.15pm with our Junior school. Parents are welcome to join us for Christmas songs, readings and prayers. At the end of the service we will bring our children back over to school to go home from their classrooms. School will close for Christmas at the earlier time of 1pm (the service is anticipated to last 45 minutes).

Please note: Nursery will not be attending the service so they can be collected from their classroom door at 1pm.

Support for autism on the lead up to Christmas



Advice provided by our specialist advisory teacher

I thought it might be useful to share some information to support autistic pupils on the run up to Christmas. Sometimes the changes to routine or the sheer excitement of the day can hugely impact these children.

Here is a link to some tips from the National Autistic Society: [Tips](#)

As well as, [Advice and support for the winter holidays - Witherslack Group](#)

After school football club



This week we have asked the classes which sport they would like Mr Marshall to run after the holidays. The vote went in favour of football! The after school football club will continue after Christmas.

Please log on to School Money if you would like your child to take part each Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm.

New baby and toddler group



On the run up until Christmas we will be collecting used baby and toddler toys in preparation for launching our new group in the new year.

We are still on the look out for any donations of the following items in a good, clean condition:

- play tunnels
- Little Tykes play bikes
- play tables for construction
- trikes
- ride on toys
- sensory toys
- highchair
- soft play mat/ pen
- wheeled toys

Please see the photographs below of examples of items we are looking for.



Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Ricardo

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Tehillah

Melbreak- Tex

Catbells- Leo

Scafell- Myla

Skiddaw- Allura

Handwriters of the week

Well done to Sid, Isaac, Alfie and Anandi

Well done to our group of silver reading certificate winners.

Congratulations to Charlie Cole, Reese and Charlotte for their achievements outside of school this week in swimming, football and Brownies. Well done!



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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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A SERVICE FOR ADVENT

SUNDAY 1ST OF DECEMBER AT 4PM

MALE VOICE CHOIR

SUNDAY 15TH OF DECEMBER AT 2:30PM

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 22ND OF DECEMBER AT 3PM

CHRISTINGLE

24TH DECEMBER AT 4PM

MIDNIGHT MASS

24TH DECEMBER AT 11:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

PARISH COMMUNION AT 10AM

**ALL OF THE SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN
ST. JAMES' CHURCH**

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.





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 Action's Christmas Support in Copeland 2024

Every year Families in Copeland tell us about how they struggle to buy food and toys over Christmas.

In 2023 we provided families with support to help ease the pressures at Christmas.

- **189** children in Whitehaven and Millom received Christmas presents.
- **100** Families were provided with food hampers with fresh fruit and vegetables.
- **100** Families received a £30 meat voucher.

The support that was provided for the families in Copeland was made possible with the support of Family Action Toy Appeal, Sellafield LTD, Sellafield Partner agencies, Xtreme Fitness Gym, L&K Curwen, Bethshan Care Home, The Devon Pub Millom and a local lady who lives in Copeland.

Feedback from Families:

"I want to personally thank you for the help given in regard to Christmas this year to my family, Family Action needs credited more then it gets because no judgement is held, help is given and understanding, I'd walk over hot coals for my children and thanks to yourself my children are gonna have presents".

"Thank you for the food hamper and voucher for mine and my children's Christmas meal 🙏 I'm absolutely taken back by family action, maybe more services need to be like yourselves, I'm unsure if Kerry still the manager there but I absolutely adore Kerry she's been there for me in the past"

Please help us make Christmas 2024 extra special for by donating via our QR code. Just £5 could give a child a gift.





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A photograph showing a person from a high angle, wearing a red sweater with white cuffs, sitting at a wooden table. They are using their hands to cut out a red paper snowflake. The table is covered with many other cut-out snowflakes in various shades of blue and white. The photo is framed by a green circular border.

**Cumberland's
Holiday Activities
and Food
Programme**
Copeland Area

cumberland.gov.uk

Book activities now!

Visit cumberland.gov.uk/holidays to search for available activities and contact the provider directly to book.

Provide your HAF eligibility code when booking.
Bookings are first-come-first served and are subject to availability.
Dates can change, please contact the activity provider for more information.

Who can book HAF activities?

The Holiday Activity and Food programme is aimed at all statutory school-age children and young people (Reception-Year 11).

Places are FREE for eligible children due to funding from the Department for Education

Funded places are for young people who receive benefits-related Free School Meals and other eligible children in particular circumstances.

Useful information

- Eligible children can attend up to 4 sessions this winter.
- Some activity providers offer transport, contact them for more information.
- All children who attend will be provided with a meal each session.
- If you are not eligible for a funded place many providers offer paid places. Contact them for more information.

My child has additional needs. Are there activities suitable for them?

Many of our providers support places for children with additional needs. Contact the provider to discuss your child's needs and suitability of the session. Discuss with them how your child can be best supported and how their needs might be met to ensure they can have the best possible experience.

For any enquiries, to check your eligibility status, or to request a code, please email: HAF@Cumberland.gov.uk



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Attendance and punctuality



Melbreak were our attendance winners for the with **97%**! 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

Feel free to book any session as a one-off if your child would like to attend that activity.

Please see below for the overview of available activities for after school club.

| After School Club Activities 2024 –2025 Autumn 2 | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| W/C | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 4th Nov | Cars & Trains | Bonfire Night Crafts | Phunky Foods Bonfire Sparklers | Lego Club | Small World Animals |
| 11th Nov | Mindful Colouring & Reading | Phunky Foods Fruit Salad | Pirates & Dolls | Arts & Crafts Hand Print Acorns | Dance and Party Games |
| 18th Nov | Arts & Crafts Autumn Trees | Lego Club | Phunky Foods Biscuit Decorating | Construction, Cars & Trains | Movie Night |
| 25th Nov | Phunky Foods Sandwiches | Small World Dinosaurs | Games & Jigsaws | Mindful Colouring & Reading | Arts & Crafts Autumn Paper Chains |
| 2nd Dec | Lego Club | Arts & Crafts Snowflakes | Dance & Party Games | Pirates & Dolls | Phunky Foods |
| 9th Dec | Small World Play Animals | Mindful Colouring & Reading | Arts & Crafts Christmas Baubles | Phunky Foods Grinch Kebabz | Cars & Trains |
| 16th Dec | Christmas Crafts | Pirates & Dolls | Lego Club | Dance & Party Games | No After School Club |

*Feel free to book on for regular or one-off sessions if your child would like to attend.
Sessions cost £5.50 and run from 3.15pm-5.15pm pick up at any point in between these times.
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.

Please note that next week we will be swapping the lunches around to accommodate our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. Please just order from usual menu and we will do the rest. If your child has a school lunch they will be given a Christmas lunch on Wednesday - there will be no sandwiches or alternatives. If your child does not normally have a school lunch but would like Christmas dinner on Wednesday, please let the office know by Tuesday.

| Week 3 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Main | Macaroni Cheese | Chicken / Quorn Pieces in Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Cabbage | Battered Cod, Mashed Potato & Beans | Beef Lasagne | Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce / Quorn Pieces in Tomato Sauce with Rice |
| Options | Chinese Roasted Salmon with Cous Cous | Beef Kebab in Pitta Bread with Lettuce & Tomato | Chicken & Potato Pie with Peas | Roast Gammon / Vegan Sausage with Potato Wedges | Turkey Escalopes, New Potatoes and Tomato Ketchup |
| Vegetables | Broccoli | | | Sweetcorn | Peas |
| *To Order | Jacket Potato or Wrap | Jacket Potato or Wrap | Jacket Potato or Wrap | Jacket Potato or Wrap | Jacket Potato or Wrap |
| Dessert | Chocolate Flapjack or Fruit | Apple & Banana Sponge with Custard or Fruit | Anzac Biscuit or Fruit | Yoghurt or Fruit | Ice Cream Tub or Fruit |
| * Jacket Potato options: Cheese, Tuna or Beans | | | *Wrap options: Ham, Cheese or Tuna. | | |

Please note that the vegetable oil used in actual lunches generally modified eggs.

Upcoming diary dates



Monday 16th December- Nursery trip to Tot Spot (am)

Tuesday 17th December- Reception trip to Rainbow City

Wednesday 18th December- **Christmas jumpers**, dinner and party afternoon

Friday 20th December 12.15pm- Christmas service at church (joint with our Juniors)

Break up for the Christmas holidays after the service in church at 1.10pm

Tuesday 7th January- School reopens for the beginning of the spring term

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