



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
4th October 2024**



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

At the beginning of the week we had our visitor, Anna, from OPAL play (outdoor play and learning) who spent time observing children at lunchtime interacting with others and exploring the beginnings of our new play zones. The next step is for Anna to return next week to work alongside staff to write a new action plan and grounds plan. We are aiming to up level our play time offer to ensure that we have 'something for everyone'. Over the next 18 months to two years we will be developing new play zones to make the most of our school grounds.

Nursery have been learning all about birthday celebrations this week including how we tend to celebrate, drawing on the children's experiences. Following on from this the children have decorated the home corner to enable them to role play their traditions.

Reception have began their new text '*Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*' and they have been locating Africa and Kenya on the map. They have also learned a traditional African folk song. In maths the children have been comparing size and learning new vocabulary to describe and compare objects. This afternoon the class have learned about the human life cycle.

Year 1 and 2 have been creating maps in Geography with simple keys of physical and human features around the school. In Science they have been looking at seasonal changes. In RE we have discussed special friends and how Jesus chose Matthew to be his friend. In English, Key Stage 1 have been writing postcards about their new book *The Journey Home* and in Maths the children have been looking at number bonds.

On Monday afternoon next week Key Stage One will be treated to their first STEAM experience from our new pathway- Botley Robotics. This will be the launch of our exciting curriculum offer to ignite children's interest and curiosity in these subjects. Please look out for photos!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore





Harvest Appeal



On Tuesday 8th October at 10.30am we are joining our Junior school for a Harvest Service in church. All families are welcome to come along. We will be collecting donations for the Food Bank ahead of the service. Please bring any donations to your child's class and we will pass them on. The good news is that last year, the number of people asking for food parcels dropped slightly, the first time in 5 years. The bad news is, so have donations. So the Food Bank still need your support more than ever.

FOREVER

School Harvest Appeal 2024

Help transform people's lives **FOREVER**,
with a donation to your local **FOODBANK**



Food items we would like you to donate:

Dried Pasta 500g, Rice 500g, Jam, Sponge Pudding,
UHT Milk, UHT Orange Juice, Tea/Coffee, Cereals
350g-500g, Baked Beans, Tinned Soup, Tinned Meat,
Tinned Veg, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned
Fruit, Tinned Custard or Tinned Rice Pudding.



Please help! If you can

For more information and downloads go to
www.thefoodbank.org.uk/schools

Contact: Stuart Christian, North Lakes Foodbank, Schools Worker
Email: Stuart@thefoodbank.org.uk Mob: 07733338352



Coats please!



Can ALL children bring in a coat each day please as we play out in all weathers! It is starting to get cold now and many children are not bring in coats.

Open afternoons for Nursery new starters

As you may have seen advertised on our school Facebook page, we are holding an open afternoon for prospective new starters to our Nursery for 2025.

Nursery- Monday 7th October at 2.30pm

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you know who may be interested with a child of this age. It will be an opportunity for them to meet our staff and see what we offer first hand. We take children from the day after their 3rd birthday however this year has been very popular so there are limited places available before September 2025.



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Nursery Starters 2025

Applications for 2025 are now being accepted.

We accept 3 and 4 year olds to our Nursery. Children are eligible to start from the day after their 3rd birthday. Wrap around care is also available to Nursery children.

We are holding an open afternoon on Monday 7th October at 2:30pm for parents to come and see for yourselves what makes our school so special.

Options are available beyond your free entitlement too - come and see us to discuss your circumstances.

WE CAN OFFER:

- a welcoming school in which children thrive*
- a school that is highly ambitious for pupils*
- impeccable behaviour*
- an Outstanding church school

*Ofsted March 2024

NO NEED TO REGISTER, JUST POP IN TO SEE US
7TH OCTOBER 2024 @ 2.30PM

Prospectuses are available to download at:

www.st-james-inf.cumbria.sch.uk

Choose the Right Path

Collecting children



Can we please gently remind all parents to let the teacher/office know if you are not picking up your child yourself as normal? We have had a number of friends/grandparents picking up without us being told in advance. If we are not sure that someone else has your permission to pick up, we may not be able to release your child.

Parents Evenings



Parents evening have been arranged for Monday 14th October and Tuesday 15th October. A link to allow you to book an appointment will be sent out to your registered email address on Monday 7th October at 4pm. If you do not receive a link or are unable to make an appointment please let the school office know.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 15th October. All children in school will get the opportunity to have their photographs taken in school time. We will also try to ensure that siblings in school get taken together as well. If you would like a photograph with an older or younger sibling that does not attend our school then please bring them in from 8.15am.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Barnaby

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Ember

Melbreak- Noah

Catbells- Sienna

Scafell- Archie

Skiddaw- Emelia

Handwriters of the week

Riley, Miami, Theo S, Olivia and Xander





Fancy Dress Party



We are holding two fancy dress parties on Thursday 24th October. The Early Years children (Nursery and Reception) can attend 4pm-5pm and Key Stage 1 children can attend 5pm-6pm. Tickets are virtual and are priced at £3.00, these are available to buy on School Money. There will be hot dogs and cakes available as well as the usual games and dancing.



Harvest Festival

Sunday 29th September 2024

10am Family Communion Service

At St James' Church

This will be a service for all the ages.
We will be making a collection of
non-perishable goods for the
St James' Parish Pantry.

Please do come and join us, as we give thanks to God for the
beauty and abundance of his creation.



Cauliflower Cards



Each year we offer parents the chance to buy Christmas cards, gift labels, mugs etc designed by your own child. Although you may feel it's a little too early for any talk of Christmas, we do have to be prepared in schools! Design forms are being sent home today there is guidance for doing the best sort of designs on the forms. Have a look on cauliflowercards.co.uk for inspiration!

- Place your orders online at shop.cauliflowergroup.co.uk using the unique number on your artwork form.
- Return your Design form to the school by **Monday 14th October 2024**
- Your cards, labels etc will be delivered to school and sent home with your child.

Please note you do not have to complete the forms and submit artwork if you do not want to - this is an entirely optional service. Prices range from £2.50 for 16 gift labels to £5.95 for a pack of 6 A5 cards and £6.95 for a mug. School earns a little commission from each sale so this is a fundraising activity for school.

If you would like an additional form for a sibling please call at the school office as we will have some in stock. Each form has a unique number. All cards are designed with your child's name and class on the back.

Attendance and punctuality



Melbreak were our attendance winners this week with **99.4%** .

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 1					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd Sept	INSET DAY	INSET DAY	Small World Animals	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Emotion Up & Role Play
9th Sept	Lego Club	Cars & Trains	Small World	Arts & Crafts	Music Night
16th Sept	Dressing Up and Role Play	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Games & Puzzles	Small World Castles & Castles	Music Night
23rd Sept	Music Night	Small World Role Play	Lego Club	Construction, Cars & Trains	Fairy Bean House
30th Sept	Arts & Crafts	Music Night	Dressing Up & Role Play	Small World Animals	Dry Mosaic Making
7th Oct	Construction, Cars & Trains	Games & Puzzles	Small World Castles & Castles	Tree Building	Lego Club
14th Oct	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Dressing Up & Role Play	Small World Animals	Arts & Crafts	Music Night
21st Oct	Lego Club	Small World Animals	Music	Games & Puzzles	Arts & Crafts

Please 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 the side entrance of the school. All bookings should be made via Schooldirect.

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.

St James' C of E Infant and Nursery School
Menu Autumn 2020/21

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Please note that the vegetables are used in the soup, a smaller portion will be served.

Upcoming diary dates



Monday 7th October (pm)- Botley Robotics STEM workshop for Year 1 and 2

2.30pm- Nursery new starters open afternoon

Tuesday 8th October 10.30am- Harvest Service in church (joint with our Juniors)

Thursday 10th October- Hello Yellow non uniform day for mental health awareness

Monday 14th October- Parent teacher meetings

Tuesday 15th October- Individual school photos

Parent teacher meetings

Monday 21st October- Full Governors meeting

Tuesday 22nd October (am)- m Whitehaven cluster STEM event for Year 2

Thursday 24th October Fancy Dress Parties (4pm-5pm Early years children, 5pm-6pm Key Stage 1 children)

***** 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 15th November- Children In Need

Monday 18th November- Road Safety week

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

Friday 6th December- Christmas fayre (pm)

Monday 9th December- Early Years nativities

Tuesday 10th December- 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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