



# St James' Church of England Infant and Nursery School

**15th November 2024**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week has been another busy week with lots happening.

In Nursery the children have been learning mapping skills after reading the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt".

In Reception we have been learning about seasonal change and the features of Autumn.

In Key Stage 1 on Tuesday we hosted a Pyjama Drama workshop which focused on road safety. The children got to act out ways in which it is safe to cross the road. All three Key Stage 1 classes also visited the Walkmill Community Woodland where, along with representatives from West Cumbria Rivers Trust, they explored the woodland habitat and learned about seasonal changes.

Throughout the school we have celebrated Inter-Faith Week to respect and reflect on worldwide views. The children have taken part in lots of activities; Nursery made angels for Christmas, Reception made biscuits linked to Hanukkah and KS1 looked at Hinduism and the festival of light Diwali and made Diwa lamps.

Next week is road safety week, on Monday we will be welcoming back our local PCSO Mark Fishpool who will be talking to the children about how they can keep themselves safe on the roads.

We are also holding another Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday next week (19th November) at 5.00pm for any parents who missed the last one and are currently choosing a Nursery or Reception place for their child in 2025. Please pass on the details to anyone looking at schools at the moment.

Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to Children in Need today, we have raised £89.00.

Mrs Moore





## OPAL play update



This week our working party team met to discuss next steps for our OPAL play action plan. This week we have introduced a new small world area for the children to access. This will be replenished with new resources on a half termly basis to maintain the children's interest. Whole staff training will take place next week and the team are currently in the process of planning the next 'play zone' to be launched.

## Year 1 and 2 STEAM workshop



On Wednesday morning next week, Year 1 and 2 are going to be making hedgehog houses as part of their science unit of work, revisiting learning about seasonal change. The children will work alongside STEM ambassadors to create hedgehog houses from plywood cut offs. The wood has been kindly donated again by Jacksons Timber. The idea is that the packs of the houses will come in boxes, the children talk about the way the houses need to be put together, have a go at using screw driver, hinges for lid and hammer nails for fix the wood together (the nails will be hammered in firstly by the STEM ambassadors/teachers) then the children have a go hammering the remainder. They can have the boxes to decorate with leaves/moss/twigs found from a nature trail.

## New baby and toddler group



We are planning to launch a new baby and toddler group in the new year. At this stage we are exploring different possibilities for when would be best and the way we would like it to run. Between now and Christmas the staff are going to be carrying out research and making preparations so that we can start it up early in the spring term. Once further details have been finalised we will share our intentions. Please keep an eye out for further updates and feel free to let anyone know who you think may be interested. We will not be running at the same time as the existing church toddler group.

## PTA meeting



We would love to start up a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) to help us with fundraising and organising activities for the children. We need volunteers with ideas and a small amount of time to help out. Can you help? We are holding a short meeting on Monday 18th November at 2.30pm to brainstorm some ideas for upcoming events. Everyone is welcome!

## Non-Uniform Day - 22nd November



As we rapidly approach the festive season we are now planning for our Christmas Fayre which will take place on Friday 6th December at 2.00pm. There will be all of the usual festivities including, cake stall, chocolate tombola, Christmas crafts, festive games, refreshments and a surprise guest.

As in previous years we will be holding a hamper raffle and we now need to collect items for the hampers.

On Friday 22nd November your child can come to school in non-uniform in return for contributing to our chocolate tombola and Christmas hampers. We are asking:

**Nursery and Reception** to bring 2 items of chocolate for our tombola - any items of chocolate would be great from chocolate bars to boxes of chocolates, novelty chocolates etc.

**Year 1 and 2** to bring hamper items according to their class colours

- Catbells - Red
- Scafell - Silver/Green
- Skiddaw - Gold/Yellow

As always the types of things that can be included are sweet treats, toiletries, small gifts, bottles of wine - anything that is in the colour for your class that would make a nice addition to a gift hamper.

This is a big fundraiser for our school so we really appreciate your support with this.

## Parent Governor vacancy



Details were sent out to parents earlier in the week via email about our parent governor election. Each parent in our school has 1 vote and there are two candidates standing. The closing date to cast your vote is Monday 18th November and this can be done by following the link in the email. We will let everyone know the outcome next week.

## Shoebbox Appeal



Thank you to those that have brought filled shoeboxes for our annual Operation Christmas Child appeal. We are taking them to our local drop off point on Monday morning so there's still a chance to take part and bring yours in on Monday morning.

## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Leo G

### **Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Emily

Melbreak- Harper

Catbells- Hope

Scafell- Ella

Skiddaw- Skiddaw

### **Handwriters of the week**

Well done Mollie, Rory and Reece!

Congratulations also to Sofia, Kain and Charlotte for their achievements outside of school. Well done!



# Bedwetting Online session'

Public  
Health  
5-19

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 24 12.30-1.30pm

Is your child still wet at night? – if so don't worry  
This is quite normal, some children are dry at night  
soon after they achieve the success in the daytime- for  
others it is much later.



Join the Public Health nurses to get some top tips on  
getting your child dry at night.



[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 326 575 824 093

Passcode: 9p2n5z

Scan the QR code to access the session.

If you would like to have an appointment to discuss your child please  
book into our E-School Nurse clinic.

To book an appointment ring

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

If you would like more information or be  
emailed the meeting link please email:  
[ESchoolNurse@ncic.nhs.uk](mailto:ESchoolNurse@ncic.nhs.uk)



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# 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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## 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.



## Attendance and punctuality



Scafell were our attendance winners this week 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
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## 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<br>2024 -2025 Autumn 2 |   |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| W/C   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
| 4th<br>Nov  | Cars & Trains<br>                  | Bonfire Night<br>Crafts<br>        | Phuncky Foods<br>Bonfire Sparklers<br>  | Lego Club<br>                          | Small World<br>Animals<br>                  |
| 11th<br>Nov   | Mindful Colouring<br>& Reading<br> | Phuncky Foods Fruit<br>Salad<br>   | Pirates & Dolls<br>                     | Arts & Crafts<br>Hand Print Acorns<br> | Dance and Party<br>Games<br>                |
| 18th<br>Nov   | Arts & Crafts<br>Autumn Trees<br>  | Lego Club<br>                      | Phuncky Foods<br>Biscuit Decorating<br> | Construction, Cars<br>& Trains<br>     | Movie Night<br>                             |
| 25th<br>Nov   | Phuncky Foods<br>Sandwiches<br>    | Small World<br>Dinosaurs<br>       | Games & jigsaws<br>                     | Mindful Colouring<br>& Reading<br>     | Arts & Crafts<br>Autumn Paper<br>Chairs<br> |
| 2nd<br>Dec  | Lego Club<br>                      | Arts & Crafts<br>Snowflakes<br>    | Dance & Party<br>Games<br>              | Pirates & Dolls<br>                    | Phuncky Foods<br>                           |
| 9th<br>Dec  | Small World Play<br>Animals<br>    | Mindful Colouring<br>& Reading<br> | Arts & Crafts<br>Christmas Baubles<br>  | Phuncky Foods<br>Grinch Kebabs<br>     | Cars & Trains<br>                           |
| 16th<br>Dec   | Christmas Crafts<br>               | Pirates & Dolls<br>                | Lego Club<br>                           | Dance & Party<br>Games<br>             | No<br>After School<br>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-5.25pm 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 18th November- Road Safety week

**Wednesday 20th November- STEAM experience for Year 1 and 2- Making hedgehog houses**

Friday 22nd November- Non uniform day in exchange for item donations for Christmas hampers

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

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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