



**St James' Church of England Infant and  
Nursery School  
1st May 2026**



What a week it has been in school!

Our Year 2 children have had an amazing time at Hawes End, once they finally got there! We were so proud of their attitude when trying new activities and their willingness to 'have a go!' A huge thank you to all the staff for making this possible, they have well and truly earned their long weekend.

Thank you you to Mrs Hetherington and her team from Sellafield Educational Outreach Programme, who joined us in school this week. They led sessions across the school using Bluebot technology. The children were fully engrossed in their learning and had lots of fun!

This week the Nursery children have been setting up a Teddy Bear's Picnic in maths and exploring the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

In Reception, the pupils have continued with their learning about growth and the environment. I was amazed by the colleges they made in art using natural materials. In Literacy, they are continuing to read 'So Much!' and in Maths they are learning about 1 more and 1 less.

Year 1 pupils have been reading 'Tadpole's Promise' and learning about the frog's life cycle. In maths they have been learning to tell the time with O'clock and half past.

Our OPAL play has been in full swing this week, due to the amazing weather. We hope you have enjoyed all the lovely photos on Facebook. I have attached a link to a document that details what OPAL play is and why play is so valuable to our children.

[7.13 GUIDANCE Power of Playtime!.pdf](#)

Finally, a huge congratulations to Miss Bibby and Miss Deans who have recieved their HLTA qualification this week. We are all so proud of you.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend,

Miss Sapsed





## Leavers Hoodies



Year 2 Leavers Hoodies are available to order from the shop on SchoolMoney now. The closing date to order is TODAY so that we can get them made up in time for half term. Any orders received after the closing date may be subject to additional costs such as postage etc,

The hoodies will be burgundy with all of the children's names printed inside a 26 outline. The Year 2 children will be allowed to wear their hoodies after half term.

Mrs Moore



Just to let everyone know that Mrs Moore will be returning to the Infant school in September and move back into her role as Headteacher. The recruitment process has been started for the Junior School and we wish them all the best for the future. It will be lovely to have you back Mrs Moore!

## 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**



**NEW CLASSES COMING TO CAMPUS WHITEHAVEN**



**STARTS SUNDAY 3RD MAY!**

Classes on Sundays at **Campus Whitehaven** for ages 18 months to 5 years.



1 - FootyTykes run fun and engaging football classes for toddlers and young children. They're excited to be launching new sessions in Whitehaven starting on Sunday 3rd May, designed for children aged 18 months to 5 years.

Parents can find more information and book a place here:

<https://footytykes.classforkids.io>

Sessions focus on building confidence, coordination, and a love for being active in a friendly and inclusive environment.



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Saturday  
16th May  
2026

11am -  
4pm

# Family FUN! Day

FREE  
ENTRY



@ St Bees School playing fields, CA27 0DS



## Our weekly celebrations



**Headteacher Award-** Aaron

### Learners of the week

**Great Gable-** Beau and Brandon

**Melbreak-** Mia

**Catbells-** Ruby

**Scafell-** Georgie

**Skiddaw-** Cleo

**Handwriters of the week -** Kaitlinn, Sam, Sacha and Ivy

**Superstar Readers -** Florrie and Rowan

**Golden Wellie -** Noah, Bodhi S, Georgie and Hope



## Gardeners Required



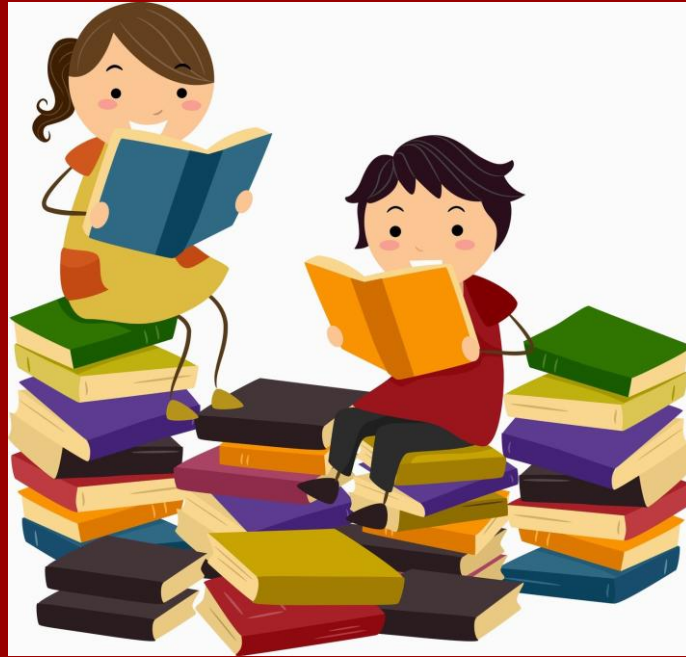
Have you green fingers and can help us in school? We have various pots and planters around the school that need tidied and updated. If you would like to come into school and help us with this, it would be greatly appreciated. We will provide everything that is needed, even children to lend a hand! Please speak to the school office if this is something you would be interested in doing. Thank you so much to Rowan's Grandma who has already been into school and helped us with the Nursery yard.

## Pet related soft toys



Reception are looking for cuddly toys that are pet related, as they move onto learning about animals. If anyone has any dogs, cats, fish toys that they would like to donate, this would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

## Y1 Phonics Screening



This year the Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests will be week beginning 8th June. Staff have been busy this week assessing and identifying any gaps in learning that the children may have, so you may receive some work home to support your child with this. The test is not stressful and very similar to what we do for RWI in school, so nothing to worry about. For more information on the test please use the link below.

[Phonics screening check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Cumbria Safeguarding  
Children Partnership



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# 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](http://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**

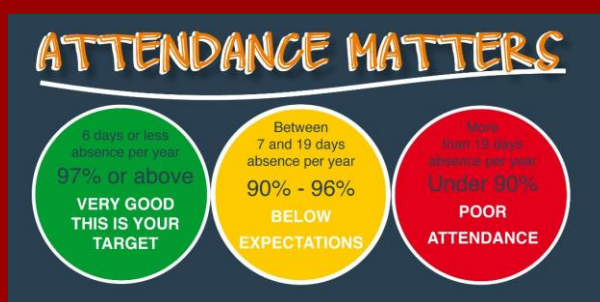
Please read the information leaflet or visit:  
[www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19)

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



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## Attendance and punctuality



**Catbells** were our attendance winners this week with **97.8%**! 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 **96.3%**, **0.6% higher** than the Primary National average of **95.7%**! 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.

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.

**School Lunch Menu**

Plus: Filled Jacket Potato options and Wraps/Sandwiches Available each day

**SUMMER WEEK 1**

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

## Upcoming diary dates



- 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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