



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
22nd November 2024**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Our children have enjoyed their non uniform day today which has meant that we have three beautiful, well stocked Christmas coloured hampers ready for our Christmas fundraising raffle. Thank you for so many donations of chocolate for our chocolate tombola too- all the contributions are much appreciated for our Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December.

On Tuesday evening we welcomed new families for our Open Evening. They were given tours of the school and it was lovely to hear that they had received recommendations from our current parents about choosing our school for their new starters. It really showed us how word of mouth is so important and we really value you sharing your experiences with prospective families.

This week the rehearsals began for our nativities and it's great to see that they are both taking shape already. The classes have been learning the songs and they have had their first rehearsals on the stage. Some of our youngest children look like they've been up there performing before! All of the songs have been uploaded to our website so the children can practice at home. They can be found under the "Children" drop down menu on our main page.

As we get closer to the beginning of December we have lots of exciting Christmas events going on in school. We have booked for the Year 1 and 2 children to visit the Gaiety Cinema as their Christmas treat (including popcorn and a drink). We are just awaiting confirmation of the film which will be shown. Our Early Years children are going to visit Tot Spot (nursery) and Rainbow City (Reception). Once details have been finalised we will share more details.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore





Crafty workshop session for Year 1 and 2



Next Wednesday afternoon Year 1 and 2 will be having a ceramic painting session with staff from Crafty Workshop in Workington. Ideally we wanted to take the children there but having the session here saves on transport costs. Each child will paint a ceramic pot to take home in time for Christmas. This enrichment is linked to our art curriculum and our focus on colour mixing.

We are able to subsidise the cost of the session which is £7.50 per child. School can contribute £3.50 therefore we are kindly asking parents for a contribution of **£4.00. Please could this be paid via School Money before the session takes place.**

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

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 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.



PTA meeting feedback



We held our Parent Teacher Association meeting on Monday to discuss plans and ideas for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to welcome new parents on board who helped to put forward some fresh perspectives for fundraising and games.

Parent Governor

**PARENT
GOVERNOR
ELECTION**

Following our parent Governor election, our new parent Governor will be Suzanne Wilson (Bradley in nursery's Mum). We welcome her to our board of Governors who help to guide the strategic direction of the school.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Oliver R

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Isla

Melbreak- Penny

Catbells- Olivia L

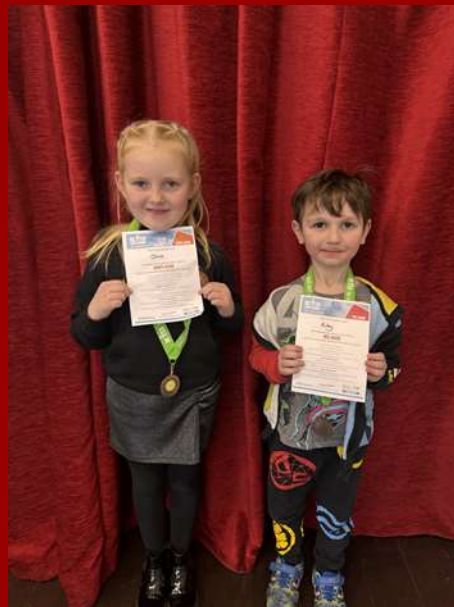
Scafell- Alfie

Skiddaw- Indie

Handwriters of the week

Well done to Elijah, Sienna, Ziena, Ivy and Indie

Congratulations also to Riley and Olivia L 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.



Find out more at cumberland.gov.uk



**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.

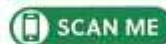
Useful information

- 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 second week running 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

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 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 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 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 vegetables used in school canteens are strictly washed and peeled.

Upcoming diary dates



Tuesday 26th November- Reception STEAM experience- bridge building

Wednesday 27th November- Crafty Workshop visitor for Year 1 and 2

Thursday 28th November- Year 1 and 2 Advent Journey Prayer stations

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

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

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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