



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
27th February 2026**



Welcome back to a new half term. The weeks seem to be flying by at the moment.

Children have returned to school brilliantly, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. We are all starting new units of work and staff will be sending home curriculum overviews detailing how you can support at home.

Our new Nursery children are having a lovely time and we have all been impressed with how well they have settled into their classroom and new routines. They have lots of exciting activities coming up, one being a Teddy Bear Hospital ran by the NHS on Monday 2nd March. The staff have asked if all pupils could bring their own cuddly toy in that day to use during the session.

Reception have started their new book 'Little Red', which is an alternate version of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have enjoyed tasting ginger beer this week and have written adjectives to describe it. They have started their learning about vehicles and have been looking at 1 more in maths.

In KS1, the children have been looking at multiplication, focusing on 2,3,5 and 10. We have attached a link to some songs for you to play at home below, that will support this. The classes have started their new book in English 'Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish' and have been creating their own similes for this. In RE they have started to learn about the Easter story.

Finally, we would like to remind you that there is a meeting for Y1 parents regarding the Phonics Screening Test on 4th March at 9.00a.m, where you will find out about how the test is administered and staff will give you ideas to support your child with this at home.

Enjoy your weekend,

Miss Sapsed



Nut-free School reminder



Can we remind all parents that we are a NUT-FREE school. Due to allergies in school we ask that no food containing nuts (or that even state they may contain nuts) are brought into school. This is vital to keep our children safe. Thanks you for your support with this.

Upcoming Church Services and Community Events

the parish of
WHITEHAVEN

FAMILY SERVICE
In St. James' Church
1st FEBRUARY
1st MARCH

11:30am
Followed by bacon butties & hotdogs in the community centre

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

The flyer features a central illustration of a diverse group of people with their arms raised in a circle. At the bottom, there are two small photographs: one showing a table set with food and drinks, and another showing a group of people sitting at tables in a community center.

Multiplication for KS1



Below is a useful link to songs on Hopscotch which will help embed multiplication facts. Any multiplication song helps the children become more fluent in this area.

https://youtu.be/B_92xNo4OwQ

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Zachary F

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Jude

Melbreak- Skyla - Rose

Catbells- Hanniyah

Scafell- Daisy M

Skiddaw- Isaac

Handwriters of the week - Jason, Toby, Noah. J and Ava

Achievements outside of school - Blake, Noah, Noah J, Teddy, Emily C and Anandi

Superstar Readers - Isaac





Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership



C S C P

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?



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



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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Phonics Screening



In June, Year 1 pupils will have a phonics screening check, which is a national initiative set by the government. On the 4th March at 9.00 a.m. we will hold a parent's information session to give Y1 parents more advice about the check and how you can support at home. More information will follow after half term.

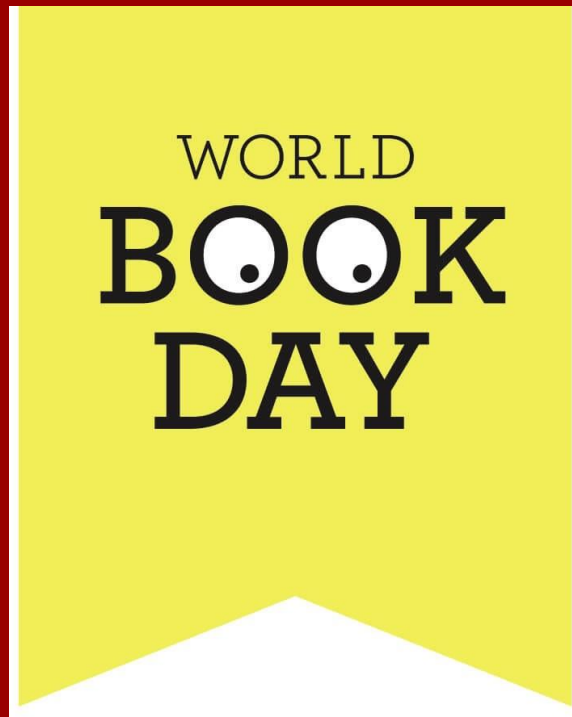
Online Safety Website



Following on from Internet Safety Week last half term, we would like to share another useful website for you with guidance and support. Just click on the link below to access.

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk>

World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and children are invited to wear pyjamas for a 'snuggle up with a book' theme or they can dress up as a character from their favourite book. We have lots of exciting activities planned for them at school and the children can bring in their favourite books to share too.

U Dance



1 - School money is now closed for UDance tickets. If you do not have your tickets, you will now need to contact the Carnegie theatre, who respond to all ticket enquiries from this point.

Miss Powell would like to request that those taking part bring in a plain white t-shirt and plain black trousers/leggings to use during the performance. These should be brought into school on Monday 16th March. Thank you.

Help Needed!

We have just taken delivery of a new shed for our OPAL play. Unfortunately, it is flat pack and need help putting it together. If we have any Parents, Grandparents etc that could help, we would very much appreciate it.

Price rises



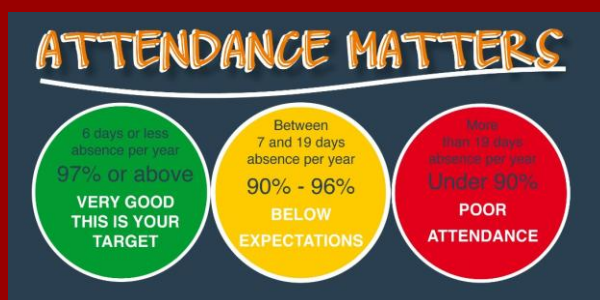
Unfortunately we will have to increase our charges slightly from 1st April. This is to cover food costs and other staffing cost increases.

Nursery dinners will increase from £2.00 to £2.20 per day. This will mean a £1 per week increase for our full time nursery children. School dinners for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 remain free as they are paid for by the government.

For those parents paying for extra hours in Nursery in addition to the funded free hours, there will be a small increase from £5.00 to £5.50 per hour which means an additional session will now be £16.50. This is still below Cumberland Councils funding levels.

We hope to keep the prices of our Breakfast and Wrap around care the same at least until September.

Attendance and punctuality



Scafell were our attendance winners this week 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 94.6 %, **0.3% higher** than the Primary National average of 94.3%! Well done to everyone who came into school this week. Thank you, we appreciate your commitment to helping us secure very good attendance. It really does pay dividends for your child's progress.

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 middle Key Stage 1 classroom (door with the ramp on the bottom 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 2025 –2026 Spring 2



W/c	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23rd Feb	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Small World Animals 	Pirates & Dolls 	Arts & Crafts 	Dance and Party Games 
2nd Mar	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 	Phunky Foods Biscuit Decorating 	Construction, Cars & Trains 	Movie Night 
9th Mar	Phunky Foods Sandwiches 	Small World Dinosaurs 	Games & Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts 
16th Mar	Lego Club 	Arts & Crafts 	Dance & Party Games 	Pirates & Dolls 	Phunky Foods 
23rd Mar	Small World Play Animals 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts 	Board Games 	Cars & Trains 

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.

School Lunch Menu

Plus: Filled Jacket Potato options and Wraps/Sandwiches Available each day

SPRING WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake or Roast Salmon Steak with New Potatoes Broccoli Chocolate Brownie or Fruit	Margherita Pizza with Peas and Sweetcorn or Sticky Pork Noodles with Green Beans Lemon and Vanilla Biscuit & Hot Chocolate or Fruit	Beef Chilli (or Vegi Chilli) with Rice and Broccoli or Battered Chicken Steak, Mashed Potato and Beans Iced Chocolate Sponge or Fruit	Chicken Strips or Quorn Pieces with Potato Waffles or Sausage Roll with Potato Waffles and Tomato Ketchup Sweetcorn Cheese and Biscuits, Fruit or Yoghurt	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Puddin, Roast Potatoes and Gravy or Cheese and Ham Wrap Stack Peas Arctic Roll with Blueberries or Yoghurt

Upcoming diary dates



- **2nd March - Nursery to bring a cuddly toy for their Teddy Bear hospital' workshop.**
- **4th March - Phonics Screening Meeting for Y1 parents**
- **5th March - World Book Day**
- 16th and 17th March - Individual Parent's Meetings
- U Dance - 18th March
- 23rd March 2.45 - Hawse End information Meeting for Parents
- 26th March - Decorate an egg competition
- Break up for Easter Friday 27th March

**Please note further dates will be added as they arise throughout the spring term.*

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