



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
8th May 2026**



Welcome to this week's newsletter!

The weeks seem to be flying by at the moment and as always, we have lots going on in school.

I have had the pleasure of spending time in classes this week, observing lessons, looking at books and chatting to the children. As always, I am astounded by our children's wonderful attitude to learning, their outstanding knowledge and excellent behaviour. The lessons that the staff deliver are amazing, as were the interactions I saw between the staff and pupils. A huge well done everyone!

Year 1 and 2 have been lucky enough to visit the Beacon this week, as part of their learning in History. A huge thank you to Alan from The Beacon, who brings history to life for our pupils whenever we visit. The teachers commented on the children's brilliant behaviour and their readiness to learn.

Reception are having a busy week. They are been looking at the work of Dame Barbara Hepworth and this week used plasticine to design and make their own sculpture. They are reading 'So Much' in English and have been looking at number bonds to 10.

I was lucky enough to teach our older Nursery children this week and can see how ready they now are for Reception. They are sitting beautifully and participating in whole class discussions. They loved showing me how they can hold a pencil in the correct grip, which is something they are working hard on as a class. They are reading 'Tad' in English and learning new words such as 'hope' and 'gulp'. Younger Nursery are reading 'We're going on a bear hunt' and are enjoying joining in the repeating refrains in the book. They put on their wellies and walked through 'thick oozy mud' and the children have enjoyed taking our 'Everywhere Bear' home at night. He has been shopping, played on a slide and even had his hair brushed.

Have a lovely weekend,

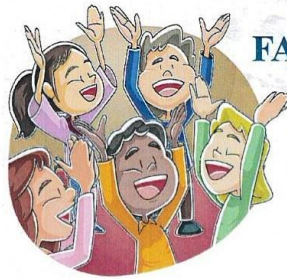
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Upcoming Church Services and Community Events

 *the parish of*
WHITEHAVEN



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**



Jesus

And

Me

the parish of
WHITEHAVEN



Church

**IN ST. JAMES' COMMUNITY
CENTRE 1:30pm to 3:30pm**

Tuesday May 26th

**Includes a tea of hotdogs &
snacks.**

Children must be accompanied by an adult


ST BEES SCHOOL

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:
Beckham & St Bees Scouts
Sea Cadets
St Bees ODS
St Bees School
St Bees VSA
Wimereu Attractions

**Saturday
16th May
2026**

**11am -
4pm**

**Family
FUN!
Day**

**FREE
ENTRY**



@ St Bees School playing fields, CA27 0DS



Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Mario

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Abdulbarr and Zain

Melbreak- Soolihah

Catbells- Rowan

Scafell- Beau

Skiddaw- Reggie

Handwriters of the week - Freddie, Florrie, Asal and Daisy

Superstar Readers - Nero, Lily S and Reggie

Golden Wellie - Charlie- Cole and Georgie

Out of school achievement - Brooklynn and Martha





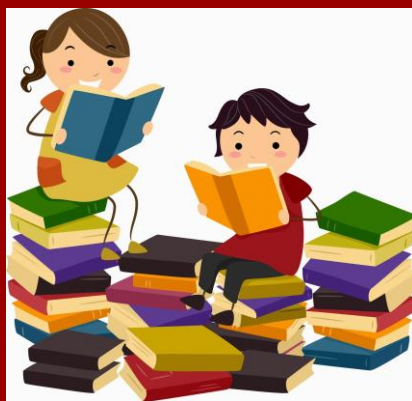
Pet related soft toys



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.

If anyone can source us two wooden palettes to use as a stage, we would very much appreciate it. 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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents)

Sport's Week



Our annual sport's week will start on Monday 18th May. During this week we have visits from lots of coaches, providing children with different sporting experiences. Children can come to school in PE kits all week and wear suitable footwear for sporting activities.

Sport's Day



Our Sport's afternoon will be held on Wednesday 20th May on the church yard, opposite school. Nursery and Reception will start us off from 12.00pm and Key Stage 1 will have their races from 1.30pm onwards.

You will be told in the coming week which colour team your child is in and children can wear a t-shirt or clothing to match their team that day.

Nursery and Reception pupils can be collected from school after their events are finished to either watch their siblings race or go home. KS1 pupils will be brought back to school after their events have finished and they too can be collected from school. After school club will run as normal for those who cannot make it.

As always, the children will be on one side of the church yard and parents on the other. We politely request that you do not cross over the track for safeguarding reasons, thus ensuring that staff can monitor the children safely. Please do not take any child from the church yard, they must only be collected from school. Mrs Brown will be on hand to take photographs for Facebook, so please can we ask that parents refrain from taking their own photographs. We have several children who are not allowed to be on social media for safeguarding reasons. Thank you for your cooperation and we hope to see you all there.

Class Photographs



We are having our class photographs taken on Tuesday next week. We ask that all children come into school in the correct uniform. The photos will be available to buy online once they have been processed.

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**

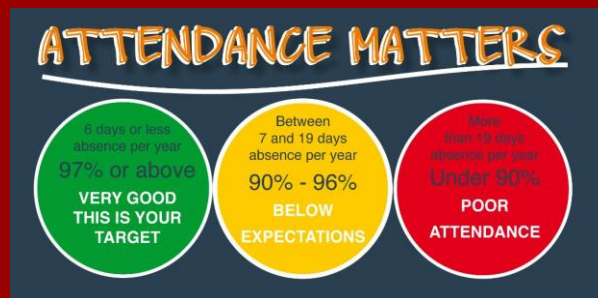
Please read the information leaflet or visit:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

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



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Attendance and punctuality



Melbreak were our attendance winners this week with **98.5%**! 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 **95.4%**, **0.1 % lower** than the Primary National average of **95.5%**. 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








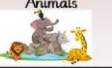








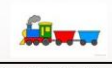












Breakfast and After School Club Bookings are to be made in advance via our online system School Money. Please note that you cannot book via School Money on the day, all bookings must be made by midnight the day before. For emergency bookings at short notice you can still ring the school office. Feel 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.

SUMMER WEEK 2

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pineapple Pizza or Roast Salmon Steak with New Potatoes & Tomato Ketchup Sweetcorn Chocolate Flapjack Fruit	Pork Meatballs / Vegan Sausage in Tomato Sauce with Pasta and Broccoli or Chicken Fried Rice and Naan Bread Lemon Muffin Fruit	Roast Turkey / Quorn Pieces, Roast Potato, Carrot & Swede Mash and Gravy or Toasted Cheese and Ham Wrap, Lettuce and Tomato Yoghurt Fruit Cocktail	Cottage Pie / Veggie Mince Cottage Pie topped with Sliced Potato or Battered Chicken Burger, Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup Peas Frozen Mousse Fruit	Fish Fingers Potato Waffles and Beans or Minced Beef Enchiladas, Sweetcorn & Peas Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



- 12th May - Class Photos
- Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May - Sport's Week - (more details will follow)
- **19th May - Reception trip to Lake District Wildlife Park**
- Wednesday 20th May (more details to follow) - Sport's Day
- Friday 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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