



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
25th October 2024**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

The children (& staff!) have earned their week's break, we are really proud with how hard they have worked so far and already many of them are showing signs of great progress. It has been lovely to see the children's books, speak with them and listen to the staff sharing the children's achievements week on week in our celebration assemblies.

This week our emphasis has been on STEAM opportunities to kickstart our new STEAM Pathway. We have shared some highlights on our social media pages to show what the children have been benefiting from. We will be building on this as the year progresses, involving a range of different partner organisations to broaden our children's experiences and raise aspiration at the earliest opportunity.

School closes today for the half term holiday and the second half of the autumn term begins on Monday 4th November at 8.40am-it's going to be another busy one! The new after school club timetable has been updated at the foot of the newsletter ready for children to choose which nights they would like to attend.

Have a lovely half term,

Mrs Moore









Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Lobb



Mrs Lobb, one of our much valued midday supervisors, is leaving us today after 16 years service at our school. It is never easy to say goodbye, especially to someone who has made such a difference. Every single day we have been able to count on Mrs Lobb. She has shown unwavering dedication and great care for the children. Mrs Lobb has ensured that children felt safe but also enjoyed their playtimes, found comfort when they needed it whilst learning the importance of kindness and respect.

Mrs Lobb will be working hard in her other job role but she is going to make herself available for any relief work we have. This may mean that she will be helping us out where she can in the future.



Handwriting competition winners



This week Year 1 and 2 have had an intensive focus on handwriting and presentation standards resulting in a competition as a culmination of their hard work today.

We have been very impressed by many of the children's writing transformations over the course of the past few days as they have worked on their individual weaknesses.

Here are the overall winners from each class:

Catbells- Isaac and Charlotte

Scafell- Bodhi and Sam S

Skiddaw- Daisy and Sofia

Our bonus award went to Jessie as she was the very close runner up!



Phonics progression for Reception upwards



Mrs Chambers has completed her half termly phonics assessments with all the children on the Read Write Inc phonics programme. After half term lots of the children will progress to their new colour groups. The higher up the programme, the longer it takes to achieve the desired level of fluency to move on. Therefore some children in yellow group and beyond will need a little while longer to develop their speed and accuracy.

If there are any outstanding reading books at home, please can we ask that they are returned as soon as possible. We need full sets to be able to reassign them to the next group of children for practice at home.

Read Write Inc. Colour Progression
Ditty – Sound Blending
Red
Green
Purple
Pink
Orange
Yellow
Blue
Grey

Introducing Skills Builder



We have initiated a new partnership with 'Skills Builder' to run alongside our STEAM pathway. The aim is to ensure every child builds essential skills that they need to succeed in the world of work in the future. Throughout this year we will be working towards The Skills Builder Award.

This week a number of children have achieved a certificate by demonstrating a good level of these vital transferable skills.

Well done to Olivia L, Blake, Rudie, Theo S, Fred and Alfie for demonstrating good listening and 'staying positive' skills. These children were identified during the sessions we have had this week.



Great Fire of London workshops for Year 1 and 2

On Monday 4th November Year 1 and 2 will be treated to a virtual Great Fire of London workshop provided by 'The Drama Hut'. The children will have the opportunity to chat with virtual figures such as Thomas Farriner, Sir Christopher Wren and The Lord Mayor of London who will recall the events of the fire and take the children's learning further. This will launch our new unit of work after the holidays and bring the unit alive!

Further information about the workshop can be found using the link: [Great Fire of London Workshop - The Drama Hut](#)

As a drama-led company, The Drama Hut encourage children (and teachers) to dress up for the workshops. This is by no means compulsory but it will certainly enhance the experience. Please see the images below for costume suggestions.

In the afternoon on the same day Cumbria Fire Service will be delivering mini bonfire safety talks on the lead up to the 5th November. This is part of our preventative safeguarding curriculum.



Remembrance Service for Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 will be leading our annual Remembrance Service in St James Church on Friday 8th November at 10.30am. Year 1 and 2 parents are welcome to join us as we remember and pay tribute to those that sacrificed so much.

New after school club



Mr Marshall will be running a football after school club next half term on Wednesdays between 3.15pm and 4.15pm. If you would like your child to take part, please sign up in the usual way via School Money.

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 currently have a vacancy for a parent Governor. If you would like to put yourself forward for the role, please submit your nomination in writing to Mrs Clair Brown, Clerk to the Governing Body and School Business Manager. Your nomination should be signed by two sponsors, who must be parents of children attending the school. The closing date is 3pm on Friday 8th November.

Design Technology Resources wanted please

We are looking to collect resources to build a Design Technology area for children to use in Year 1 and 2.

If you have any of the following items available at home, we would be grateful of any donations:

- ❖ Kitchen roll tubes
- ❖ String
- ❖ Bottle tops- plastic
- ❖ Buttons
- ❖ Corks
- ❖ Washed out yoghurt cartons/ small tubs
- ❖ Washed shells
- ❖ Jar lids
- ❖ Egg boxes
- ❖ Small sized cardboard boxes e.g. variety pack of cereal
- ❖ Paper straws
- ❖ Wooden lolly pop sticks
- ❖ Cotton reels



Year 1 and 2 would be grateful of any donations of children's underwear to use as spares when children have accidents in school.

Reception are looking to build a collection of 'That's not my...' books if anyone has any that their child no longer wants.



Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Asal

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Brooklynn

Melbreak- Nero

Catbells- James

Scafell- Riley

Skiddaw- Oliver R

Handwriters of the week

Luna, Oliver L, Lowe and Ziena

Well done to our HUGE group of bronze reading certificate winners!

Congratulations to Elijah for his achievement at Beavers this week and also to Charlie - Cole for his fitness achievement.







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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**HALLOWEEN
FAMILY FUN DAY**

Halloween themed arts & Crafts, Face Painting, Games & Activities! (This session also includes Babbling Babies Group 10am - 11am)

Monday 28th October
9am - 12pm

Family Hub
The Old Bank, Swingpump Lane
Whitehaven, CA28 7LZ

No need to book. Just pop along and join us. Refreshments provided for carers and children



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



Scafell were our attendance winners this week with 99.1% .

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.

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 vegetable oil used in school contains genetically modified soya

Upcoming diary dates



***** OCTOBER HALF TERM (Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November)

Monday 4th November- KS1 Great Fire of London workshops and Bonfire safety talk from Cumbria Fire Service

Friday 8th November at 10.30am- Remembrance Service at church. Year 1 and 2 parents welcome

Friday 15th November- Children In Need

Monday 18th November- Road Safety week and Anti Bullying week

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

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 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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