



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
8th November 2024**



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We have had a very packed first week back after half term. The classes have all started their new units of work this week. Curriculum overviews have been sent home for Year 1 and 2 children today so hopefully you will be able to see what your child will be learning about over the next few weeks on the lead up until Christmas.

Today our Key Stage One children did us proud in church, reflecting on Remembrance and the significance of the poppy. Well done to all the children who contributed through readings, poetry or prayer.

On Wednesday we welcomed three teachers from a local Infant School to share how we deliver our English curriculum. The staff had a tour of the school, observed lessons in both key stages and looked through examples of children's work in books. They commented on the children's tangible positivity and enthusiasm for learning and how their routines were embedded so soon in the academic year. They were impressed with what they saw and they will be returning to their own school to feedback. Following their visit their Headteacher fed back that her staff *'had nothing but positive things to say about their visit to St James' on their return'*.

Another piece of positive feedback this week came from our volunteer parent reader. She said that if she could one word to sum up the school based on her experience over the past few weeks it would be *'happy'*.

This week we have made a change to our lunchtime playtime, opening up both playgrounds for all children. This way the children will have the opportunity to mix socially with children from different year groups should they wish and they have greater access to the play zones we will be developing over the coming 18 months. We are keen to find out your views as a baseline for our new initiative. Please visit our survey using the link: [St James C of E Infants and Nursery Baseline Parent's Survey 2024-25 - Google Forms](#)

As we are developing our outdoor play zones we would like to seek opportunities for external funding to provide the best experiences for the children. If you know of any funding streams which we may be able to tap into, please could you inform the school office. The play zones are for use in school time only (one of our areas has been damaged this week by children using it after home time).

A brilliant first week back overall!

Mrs Moore





OPAL Play

We are starting our OPAL play journey and would like your help in gathering resources to set up the areas. The first area we are looking at is small world play.

If you have any of the following at home that your child no longer uses, we would love to have them in school.

Small world figures - dinosaurs, animals, cars and vehicles etc

Wellies in a range of sizes - to fit children in Years 1 and 2.

Year 1 and 2 visits to Walk Mill Nature Reserve, Moresby



Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Walk Mill community woodland next week as part of their science curriculum, learning about seasonal change. They will have the opportunity to work with West Cumbria Rivers Trust to recap and revisit learning from last half term as well as learning about animal habitats.

Letters have been sent home in children's book bags with further details.

Please note, children in Skiddaw can bring their Children In Need clothes in a bag to change into after the visit. Please ensure that bags are clearly labelled with your child's name.

WWF 60 Miles in nature in November challenge



Do wonders for your wellbeing and support the planet by taking on WWF's 60 miles in November challenge. Did you know that just 30 minutes in nature each day can improve your mental wellbeing? If you want to sign up to the challenge or just discover different ways to get your daily dose of nature then click below.

[A Prescription For Nature | WWF](#)

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal



We are going to collect any donations for this years Operation Christmas Child appeal and pass them onto the Christian Bookshop in Whitehaven. If you would like to take part please see the further details- [Operation Christmas Child \(samaritans-purse.org.uk\)](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk)

We have a number of decorated empty shoeboxes in school for you to fill and return - just ask at the school office.

The deadline for dropping off in school will be **Monday 11th November**.

Children In Need



BBC Children in Need is a charity that supports children across the UK who face challenges such as mental health, poverty and inequality. We will be getting involved by fundraising on Friday 15th November. The children are welcome to come to school dressed up, they can choose whatever theme they like and be creative in exchange for a £1 donation. Yellow and spotty outfits or pyjamas and onesies tend to be the firm favourites! Please visit [Dress Up Challenge - BBC Children in Need](#) for inspirational ideas.

Parent Governor vacancy



We have two parents who have expressed an interest in the parent Governor position therefore we will need to have a ballot. Details will be sent out next week.

Fussy Eating Online Session for parents



Message from the NHS

Following the success of our recent 'trying new foods' online session we have decided to add an extra date in for any parents/carers who were unable to attend last time. The session is a great opportunity for any parents who feel they have a 'fussy' or 'picky' eater and would like to hear some new strategies or chat to other parents in the same position.

The next session is via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 13th November from 4-5pm**. The link to join the session is below.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 321 459 373 621

Passcode: TgX4nJ

Targeted Short Breaks - registration window closing today!



The Targeted Short Breaks Window will close this Friday, 8 November! This is the main registration window for Targeted Short Breaks, and all families must re-register if they wish to continue accessing Targeted Short Break activities for their child/ young person. The Targeted Short Breaks year will run from 1 February 2025 - 31 January 2026. Within this time every eligible child/ young person is entitled to access 76 hours of activities. To be eligible for our Targeted Short Break Activities, your child or young person must:

- Be a resident in the Cumberland area (formerly Carlisle, Allerdale and Copeland areas).
- Have a disability (as defined by the Equalities Act 2010)
- Have a current Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Be in academic year groups 1 to 13 (or equivalent).

More information about our Targeted Short Breaks providers will be released this month - look out for updates! You can find out more about our Targeted Short Breaks service and how to apply by following the link below: [Find out more and register for Targeted Short Breaks on Cumberland Council's Local Offer website](#)

Wanted



Year 1 and 2 would still be grateful of any donations of children's underwear to use as spares when children have accidents in school. Also if anyone can spare any clothes suitable for KS1 particularly for taller children we would like to add to our stock for changing children.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Nero

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Rosie

Melbreak- Ivy

Catbells- Zachary

Scafell- Rudy M

Skiddaw- Martha

Handwriters of the week

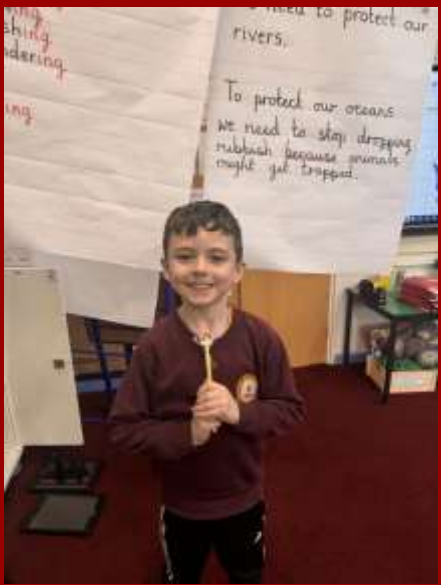
Penny, Josie, Lucas and Sophie

Congratulations to Josie, Olivia, Sienna and Ella for achievements in swimming this week. Well done girls!





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Bedwetting Online session'

Public
Health
5-19

Monday 18th 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: 9p2nSz

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



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North Cumbria
Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Flu nasal spray drop-in clinic for school-aged children

- ▶ Thursday 7 November 2024
- ▶ 1.00pm-4.30pm
- ▶ Rugby Union Club, Newlands Avenue, Mirehouse, CA28 9SH

If your child has missed the school session, please drop in or book an appointment for the flu nasal spray on our double-decker NHS bus.

Contact the team for more information:

- Ncm-tr.immunisation-hub@nhs.net
- 01900 705045 | 01900 705867



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

Attendance and punctuality



Great Gable were our attendance winners this week with **99.2%**, so close to 100% .

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 Geinch 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 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



Monday 11th November- Inter Faith Week

Tuesday 12th November- Pyjama Drama Road Safety Workshops for Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 13th November- Catbells visit to Walk Mill Nature Reserve

Thursday 14th November- Scafell visit to Walk Mill Nature Reserve

Friday 15th November- Skiddaw visit to Walk Mill Nature Reserve

Friday 15th November- Children In Need

Monday 18th November- Road Safety week and Anti Bullying 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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