



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
17th April 2026**



Hi and welcome back to the summer term, which promises to be another busy one!

We have got off to a flying start with our learning throughout the school and have lots of exciting things planned for the children this term including visitors into school, residentials, Sport's Week and lots of trips.

Nursery welcomed new children this week and staff are astounded at how well the children have settled. They are already exploring their new classroom and joining in with lots of activities. This half term Nursery have the themes of Bears and Growing to look forward to and our older Nursery will be starting their Read, Write, Inc journey. More information will follow about this.

Reception have settled back in to school well and have made a start on their theme of Plants and Animals. They have also produced some beautiful clay pots in art and will start to look at the sculptures of Dame Barbara Hepworth.

KS1 have been busy writing their own version of The Min Pins in English and learning how to quarter and halve quantities and shapes. They also had a lovely afternoon making overnight oats in DT too.

I have been lucky enough to complete a 'handwriting book look' over the holidays, using books from all classes. I am thrilled with the progress that has been made by all of the children in this area and they should be very proud of themselves. The staff are doing an amazing job at ensuring that handwriting and presentation is of a high standard in all areas. There is more information about handwriting on our website and please feel free to chat to staff about it too.

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope we get some sunshine,

Miss Sapsed





OPAL Play - Mud Kitchen



We have opened our 'Fairy Garden' this week, which is part of our OPAL play. Next week, we hope to open our mud kitchen, We are still struggling to source pots, pans, cutlery etc, so if you have any that you would like to donate, this would be greatly appreciated.

Head Lice



Unfortunately, we have had several cases of head lice in school this week. Please can you ensure that regularly check your child's hair and treat them and the full family as needed. More information can be found using the link below.

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

Upcoming Church Services and Community Events



FAMILY SERVICE
In St. James' Church
1st SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH

11:30am

Followed by bacon butties & hotdogs in the community centre



YOU ARE WELCOME HERE



Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Finley

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Hannah and Reuben

Melbreak- Rosie

Catbells- Bella

Scafell- Hady

Skiddaw- Ricardo

Handwriters of the week - Esther, Isaac, Penny ad Thivien

Achievements outside of school - Alfie, Charlie, Bodhi, Toby, Isaac, Elijah, Daisy, Rowan, Alexia, Maverick, Amari and Jules.

Superstar Readers - Bodhi, Finley, Charlie, Ava, Elijah, Zachary, Lowe, Sonny, James, Mario, Gabe, Anandi, Albert, Georgie, Hady, Finley, Emma, Daisy, Penny, Narla, James, Noah, Ember, Max, Toby, Elsie, Emily, Esther, Bradley and Blake.







Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership



C S C P

If you **SEE** something... **SAY** something!

Are you concerned about a child or family?

If you **see** or hear something that worries you...
say something!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

To report a child safeguarding concern call:

Cumberland Safeguarding Hub – **0333 240 1727**

Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Hub – **0300 373 2724**

NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**

In an emergency call **999**

Help us keep our children safe in Cumbria

Got an itch? Tummy trouble? Tickly cough?



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



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



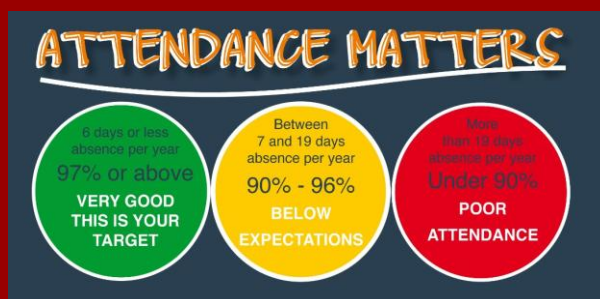
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Disability Access Fund



If your child is in Nursery and receives Disability Living Allowance (or you receive it for them) please let Mrs Brown in the office know. If you do, we can then apply access additional funding to help support them even more in class.

Attendance and punctuality



Catbells were our attendance winners this week with 98.9%! Well done everyone !

The more children are in school the more the children have chances to succeed. Good attendance correlates strongly to good attainment and progress.

Our whole school attendance this week was 98.1 %, **3.7% higher** than the Primary National average of 94.4%! Well done to everyone who came into school this week. Thank you, we appreciate your commitment to helping us secure very good attendance. It really does pay dividends for your child's progress.

Well done to everyone who received our attendance certificates this term too.

Letting school know about absence



We are having to complete more welfare home visits due to parents not ringing in with a reason for absence. If we do not hear from parents and cannot contact them, school have a duty to check on the welfare of a child and a home visit needs to be completed. Please can you let us know by phone call or email as to why your child is absent by 9.30am that morning.

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 middle Key Stage 1 classroom (door with the ramp on the bottom yard)..

Activities

Lots of different activities are provided each day for the children. They are welcome to choose from a variety of different games, crafts, construction and many other activities as well as our set activity for the day.

After School Club Activities
2025 –2026 Summer 1



W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13th April	Quiet Crafts 	Small World Play 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation and Reading 	Games and Jigsaws 
20th April	Lego Club 	Outdoor Play 	Small World Animals 	Mindful Colouring 	Small World Cars and Trains 
27th April	Games and Jigsaws 	Small World Play 	Lego Club 	Outdoor Play 	Relaxation & Reading Night 
4th May	School Closed May Bank Holiday	Outdoor Play 	Small World Trains & Cars 	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 
11th May	Painting and Arts 	Construction Club 	Small World Play 	Games and Jigsaws 	Outdoor Play 
18th May	Teddy Bear's Picnic 	Small World Play 	Lego Club 	Quiet Crafts 	Jigsaws 

*Feel free to book on for regular or one-off sessions if your child would like to attend.
Sessions cost £5.50 for up to 2 hours
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.

SUMMER WEEK 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Chicken Nuggets (or Quorn Nuggets), Potatoes Waffles & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>or</p> <p>Vegetable Risotto with Garlic Bread</p> <p>Sweetcorn</p> <p>Shortbread Finger & Chocolate Milkshake Fruit</p>	<p>Fishcakes, New Potatoes & Beans</p> <p>or</p> <p>Minced Beef & Potato Pie with Broccoli</p> <p>Mango Fairy Cake Fruit</p>	<p>Beef Bolognese/ Veggie Bolognese with Pasta</p> <p>or</p> <p>Chicken Strips, Roast Potatoes & Tomato Ketchup</p> <p>Peas</p> <p>Digestive Biscuit, Cheese & Satsuma Yoghurt</p>	<p>Beef Burger/ Vegan Sausage, Potato Wedges & Spaghetti Hoops</p> <p>or</p> <p>Sweet & Sour Pork with Noodles and Green Beans</p> <p>Iced Vanilla Sponge Fruit</p>	<p>Chicken Cubes, Mashed Potato and Carrots</p> <p>or</p> <p>Cheese Pie, Mashed Potato & Beans</p> <p>Ice Cream Tubs Fruit</p>

Upcoming diary dates



- 30th April to 1st May - Hawes End for Y2
- 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
- 12th May - Class Photos
- Sport's Week - Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May (more details will follow)
- Sport's Day - Wednesday 20th May (more details to follow)
- **22nd May Break up for Half Term (normal finishing times)**
- **2nd June at 2.00 - OPAL Stay and Play session for parents**

**Please note further dates will be added as they arise throughout the term.*

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