



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
29th November 2024**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week has been assessment week in school. It has been lovely to see how much progress the children have made during the autumn term- the teachers are delighted with the results so far. At the beginning of next week Mrs Chambers (our Reading lead) will be assessing each child to determine the new Read Write Inc groups for January. We are so delighted with our children's writing that we are preparing to share it in different venues across Whitehaven. Going forward we are going to prepare displays to promote our children's work in the local community to ensure that they recognise the importance of audience and purpose in producing a piece of writing. Please look out for our '*water protector*' campaigns which will be shortly showcased in the Beacon.

Yesterday Year 1 and 2 visited the church to take part in Advent themed prayer stations looking at the lead up to Christmas. Mrs Jones prepared a nativity scene for the children to role play the Christmas story with costumes and props. The children reflected on the role of the angels, shepherds and three kings and they considered how they all played their part in contributing to the narrative.

On Wednesday we had ITV Border News in school to publicise the fantastic work Albie has achieved raising money in the local community for the homeless and Calderwood House. Some of you may have seen the broadcast where Albie was interviewed about his fundraising efforts. Congratulations to Albie for being such a kind- hearted boy and helping to put our school in the spotlight, demonstrating our values!

This week we have welcomed another local school to provide school to school support for the early years. The staff had a tour of the school, observed the children in their classes and met with Miss Sapsed to discuss how they can improve their setting further. It's reassuring to hear that other local schools are being sign posted to us as an example of good practice through school improvement services.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore



Christmas Fayre



On Friday 6th December at 2pm we will be holding our Christmas Fayre in school. There will be a Christmas Hamper raffle, cake stall, chocolate tombola, Christmas crafts, festive games refreshments and a surprise guest! We try to make this as magical as possible for the children.

This is a big fundraiser for our school so we really appreciate your support with this. We ask that all parents collect their child at 2pm to enable staff the chance to help out with the stalls and games. You will be able to take your child home following your visit.

CAKE STALL: Please help us by providing cakes for our cake stall. You can bring these in on the day (*please can we request that these are nut free*)

RAFFLE PRIZES- We would be grateful of any donations of raffle prizes

If anyone would like a stall to sell any of their own items, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.



Christmas light switch on



As usual this year we will be asking a child to switch on our Christmas lights. Tickets are on sale on School Money to be in with a chance of having your child's name picked out. It is £1 per ticket and the grand switch on will be during celebration assembly next Friday.

Nativities



Our nativity rehearsals are well underway now and school are providing the majority of the costumes. Some children may need a small item such as a t-shirt or black leggings. If this is the case your child will bring home a slip of paper today with further details of what is needed.

Tickets are now available to purchase through the School Money system at £1 each. Due to fire regulations we have to limit the number of tickets available to 2 per session per child. If there are any extra ones available we will notify everyone to allow reserve tickets.

Please see the diary dates below for the dates and timings of the performances. We will also be raffling our final two hampers at the performances and you will have the opportunity to buy a programme with photographs.

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.

Snack Money



Nursery and Reception children have snack as part of their morning routine which is subsidised by the school. We ask that parents contribute **£1 per week**. Unfortunately we are struggling to meet the costs due to insufficient payments being received. Please can we ask that snack money is paid either weekly or half termly via the School Money system.

Year 1 and 2 children are provided with fruit at playtimes through the free fruit scheme.

Reception home learning



Miss Sapsed will be adding new short videos to Tapestry for children to watch at home to consolidate learning which has taken place in school. The videos are called 'word time' and the children enjoy recapping their knowledge by responding to the visual clues on screen. Please look out for them on your child's Tapestry account.

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- Lucas

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Noah

Melbreak- Gabe

Catbells- Theo

Scaffell- Miami

Skiddaw- Sophie

Handwriters of the week

Well done to Archie, Thomas, Jovana and Emma

Congratulations also to Leo and Penny for their swimming 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

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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Family Service

First Sunday of each month

11.30am til 12 noon

at St. James' Church

Followed by bacon butties in the
Community Centre



A service specially for very young
children but all are most welcome!

3rd November & 1st December

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.





**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



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

Our whole school attendance stands at **98.4%** this week (**4.4%** above the Primary National)

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 & Igloos 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts Autumn Paper Chairs
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 Bubbles 	Phunky Foods Greek Kebabs 	Cars & Trains
16th Dec	Christmas Crafts 	Pirates & Dolls 	Lego Club 	Dance & Party Games 	No After School Club

Feel free to book us 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 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Margherita Pizza	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake with Cauliflower	Sausage & Potato Wedges	Mince & Potato Pie with Peas	Fish Fingers, Rice and Tomato Ketchup
Main	Potato and Vegetable Gratin	Honey & Mustard Chicken/Quorn, New Potatoes, Lettuce & Raisins	Baked Fish & Potato Wedges	Vegetable Noodles with Garlic Bread	Shepherds Pie with Sliced Potatoes
Vegetables	Peas		Beans		Sweetcorn
To Order *	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap	Jacket Potato or Wrap
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie Or Fruit	Iced Carrot Cake or Fruit	Rice Pudding with Raspberry Coulis or Fruit	Cheese & Biscuits, Yoghurt or Fruit	Vanilla Biscuit with Hot Chocolate or Fruit
* Jacket Potato options: Cheese, Tuna or Beans.			*Wrap options, Ham, Cheese, or Tuna.		

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

Upcoming diary dates



Friday 6th December **2pm**- Christmas fayre

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.

**Further dates will be added throughout the term in bold*

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