



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
6th December 2024**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Today we got our festive events underway with our annual Christmas Fayre this afternoon. It was a brilliant turn out yet again- we are so lucky with our fantastic parent support and we very much appreciate it. A special thank you goes to Mrs Brown who has coordinated and organised everything from the reindeer dust to the chocolate tombola. We have raised a massive total of **£815**. Thank you for your generosity!

This week the children have been putting the finishing touches to their nativities. On Thursday afternoon our Year 1 and 2 children performed a large group of our Junior children. They were a brilliant audience and it went down very well with the Junior staff and children alike. All of the classes are looking forward to their 'real' shows next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore



## Nativities



Our dress rehearsals for our upcoming performances have taken place this week and the children can't wait to show you what they have been practicing! We have taken photographs of each group of children in advance of the performances as some children do not have consent for online media photos. We will post these on Facebook after the shows next week (excluding the children who we do not have permissions for). We have also taken a video recording of each performance which we will be able to send you a link to access later next week.

Please see the times of each show at the foot of the newsletter.

**Please note that our September nursery starters will only have a small role in the early years nativity.**

## **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**

**Year 1 and 2- Gaiety Cinema visit to see Moana 2**

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.

## 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-** Vera

### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Narla

Melbreak- Cleo

Catbells- Remi

Scafell- Cora

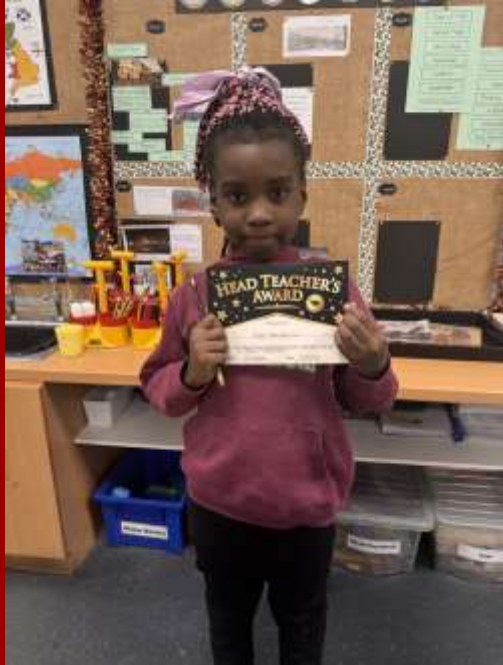
Skiddaw- Daisy

### **Handwriters of the week**

Well done to Sienna, Asal, Cleo and Indie

Well done to our group of bronze and silver reading certificate winners.

Congratulations to Lowe and Barnaby for their achievements outside of school this week. Well done!







# 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](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19)**

You can telephone for an appointment

**01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm**



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## 0 – 19 Child and Family Support Services - Copeland



### 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.



Find out more at [cumberland.gov.uk](https://cumberland.gov.uk)



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

[cumberland.gov.uk](http://cumberland.gov.uk)

### **Book activities now!**

Visit [cumberland.gov.uk/holidays](https://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](mailto:HAF@Cumberland.gov.uk)



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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

AT ST.NICHOLAS CENTRE  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH  
9.30-2.30



TOMBOLA  
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CAKE STALL  
CRAFT STALL

COFFEE SHOP

ALL WELCOME



## Attendance and punctuality



**Melbreak** were our attendance winners for the with **98%**! Well done everyone!

This week we received an attendance award, placing us in the top 10% of schools Nationally.

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 Kebabs 	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.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Tomato Pasta with Broccoli	Chicken or Quorn Nuggets, Potato Waffles & Tomato Ketchup	Cheese Rolls & Beans	Pineapple Pizza	Shredded Beef in Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Carrots
Options	Turkey Patties in a Bun with Carrot and Raisin Salad	Sticky Beef & Noodles	Tuna Pasta & Green Beans	Chicken Curry and Cous Cous	Vegetable Risotto & Garlic Bread
Vegetables		Peas		Sweetcorn	
To Order *	Jacket Potato or Sandwich	Jacket Potato or Sandwich	Jacket Potato or Sandwich	Jacket Potato or Sandwich	Jacket Potato or Sandwich
Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard Or Fruit	Arctic Roll with Blueberries or Yoghurt	Fruity Muffin or Fruit	Chocolate Krispie Cake or Fruit	Fruit or Yoghurt
* Jacket Potato options: Cheese, Tuna or Beans			* Sandwich options: Ham, Cheese, or Tuna.		

Please note that the vegetable oil used in school contains genetically modified soy

## Upcoming diary dates



Monday 9th December- **9.30am and 2.30pm**- Early Years nativities

Tuesday 10th December-**9.30am and 2pm** Year 1 and 2 nativities

**Wednesday 11th December- Year 1 and 2 cinema trip to see Moana 2**

Thursday 12th December- A group of Year 1 and 2 children will be singing Christmas songs at a local care home for the residents

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

**Tuesday 17th December- Reception trip to Rainbow City**

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas 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.

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

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