



St James' Church of England Infant and Nursery School

27th September 2024





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Thank you for the very generous cake donations and donations made at the coffee morning/ afternoon for Macmillan. We have raised £300 for this very worthy cause. As always both events were very well supported and it was lovely to see parents and grandparents in school early in the academic year.

Nursery have enjoyed their new book this week '*Kipper's Birthday*' This will lead into the launch of a birthday themed week on Monday. In small groups, the children have been painting themselves and their families. They have been trying hard to select appropriate colours and brush sizes to do their very best to produce beautiful paintings!

Reception have continued with their '*Where the Wild Things Are*' focused text. They have been designing their own 'wild things' to generate a range of suitable adjectives. In maths, the children have been comparing quantities using the vocabulary of more and fewer. This afternoon in art the class have been learning to draw facial features in preparation for drawing their own self- portraits. Miss Sapsed and Mrs Irwin are very impressed with the children's phonics in their Read Write Inc groups. You can support your child learning their green words coming home today and watching the mini videos uploaded to Tapestry.

Year 1 and 2 have began their new unit of work linked to '*The Journey Home*'. In art the children have been developing their drawing skills by creating illustrations in the style of the illustrator from '*Hairy Maclary*'. We will be sharing examples of their work from their sketchbooks very soon.

On Monday we are starting a new initiative, Opal Play (Outdoor Play and Learning) as our next step in school improvement. We have our first meeting with our OPAL consultant Anna who will be coming to observe playtimes and support us in our audit of next steps to make our playtimes and lunchtimes even better! Our mission is to make sure that EVERY child has an amazing playtime everyday! More details will follow in next week's newsletter.

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:

Orzo Pasta 500g, Rice 500g, Jam, Sponge Pudding, UHT Milk, UHT Orange Juice, Taro 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:

Reception notice

If your child is in Reception, please could they bring in three photographs next week as they are going to be learning about how they have changed over time. Please could you send a baby, toddler and a more recent one for them to order.

Open afternoons for Nursery and Reception new starters

As you may have seen advertised on our school Facebook page, we are holding two open afternoons for prospective new starters.

Nursery- Monday 7th October at 2.30pm

Reception- Friday 4th 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.



St James' C of E Infant and Nursery School, Whitehaven

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:

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- 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



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Reception Starters 2025



Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and is due to start Reception in September 2025?

The application process to apply for next year's Reception places are now open!



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Choose the Right Path

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Ivy

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Tehillah

Melbreak- Emma

Catbells- Zayan

Scafell- Bodhi

Skiddaw- Vera

Handwriters of the week

Charlotte, Rudy and Rudi

Well done to all of the children we have congratulated this week for achievements outside of school in football, rugby and dancing.





Vacancy for midday supervisor



We are looking for that special someone to join our lovely lunchtime team! Do you know someone who enjoys working with children? Can they be flexible and work well as part of a team? All details can be found at:

<https://www.st-james-inf.cumbria.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Family Hub on The Harbour Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Seniors Room Book via email/FB</p> <p>Play Space Drop in 9.30-11.30am</p> <p>Young Adults Housing Drop in 10am-12pm</p> <p>Baby Builders 10.00-11.00am</p> <p>Carols & Choir 2.00pm</p> <p>Food Justice & Participation Cafe 4.00pm (Partnership meeting 1st September)</p> <p>Health Drop In 4.00pm (Partnership meeting 15th September)</p>	<p>Seniors Room Book via email/FB</p> <p>CAZS Family Support Drop In 9.45am-12.15pm</p> <p>Benefits & Employment Drop In 10.30-11.30am</p> <p>Late Get Playing 10.30-11.30am</p> <p>SEND Play Space & Seniors Room Drop In 1.00-3.00pm</p>	<p>Seniors Room Book via email/FB</p> <p>Together Time 10.30-11.30am</p> <p>Play Space Drop in 1.00-3.00pm</p>	<p>Seniors Room Book via email/FB</p> <p>Babies & Baby Builders 10.00-11.30am</p> <p>Infant Feeding and Weaning Group 10.30-11.30am</p> <p>Early Help Advice Drop In 10am-12pm</p> <p>Story Library 1-4pm</p> <p>Play Space Drop in 1.30-3.30pm</p>	<p>Seniors Room Book via email/FB</p> <p>Little Wonders 9.30-11.30am</p> <p>Play Space Drop in 9.30-11.30am & 1.30-3.30pm</p> <p>Provision Project Drop In 10.30-11.30am (Partnership meeting 25th September)</p> <p>Play Space Drop in 1.30-3.30pm</p>

Find Us at Swingpump Lane, Whitehaven, CA28 7LZ
Follow us on Facebook: @CumberlandFamilyHubs

Family Hub drop-in



Family Hub on the Harbour, The Old Bank, Whitehaven

Thursday 19th September, 10am - 12pm

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat if you're having any issues with your energy. Our energy adviser can help you; get a cheaper energy deal, apply for energy grants, be added to the priority services register, resolve disputes with your energy provider, with energy saving tips and advice and if you're struggling to top up your meter or your oil we have options which can help if eligible

No appointment needed just drop in!

Please note this session is for families only.



Copeland



Got an itch? Tummy trouble? Tickly cough?

NHS



Head to your local pharmacy.

Did you know? Pharmacists across the North East and North Cumbria can offer advice and FREE treatment for a wide range of common conditions* – just like having a prescription from your GP!

Please ask your pharmacy team for more details and eligibility.

UTI's non pregnant women 16–64 years

Shingles 18 years+

Impetigo 1 year+

Sore throat 5 years+

Sinusitis 12 years+

Infected insect bites 1 year+

Earache 1 to 17 years

Additional conditions can be treated, without the need to visit a GP. Ask a member of your pharmacy team about the minor ailments scheme.

Step 1

Go to your local community pharmacy (chemist) about your illness and they will offer advice.

Step 2

If needed, you will be offered treatment and if you qualify, this will be given free of charge.

Step 3

A suitable medicine may be offered to you.*

*You qualify for free treatment if you do not pay for your prescriptions.



Find further information at:
www.thinkpharmacyfirst.health

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HELP



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.



Attendance and punctuality



Scaffell were our attendance winners this week with **100%** for the **second week in a row**.

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	HSET DAY	HSET DAY	Small World Animals	Mixki Colouring & Reading	Embossing Up & Role Play
9th Sept	Legos Club	Cars & Trains	Small World	Arts & Crafts	Eliza Night
16th Sept	Dressing Up and Role Play	Mixki Colouring & Reading	Games & Puzzles	Small World Castles & Dolls	Music Night
23rd Sept	Eliza Night	Small World Role Play	Legos Club	Construction, Cars & Trains	Fabry Bean Pans
30th Sept	Arts & Crafts	Music Night	Embossing Up & Role Play	Small World Animals	Clay Mould Making
7th Oct	Construction, Cars & Trains	Games & Puzzles	Small World Castles & Dolls	Arts & Crafts	Legos Club
14th Oct	Mixki Colouring & Reading	Dressing Up & Role Play	Small World Making	Arts & Crafts	Music Night
21st Oct	Legos Club	Small World Animals	Eliza	Games & Puzzles	Arts & Crafts

*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.

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

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Hot Fruit Flakes	Hot Cereals with Fruit & Milk	Hot Cereals with Fruit & Milk	Hot Cereals with Fruit & Milk	Hot Cereals with Fruit & Milk
Lunch	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice
Afternoon Tea	Hot Fruit Flakes	Hot Fruit Flakes	Hot Fruit Flakes	Hot Fruit Flakes	Hot Fruit Flakes
Dinner	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice	Hot Chicken Curry with Rice
* School Dinner Menu - Please Contact School Office for Details					
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Upcoming diary dates



Tuesday 1st October 2.30pm- Nursery new starters open afternoon (date change- see below)

Friday 4th October 2.30pm- Reception new starters open afternoon

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

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Wednesday 16th October- Parent teacher meetings

Monday 21st October- Full Governors meeting

Tuesday 22nd October- Whitehaven cluster STEM event (details tbc)

***** 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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