



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

22nd May 2026



Welcome to this week's newsletter and what a week it has been crammed full of trips, sports and enrichment activities!

We have had an amazing Sport's Week, despite the miserable weather. Children have been able to experience a range of sports such as Rugby, Football, Skateboarding, Dance the list is endless!

A huge thank you to all our coaches and volunteers who made this possible for our children, we truly appreciate it.

I have popped a date for a new Sport's Afternoon below and hope you can join us. Fingers crossed for better weather!

Nursery had a brilliant trip to Morrisons to bring their learning about shopping to life. They looked at the different parts of the shop and got to 'buy' things at the till. Their behaviour was excellent.

Reception had a trip to The Lake District Wildlife Park. They managed to dodge the rain and had a great day learning about lots of different animals. Again, their behaviour was brilliant.

KS1 had a visit from our local Town Crier, Marc Goodwin, who came to talk about the history of his job. The children even got to hear his famous proclamation, a great way to bring our history to life. Thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Butterworth for organising this.

Please be aware lots of new dates have been added to the diary at the bottom of the newsletter.

Have a restful half term and enjoy the predicted heat wave!

Miss Sapsed



Class Photographs



Just a reminder that our recently taken class photographs are now available to buy online. Place your order before this Sunday 25th May 2026 to get free delivery to school. If you order after that date you will be charged for postage. Follow the link below to order.

<https://heidibeaphotography.gotphoto.co.uk/gc/sCfuURxCijLeW497swNB>

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. Please come to the main entrance if you are joining us.

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.

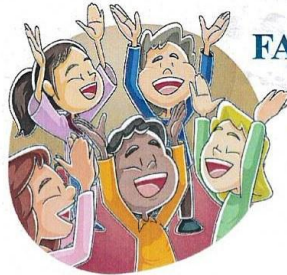
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 The Reception and Key Stage 1 children are asked to bring in an item for their class hamper. Each class has a colour theme. Items could be toiletries, bottles of wine, sweets, chocolates, small gifts etc. as long as they suit the themed colour.

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



Community Sports Trust

WHITEHAVEN MAY SOCCER SCHOOL

Thursday 28 May - Friday 29 May

Ages 5-13

£30 for full camp
£20 per day



TENT CLUB

ROSEHILL



Join the arty party!

Wednesdays, 15:30 - 17:30

Term-time only. Whitehaven AFC. Coach Road, CA28 9DB

What Happens at Tent Club?

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| Construction | Den building |
| Puppets | Gardening |
| Sensory play | Print making |
| Acting | Painting |
| Sewing | Clay |
| Foam block battles | Snacks |
| Ice cream shops | Anything you can imagine... |

Proudly supported by



1 - Tent Club - free to attend and no need to book!

Any queries email Hannah at hannah.kessler@rosehilltheatre.co.uk

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Hady

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Ezra S and Oakley

Melbreak- Elsie

Catbells- William

Scafell- James

Skiddaw- Leo G

Handwriters of the week - Charlie, Soolihah, James and Rory

Golden Wellie - Alfie and Charlie-Cole

Out of school achievement - Ezra Y, Mahnaz, Beau, Alfie and Blake





Sport's Day - rescheduled



Thank you for your understanding regarding Sport's Day this week. When we looked at the church yard the day before, the grassed area was very muddy and more rain was forecast. We did not want to risk any injuries.

We have rescheduled for Friday 26th June with the EYFS starting at 12.00 and KS1 at 1.30.

Children will be sat on one side of the church yard and parents will be on the other. We politely ask that you do not cross over the track to see your children for safety reasons and to ensure they do not become upset.

Children will return to school and can be collected from there after each session, they should not be taken from the church. EYFS pupils can be collected after their session if you would like to take them to watch their siblings or take them home. KS1 events should finish around 3ish and they can be collected from school after this. After school club will run as normal.

Mrs Brown will be on hand to take photographs, so we would ask that you do not do this for safeguarding reasons. We have a number of pupils who are not allowed their photos on social media. Thank you!

After School Sport's Club

After school club with our sport's coach will be for **Reception only** in the final half term. The focus will be multi skills. Places will be on a first come, first served basis and can be booked via School Money.

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.

Nursery Read, Write Inc Demonstration



Mrs Chambers will be holding a Read, Write, Inc Nursery demonstration for parents of pupils joining Reception in September. It will be on Tuesday 9th June at 2.30 if you would like to join us and find out about how phonics/reading is taught in our school.

Parking

Please help us keep our community safe by parking responsibly around school.

Police Headquarters
Carleton Hall
Penrith
CA10 2AU

Telephone: 101
Website: www.cumbria.police.uk



POLICE MESSAGE
Parking problems at drop-off and pick-up times

Dear Parent/Carer,

Concerns have been raised about parking around the school at peak times. Examples of poor parking have included blocked pavements, parking over dropped curbs, on zig-zag road markings and other access points. This seriously increases the risk of harm to children trying to safely cross the road, as well as causing access problems for local residents.

To help minimise the risk to children and ease the disruption to residents by those that park in this way, police will be conducting an operation to educate motorists on parking laws and if necessary, prosecute those who park illegally.

Drivers, who have not done so to date, are asked to park legally and considerately, away from the school entrances and only park against full kerbs.

Please do not park or pull over to drop children off in front school entrances, driveways, zig-zag road markings and dropped kerbs. Please also avoid parking in front of the pedestrian entrance to the school site. Failure to do so could result in a prosecution leading to a FINE or even PENALTY POINTS being issued for certain offences.

Please see leaflet accompanying this letter for details of road signs and markings which show where you shouldn't park.

What can you do to help?

There are a number of ways you can help resolve this community matter:

- Those living nearby can avoid the cost and inconvenience to themselves and others by walking children to and from school.
- Parents can consider lift sharing with friends and/or neighbours.
- Using the parking spaces on nearby roads which are often unused, would relieve pressure on areas closer to school entrance points.
- Allow yourself more time to find safe considerate parking.

Your help and efforts to resolve this issue is appreciated by the police and the school management. Your local policing team would be happy to discuss any issues or concerns you have with these issues.

Kind regards

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Road Safe / Park Safe

Always park in a safe and considerate manner to avoid a child or pedestrian being hurt.

Before you set off on the school run, please think about where you are going to park so that you keep children safe.

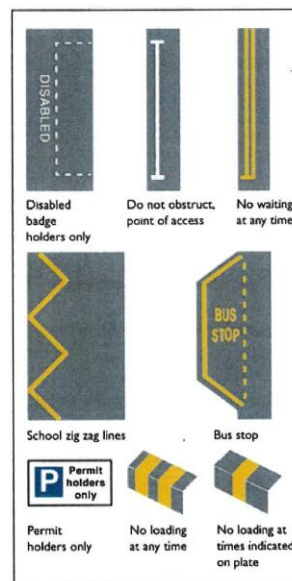
Parking on the zigzags around schools means that Children cannot see over your car when trying to cross the road, so please park in a safe place to avoid accidents.

If you park in a dangerous place you may be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCNs) for:

- Stopping on school zig zag lines and zebra crossings
- Parking on double yellow lines and verges
- Parking in residents' and disabled parking bays where a valid badge is not displayed
- Parking in taxi ranks
- Parking outside marked bays
- Staying too long in time limited waiting areas
- Failing to pay and display a valid parking ticket where there is a parking charge.
- Obstructing pedestrian and vehicle access points where there are dropped kerbs
- Double parking

The Police have a duty to enforce other traffic offences, which can result in penalty points being issued on your Driving Licence. These include:

- Dangerous parking
- Causing obstruction
- Parking on pedestrian crossings
- Other traffic offences



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www.cumbria.police.uk [cumbriapolice](https://www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice)



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 BRONZE AWARD
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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**

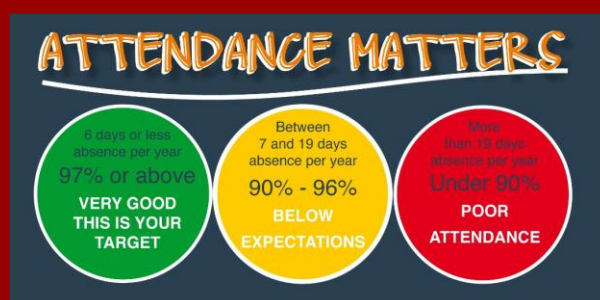
Please read the information leaflet or visit:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

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



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Attendance and punctuality



Skiddaw were our attendance winners this week with 98.8%! 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 **92.1%**, **3.5% lower** than the Primary National average of **95.6%**. 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.

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 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



- 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)**
- **19th June Summer Fayre starts at 2.00pm**
- **25th June 2.30 - Y2 meeting for parents at the juniors**
- **26th June - New Sport's Day**
- **1st July - Move Up Morning**
- **2nd July - Y2 Performance of Aladdin - 9.30 and 5.00 (more information to follow)**
- **15th July - Y2 Leaver's Service at Church 2.30p.m.**
- **17th July 1.30 - Finish for Summer (No After School Club that day)**

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

Contact Us



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