



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
15th May 2026**



Welcome to this week's newsletter!

We have had lots of visitors in school this week to work with the staff and the children. Firstly, we had a visit from our school advisor, Carolyn Singleton. She spent time in each class and looked through children's Writing Books. She gave us lots of wonderful feedback such as 'the walkthrough of the school was very positive. Classrooms were calm and purposeful. There was a warm, settled feel around the school'. She also felt that 'real progress could be seen in the children's writing'. As always, she gave us advice to further strengthen our practice. A huge well done to the staff and children for always being their amazing selves and working so hard.

Our second visit was from our local Read, Write Inc consultant, Carrie Conway. She spent time observing and coaching teachers, as well as working with our reading lead, Mrs Chambers. Again, this was a very positive visit and Carrie was pleased with what she saw.

In Nursery, children have been working very hard. They have had a lovely Teddy Bear's Picnic today and looked at famous inventors during structured story. They have also been busy making patterns in Maths.

Reception pupils got an amazing treat on Tuesday, when they were visited by Pet Encounters. They learned about the characteristics of different reptiles and their different habitats.

KS1 pupils have had lots of super learning around Carlisle Spedding who was the inventor of the Spedding Steel Mill. Please ask your children for any amazing facts that they have learned. A huge thank you to Reggie's Mum who brought in a plaque from the house that Carlisle used to live in. This really brought our learning to life!

Next week is Sport's Week and we can't wait to see you all on Wednesday for our annual Sport's Afternoon. We will keep you fully informed of whether we may need to cancel due to the weather, but hopefully we will get a dry day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Sapsed



Opal Stay and Play



Our OPAL Stay and Play session for Reception and Key Stage 1 parents will be held on Tuesday 2nd June at 2.00pm. Anna Dutson, who is our OPAL mentor will spend time talking to parents about the importance of play and then you will get to experience our OPAL provision with your child. We hope you can make it.

Non Uniform Day



Friday 5th June (first week back after half term) - We are holding a non-Uniform day to collect items for our Hampers and Chocolate Tombola for our Summer Fayre on the 19th June.

Please can children wear non uniform in return for bringing items as below.

NURSERY We ask that all the children in Nursery bring in an item or two of chocolate for our fantastic Chocolate Tombola at the Fayre. This could be a box of chocolates, bars of chocolate, chocolate oranges etc - anything is gratefully received.

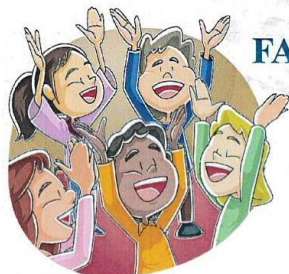
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 The Reception and Key Stage 1 children are asked to bring in an item for their class hamper. Each class has a colour theme. Items could be toiletries, bottles of wine, sweets, chocolates, small gifts etc. as long as they suit the themed colour.

The colours are: Melbreak and Catbells: Red Scafell: Blue Skiddaw: Green

Two of the Hampers will be raffled off at the summer fayre and the third at the end of our Year 2 performance later in the term.

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



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Beckermat & St Bees Scouts
Bee Unique
St Bees RNLI
St Bees School
St Bees V&A
Wilmots Attractions

Family FUN! Day

Saturday
16th May
2026

11am -
4pm

FREE
ENTRY



@ St Bees School playing fields, CA27 ODS



No Alcohol - No Dogs

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Lily L

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Anna and Reuben

Melbreak- Juan

Catbells- Reya

Scafell- Mahnaz

Skiddaw- Elijah

Handwriters of the week - Bodhi, Skyla, Harper and Leo G

Golden Wellie - Lily S and Rory

Out of school achievement - Alfie, Toby, Barnaby, Brooklynn and Elijah

Superstar Readers - Emily, Elsie, Rosie, Esther, Skyla, Ember, Ezra, Rey, Rowan, Narla, Zara, Sacha, Aynaz and Vova.







Sport's Week



Our annual sport's week will start next week on Monday 18th May. During the 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 should now know 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.

Summer Fayre



It's that time of year again where we will be preparing for our Summer Fayre which takes place this year on

Friday 19th June at 2.00pm.

It is always a fun afternoon for parents and children alike. There will be games, stalls and lots of fun activities for everyone. In the coming weeks we will giving further arrangements however here are some note-worthy dates for you.

- Friday 5th June (first week back after half term) - Non-Uniform day to collect items for our Hampers and Chocolate Tombola.
- Week commencing 15th June - we will be collecting pre-loved toys for our Toy Stall (start having a sort out in half term!)
- Friday 19th June am. Please could we have donations of cakes for our cake stall.
- Friday 19th June 2.00pm Summer Fayre. All children should be collected. We ask that parents come to school to collect your child at 2.00pm then accompany them round the Fayre. Staff will be manning the stalls so a prompt pick up is really appreciated.

Our Fayre is always a big success and is an important school fundraiser so we really do appreciate everyone's help. If we have any parents willing to help with the setup and manning stalls, please speak to Mrs Brown in the school office.

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**

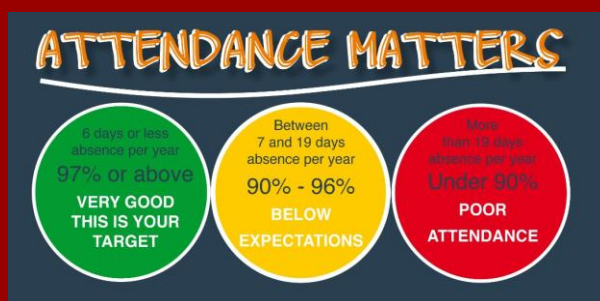
Please read the information leaflet or visit:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

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



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Attendance and punctuality



Catbells were our attendance winners this week with 100%! 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 97.6%, 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	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.

We have had a number of children recently, not liking their choice of meal. Please can parents check with their child when ordering, as they will know from having it before if they like it or not.



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

School Lunch Menu



SUMMER WEEK 3				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato Pasta & Garlic Bread	Cod in Batter, Potato Wedges & Beans	All Day Breakfast: Lorne Sausage / Vegan Sausage Hash Brown Omelette Spaghetti Hoops	Shredded Beef in Gravy with Mashed Potato, Broccoli & Yorkshire Pudding	Margherita Pizza
or	or	or	or	or
Sticky Beef & Rice	Beef Lasagne with Cucumber and Pepper Sticks	Chicken Kebab, Lettuce, Tomato & Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Noodles and Naan Bread	Pork & Pineapple Curry & Rice
Peas	Anzac Biscuits	Krispie Cake	Iced Chocolate Red Velvet Cake	Sweetcorn
Ginger Sponge & Custard Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	or Fruit	Fruity Jelly Yoghurt

Upcoming diary dates



- 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
- **5th June - Non Uniform day**
- **9th June at 2.30pm - Nursery Read, Write, Inc demonstration (just for children starting Reception in September)**
- **16th June Summer Fayre starts at 2.00pm**

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

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