



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
5th June 2026**



Welcome to this week's newsletter

Firstly, I'd like to thank a parents and carers who came to our OPAL Stay and Play on Tuesday. It was an amazing afternoon and I was thrilled with the turn out. We hope you found the session useful and got a better understanding of how OPAL works. Thank you for the kind offers of equipment too - I cannot wait to get our canoe!

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Pattinson who has been shortlisted as a finalist in the North West OPAL awards. She was nominated for her attitude, effort and love of OPAL. She brings dedication and amazing play opportunities for our children. We all wish her good luck!

It has been a busy first week back and classes have started their new learning themes. Nursery have started their activities around the theme 'In the Garden'. They have been very busy planting in areas of provision and have produced some beautiful clay spiders.

Reception have started their learning about space and are already engrossed in their lessons. Over the next few weeks they will learn about astronauts such as Tim Peake and Mae Jamison and will be lucky enough to visit Levels in town, to bring their learning to life.

Year 1 are busy preparing for their phonics screening test which will be held next week. The children are trying so hard with this and we are thrilled with their progress. It would be helpful if they could practise sounds and reading at home over the weekend to prepare them.

Year 2 are very excited about their up and coming Aladdin performance. This week the staff have held auditions and have practised some of the songs. You will be notified of parts and any lines to learn in the coming week. We have also changed the date of the performance to give the children more time to practise. The new date is now **Thursday 9th July** and we will let you know how to purchase tickets closer to the time.

Have an amazing weekend,

Miss Sapsed





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**



West Cumbria
Dyslexia Association



Helpline 07704 326 452

West Cumbria Dyslexia Association



Saturday 4th July 2026 10am-12pm

The Presbytery, Kirkby Street, Maryport, Cumbria, CA156EX



Come and talk to us!

Saturday hubs : Maryport support is Sharon, Christine ,Abi, Jean and Lucy

Try our resources!



Registered Charity No: 010118



Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Luna

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Ava W and Carson-Jax

Melbreak- Sam K

Catbells- Blake B

Scafell- Lowe

Skiddaw- Gabe

Handwriters of the week - Vova, Lily S, Mario and Teddy

Golden Wellie - Delilah, Isaac and Ricardo

Out of school achievement - Bodhi R, Emily, Zara and Ezra S





Help Needed!



As you know, we have rescheduled our Sport's Afternoon for **Friday 26th June with the EYFS starting at 12.00 and KS1 at 1.30.**

We did previously have the grass cut at the church, which was very expensive. It will need cut again by then and we are hoping we may have some families who could come to help us cut the grass (you would have to bring your own mowers/strimmers). If this is something you can support us with, please speak to your class teacher.

We also have a loose step in the playground and are looking for anyone who could help fix it. Again, if you can could help, let your child's teacher know.

Many thanks

After School Sports

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. Apologies for the cancellation this week, the coach was unable to attend.

Summer Fayre



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

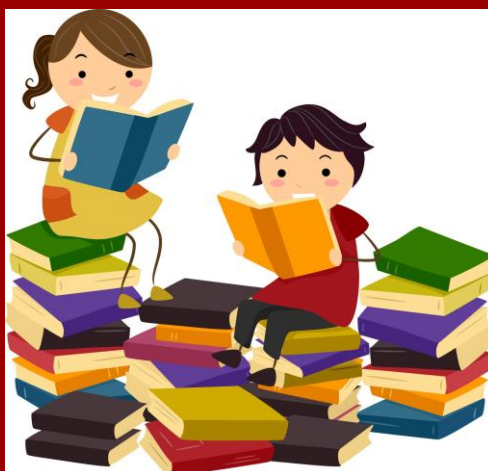
Friday 19th June at 2.00pm.

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.

- **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.

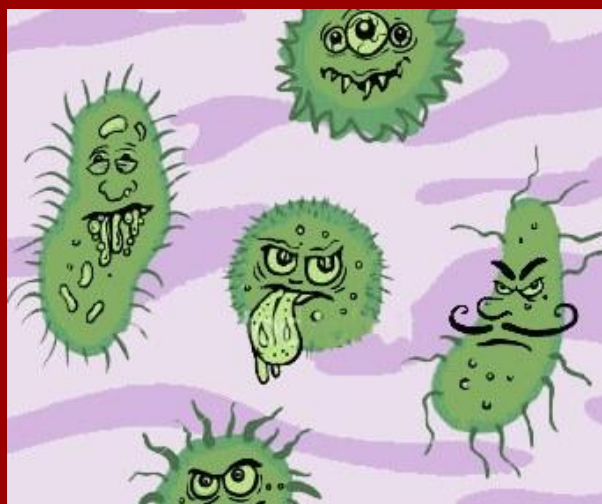
Our Fayre is always a big success and is an important school fundraiser so we really do appreciate everyone's help. If we have any parents willing to help with the setup and manning stalls, please speak to Mrs Brown in the school office.

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.

Sickness Bug



We have had a lot of cases of sickness and diarrhoea in school this week. If your child is ill, they must be kept off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. I cannot stress the importance of this enough.

We have several staff members who are ill and we want to try and stop other children getting poorly too. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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**

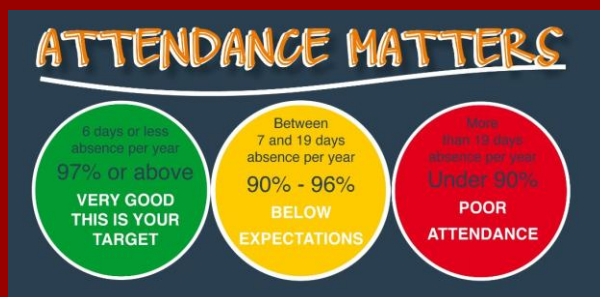
Please read the information leaflet or visit:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

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 **99.4%**! 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%**, **1.8% higher** than the Primary National average of **93.6%**. 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.

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.

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



- 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
- 9th 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.*

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