



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

**12th September 2024**





Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This has been a busy first full week back in school. It has been a very positive one- the classes are calm and settled and the children are demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning already. This week our midday supervisors have fed back that the classes have been great at following instructions and showing respect. A brilliant start to the new term!

To begin the new school year we have had a push on ensuring that the children are coming to school dressed in the appropriate school uniform. Your support in this has been much appreciated. Every child in school is now wearing what they should be everyday and they are all looking very smart! Please can I just remind everyone that PE hoodies are only to be worn on PE days and we need the children to be dressed in black shorts/ joggers or leggings for PE. All earrings must be removed for safety.

Nursery have began their focus this week on traditional tales. They have enjoyed listening to *Goldilocks* which is their first fairy tale of the term. The children have been busy getting to know all of their new friends and they have settled into their new routine. When they have been having their small group time, they have enjoyed singing songs and taking turns.

Reception have also made a super start! The Reception team are delighted with how the children have responded to their new timetable. The focus has been about families this week, the children have been contributing to a display showing off their drawing skills. In addition, the children have been learning about different types of bones and why the human skeleton is needed. This led to reading the classic story '*Funny Bones*'. In their art lesson this week they have started a brand new sketchbook and they have been exploring different types of lines.

Year 1 and 2 have been introduced to the Julia Donaldson favourite '*Cave Baby*' as their English focus of the fortnight. In their Geography lesson they have been investigating the map of the UK, finding out where we live and developing their mapping skills. In PE the children have worked with Mr Rowell to develop key fundamental skills such as jumping, running and catching. The classes have also started their new science unit linked to observing seasonal changes.

Next week we have an immersive play morning booked with Rag Tag Arts from Kendal who will be coming to school to demonstrate creative and imaginative play possibilities with large scale loose parts. We have purchased a new trolley containing various loose parts materials to help to keep the children occupied and active during their playtimes. Once the children have had their 'training' next week they will have the freedom to build and construct what they like!

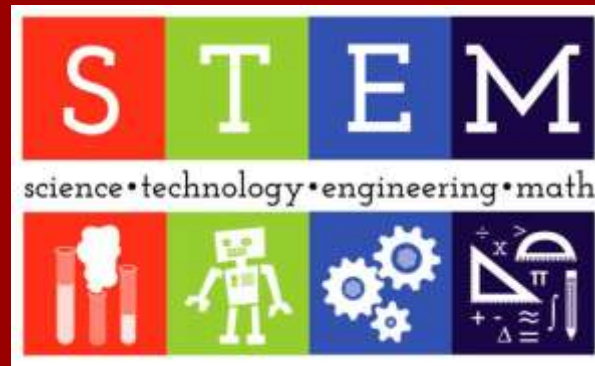
On Friday the classes will be den building on the church grass. Hopefully the weather will hold out for us!

Mrs Moore





## STEAM Pathway update



This week Mrs King and I met with Steph Hetherington from Sellafield Education Outreach team to finalise the launch of our STEAM pathway this term. The pathway now shows that each year group will be provided with exciting and immersive experiences linked to Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Maths at regular intervals throughout the year.

In the autumn term, some of the experiences children will benefit from include: physical computing with Botly robotics, constructing hedgehog houses linked to seasonal change, investigating pulleys, fulcrums and other mechanisms, building bridges and exploring how toys work. These enrichments will hopefully provide the children with a broader insight into potential career pathways in these subjects from the earliest opportunity whilst simultaneously galvanising key skills such as problem solving, collaboration, team work and communication.

Last year we appealed to our parents to express an interest if you feel that your field of work would help to contribute to this for the children. Thank you again for those that came forward.

If you expressed an interest to get involved or you would like to now, please email Steph at [educational.outreach.team@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:educational.outreach.team@sellafieldsites.com). Please could you outline your role and how you feel you could contribute to this work. Steph will be able to connect you at the appropriate point to the pathway to ensure that your input complements our curriculum.

In addition to this, our Year 2 children have been invited to a STEM discovery day in October at Whitehaven Academy.

## New multi skills after school club



Next week Mr Marshall, our sports coach, will be offering a new after school sports club for Key Stage One children. It will run on Wednesdays from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. As this will not be their usual PE day they will need to bring their PE kits in separately and they will get changed after school.

If you would like your child to take part, please sign up via School Money. Places are limited.

Each term Mr Marshall will vary the focus dependent on what the children are most interested in.

## Tapestry online platform



Nursery and Reception parents will receive log ins for Tapestry, our online platform. This will give you access to the app. Teachers use this as a means of sharing wow moments with parents, capturing photos of group activities and for class specific communication. Regular use will give you an insight into what your child is getting up to in school.

Year 1 and 2 will only be using their platform Seesaw internally going forward as the majority of children's work is recorded in books for different subjects. Photos will continue to be shared on our school Facebook and Instagram.

## Applications for a Reception and Year 3 places for September 2024



Despite the 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.

## School Council



Having a school council is a meaningful way for children to voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact them. Mrs King runs our school council meetings and the children have the opportunity to meet every few weeks to discuss things that matter to them and share ideas to improve our school further. The class reps take the ideas of the class forward to the meetings.

Our new school councillors for each class are:

Great Gable: Emily and Sam K

Melbreak: Penny and Bodhi

Catbells: Sienna and Remi

Scafell: Jessie and Bodhi

Skiddaw: Sophie and Elijah

## Worship Leaders



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Our new worship leaders are Leo T, Sam D-V, Sam S, Kain, Rudi and Lily

The children will work alongside Mrs Cocksedge to plan and deliver collective worship and help Mrs Jones with all her roles in school when they are needed. We are sure they will all do a brilliant job!

## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Elijah

**Learners of the week**

Great Gable- Sam K

Melbreak- Mollie

Catbells- Sebastian

Scafell- Beau

Skiddaw- Anandi

**Handwriters of the week**

Tex, Riley, Daisy and Blake

Well done to Anandi for achieving her silver medal for baby tap and baby song and dance during the holidays.

Well done to Ferne for finishing the inflatable 5K at Carlisle airport.

Well done to Rory and Riley for achieving the award for the library service summer reading challenge.



## 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/>

## Donations



We would be grateful of any donations of children's underwear for nursery and Reception. If your child has any that they have outgrown, please pass any donations on to the staff.

## Fussy Eaters



The Public Health 5-19 Team are running an online session to provide advice and support for parents and carers managing 'fussy', 'picky' or restrictive eating.

- Would you consider your child to be a 'fussy' or 'picky' eater?
- Are you preparing different meals for each member of the family?
- Are you concerned about the nutritional content of your child's diet?
- Does your child prefer certain food groups?
- Are mealtimes becoming a battle?

If the answer is yes you can join us via the MS Teams Link below on **Tuesday 1 October at 12.30-1.30pm**

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**Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 398 795 572 216

Passcode: MMrgcD

## E School Nurse Clinics



### 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](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19)**

You can telephone for an appointment  
**01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm**



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## Attendance and punctuality



We have joint winners for the class attendance award this week- **Melbreak, Catbells and Skiddaw**- have all got 100% attendance this week 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. The costs are £4.00 for the first hour or £7.00 for up to the full session (up to 5.15pm)

### 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					
MtW	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2nd Sept	INSET DAY	INSET DAY	Small World Animals	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Dressing Up & Role Play
9th Sept	Legs Club	Cars & Trains	Small World	Arts & Crafts	Music Night
16th Sept	Dressing Up and Role Play	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Games & Puzzles	Small World Castles & Gulls	Music Night
23rd Sept	Music Night	Small World Role Play	Legs Club	Construction, Cars & Trains	Fuzzy Bears Puppets
30th Sept	Arts & Crafts	Music Night	Dressing Up & Role Play	Small World Animals	Key Mobile Making
7th Oct	Construction, Cars & Trains	Games & Puzzles	Small World Castles & Gulls	Tree Building	Legs Club
14th Oct	Mindful Colouring & Reading	Dressing Up & Role Play	Small World Reading	Arts & Crafts	Music Night
21st Oct	Legs 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 £5.00 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**



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1-2	Hot Potato Pie	Hot Wings with sweet potatoes	Chicken Pasta with veg	Spiced Chicken with Rice	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
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## Upcoming diary dates



Thursday 19th September- Reception to Year 2 Immersive play morning: Constructing with loose parts through Rag Tag Arts

2.45pm- Year 1 'meet the teacher'/ curriculum meeting

Friday 20th September- Reception to Year 2 Den building day

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)

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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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