



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School**

20th September 2024



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week we have been revisiting our Christian values and how important it is to be courageous, kind, forgiving, respectful and friendly towards others to remain '*on the right path*'. In our celebration assembly today we discussed how this links in to behaviour and attitudes shown in class and outside of school. The staff shared examples of how the children are approaching their learning and it's fair to say that everyone is working very hard so soon in the new term.

On Wednesday we welcomed Mrs Maher who has volunteered to listen to readers in Year 1 and 2 on a weekly basis. She has made a fantastic first impression and the classes are very keen to have their turn to read and show off what they can do!

Thank you to our Year 1 and 2 parents for ensuring that your child is bringing their book bag, reading book and reading record into school every day. We are listening to readers in school on a regular basis. Please remember to log any home reading in your child's reading record. We would like the children to 'strive for five' and read 5 x weekly. Reading practice is really important, particularly as children are building towards fluent and accurate reading. The more children read, the better they will become.

Yesterday we had a whole school event, making the most of the sunshine, interacting with loose parts to create animals and dens. This was led by Rag Tag Arts. The children enjoyed the opportunity to play alongside other classes to collaborate and most of all have a fun time! Following on from this immersive play experience, We have created a new zone for the playground with loose parts which will be available for use from Monday.

Nursery have focused on families this week and who lives in their house. Their maths this week has been about the mathematical language of more and less. They have been using real life objects to compare and contrast amounts.

Reception have began a new unit of work linked to '*Where the Wild Things are*'. In their expressive art and design lesson they did some observational drawings of different types of flowers and they have done an amazing job in their new sketchbooks!

Year 1 and 2 have been carrying out geography fieldwork around the school: creating a tally chart, using iPads to take photos of different land use and they have been developing their mapping skills. In science the children have learnt what months correspond with the different seasons. The unseasonal weather this week has thrown them!

Next week we are inviting parents or grandparents to join us for our Macmillan coffee morning or afternoon. Please see further details below.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore





Changes to the after school club location



As of Monday we will be running our after school club from the classroom next to Melbreak (one of the Reception classrooms). This is due to an increase in early years children making use of the facility this year. The room is better equipped to suit the younger children and we have easier access to changing facilities.

Please collect your child from the Reception classroom door from Monday onwards. Both gates to the top yard will be locked but the nursery gate on the front of school will be left open.

Macmillan Coffee morning and afternoon



Next Friday we will be hosting a coffee morning and afternoon to raise money for Macmillan, a very worthy cause. Please come along and join us if you can on the times stated below in the diary dates. If you have children in two year groups, please come along for the most convenient time for you. We of course need **cake donations** towards these events. Please could you bring in any donation of home baking or bought cakes on the morning of Friday 27th September (please ensure all cakes are nut free).

Messy Church



Messy Church restarts on Thursday 26th September for 3 consecutive weeks from 3.15-4.15pm with Mrs Jones. If your child would like to attend, please book on the School Money system.

Applications for Reception and Year 3 places for September 2025



Despite that fact that the children have only just started the new school year, the system for applying for next years Year 3 and Reception places is already in motion! Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior School place and our Nursery children will need to apply for a place in Reception for September 2025. Information and instructions have been sent out this week via email. The closing dates aren't until 15th January 2025 but early applications make the process much smoother and save staff having to chase up applications. Attending our school doesn't give automatic places in Reception and Year 3 at St James' Juniors so applying before the deadline is essential. If you have any issues, please contact our office staff who will be able to help.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Bodhi

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Kene

Melbreak- Sid

Catbells- Josie

Scafell- Sam S

Skiddaw- Finley

Handwriters of the week

Sonny, Matei, Albie and Martha

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





Is your child in receipt of Disability Living Allowance?

If your child attends our Nursery and is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, we can access the Disability Access Fund to provide the school with additional funding to help your child in Nursery. Please let us know if this is the case, we just need a copy of your letter granting the benefit and we can do the rest!

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 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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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.



Battery Recycling

**The Baa-ttery
Recycling Competition**

Save batteries from the bin to win...

1st Prize - £300 book tokens
2nd Prize - £200 book tokens
3rd Prize - £100 book tokens

Supported By

Cumberland Council Westmorland & Furness Council renew Valpak

For more information about the competition and for full terms and conditions, please visit recycle-more.co.uk

We are now a collection point for battery recycling. Just bring your old batteries to the school office and we will ensure they are recycled safely.

Attendance and punctuality



Scafell were our attendance winners this week with 100% which is amazing!

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.

M/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd Sept	INSET DAY	INSET DAY	Small World Animals	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Dressing Up & Role Play
9th Sept	Legos Club	Cars & Trains	Small World	Arts & Crafts	Engo Night
16th Sept	Dressing Up and Role Play	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Games & Puzzles	Small World Castles & Gulls	Music Night
23rd Sept	Engo Night	Small World Role Play	Legos Club	Construction, Cars & Trains	Fairy Bean Power
30th Sept	Arts & Crafts	Music Night	Dressing Up & Role Play	Small World Animals	Key Model Making
7th Oct	Construction, Cars & Trains	Games & Puzzles	Small World Castles & Gulls	Den Building	Legos Club
14th Oct	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Dressing Up & Role Play	Small World Animals	Arts & Crafts	Music Night
21st Oct	Legos Club	Small World Animals	Engo	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 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 2024/25



Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Autumn	Meat & Potato Pie	Hot Chicken Curry with Cauliflower	Chicken & Mushroom Pie	Beef & Potato and Peas	Hot Curry with Cauliflower
Winter	Hot Chicken Curry with Cauliflower	Meat & Potato Pie	Hot Chicken Curry with Cauliflower	Chicken & Mushroom Pie	Hot Curry with Cauliflower
Spring	Hot Chicken Curry with Cauliflower	Hot Chicken Curry with Cauliflower	Hot Chicken Curry with Cauliflower	Hot Chicken Curry with Cauliflower	Hot Chicken Curry with Cauliflower
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Upcoming diary dates



Monday 23rd September 2.45pm- Year 2 'meet the teacher'/ curriculum meeting

Thursday 26th September- Healthy Choices assembly

Friday 27th September- 10.30am- Early Years Macmillan Coffee morning

2.30pm- Year 1 and 2 Macmillan Coffee afternoon

Tuesday 1st October 2.30pm- Nursery new starters open afternoon

Friday 4th October 2.30pm- Reception 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

Tuesday 15th October- Individual school photos

Parent teacher meetings

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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