



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
10th July 2026**



Welcome to this the last newsletter of the academic year.

I would like to start by congratulating the Year 2 staff and children on their incredible Aladdin performances this week. I am sure you will all agree that every child was amazing. We are all so proud of them. On that note, I would like to say how sad I am that next week is their last week in school. They have been an amazing year group from start to finish and I know there won't be a dry eye in house when we say our goodbyes next week. They will be a huge miss to all the staff at school and we wish them well for the next step of their journey. The Juniors are very lucky to be getting such wonderful children.

Our Year 2 Leavers Collective Worship will be in the church on 15th July at 2.30p.m. we hope to see all our of Year 2 Parents there.

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to two members of staff next week. Miss Johnstone, who has been class teacher in Nursery, and Miss Lawson who has been a TA in Nursery. Thank you both so much for everything over the last few months and we wish you well for the future.

We hope you managed to read our fantastic SIAMS report which was published this week. I am so incredibly proud of all the staff, parents, Governors and most of all the children for their role in this. It really does prove what an amazing school St James' is.

On behalf of all of the staff, we would like to thank you for all of your support this year and wish you a lovely summer.

Miss Sapsed



End of Term Arrangements



Please note that school finishes at 1.00pm on Friday next week (17th July) for the summer break. Children should be picked up from the usual exits. There will be no after school club that day.

September Starting Back Dates



Tuesday 1st September is our INSET day. Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year2) children all start back to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Nursery staff will be completing home visits on Wednesday and Thursday that week so **existing** Nursery children

will start back on Friday 4th September. Our New Nursery children will start on Monday 7th September. This staggered start will allow all of children to settle in gradually.

Nursery Muncaster Trip



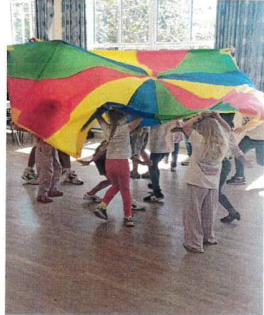
Nursery will be visiting Muncaster Castle on 13th July. Please note that parents or relatives must accompany children. Further information can be found on the link from School Money.

Upcoming Church Services and Community Events

Jesus
And
Me Church



the parish of
WHITEHAVEN



**IN ST. JAMES' COMMUNITY
CENTRE 1:30pm to 3:30pm**
Monday 24th of August
**Includes a tea of hotdogs &
snacks.**

Children must be accompanied by an adult

150 YEARS OF Mothers' UNION
Join us, Join in

FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

17-19TH JULY @ RYDAL HALL

BOOK SATURDAY
£36 PER FAMILY WITH QR CODE

ALL ACTIVITIES FREE
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION COSTS EXTRA

BOUNCY CASTLES

BIG PICNIC

TRAILS

CRAFTS

FUN STEM WORKSHOPS

CAMPING

BALLOONS

TODDLER SPACE

MAGIC

DEN BUILDING

OPEN-AIR SERVICE

1ST 50 FAMILIES TO BOOK GET 2 FREE PACKED LUNCHES INCLUDED

Book camping and accommodation through Rydal Hall using code MU150
01539432050 or groupbookings@rydalahall.org

Don't miss the Family Day 18th July 10am-6pm to celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union **ONLY £36/Family gives access to all these activities!**



Book using the QR code

Or to camp for weekend contact groupbookings@rydalahall.org

What	Time	Where	Where if wet
Activities for all the family			
Hardy's Inflatables x 3	All day	campsite	NA
Outdoor games	All day	lawns	Drawing room
Indoor games	All day	Bishop's room	NA
LEGO	All day	Old Kitchen	NA
Jigsaws	All day	Library	NA
Crafts	All day	Lawns and Old kitchen	Old kitchen
Pilgrim trail	All Day	Rydal Church	NA
*Sheep trail	All day	woods	NA
*Scavenger hunt	All day	woods	NA
*Prayer trail	All day	Quiet garden	NA
Banner making	10-11.30 and 13.30-15.30	Lawns	Old kitchen
Bible stories	10.30	Chapel	NA
Paul Samll Balloon workshops	11am and 3pm	Lawns	Bully barn
STEM workshops	11am and 4.30pm	Old Kitchen	NA
Puppets	11.30 and 5pm	Lawns	Bully barn
Bread making	11.30 and 2pm	Lawns	Dining room
Magic shows	12 and 3.30pm	Lawns	Bully barn
Parachute Games	12.15	Lawns	NA
BIG PICNIC ON THE LAWNS 12.30 (If wet in dining and drawing rooms)			
Den building	2.30-4.30	woods	NA
Forest church	4.30-6pm	Fire pit	NA
Open the book	4pm	Chapel	NA
Farewell worship	6pm	Lawns The Lost Sheep	tbc
Activities aimed specifically at preschoolers and early primary age.			
Play area	All day	Bully barn	NA
3 little pigs STEM workshop	13.30	Bully barn	NA
Bubble church	14.30	Bully barn	NA

Plus the stories, trails, puppets, crafts magic as above!

*Sheets for trails are available from the MU stand. There is a prize for each one completed!

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Carlisle



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





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ST. BEES FOOTBALL CLUB

RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS!

CHILDREN GOING INTO **YEAR 3**

MUST LOVE FOOTBALL!

- ✓ LEARN NEW SKILLS
- ✓ MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- ✓ BE PART OF A TEAM

U8s TEAM

JOIN OUR ST. BEES FAMILY!

CONTACT US TODAY!
07527990671

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS

PLAY • LEARN • ENJOY



 **Cumberland Council**

 **Department for Education**

Cumberland's Holiday Activities and Food Programme



Book now eequ.org/cumberlandhaf

What is HAF

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides free, fun-filled activities and nutritious meals for children and young people during the school holidays. Designed to support families, HAF offers a wide range of sessions – from sports and crafts to cooking and outdoor adventures – delivered by local providers in a safe and welcoming environment. The programme helps children stay active, make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy healthy food throughout the holidays.

Who is HAF for

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is aimed at statutory school-age children and young people (Reception-Year 11) young people who receive benefits-related free school meals, as well as families who may need extra support during the school holidays.

If you are not eligible for a funded place, many of our providers offer paid places.

To check eligibility please visit:



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How to book

All Cumberland HAF bookings are made through the EEQU booking system, on EEQU you:

- Do not need a HAF code to book
- Can contact providers with any questions through direct messages
- Check each providers SEND accessibility checklist
- Will see more detailed information about each activity
- Can access a more visual and user-friendly platform
- Can request bookings for multiple children at the same time

To see what's on offer and to book, visit: eequ.com/cumberlandHAF



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For any enquiries, please email HAF@cumberland.gov.uk



Community Sports Trust

SUMMER

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

LOCATIONS:

Carlisle (Football & Gym and Dance)
Wigton (Football only)
Whitehaven (Football only)
Penrith (Football only)
Cockermouth (Football only)
Keswick (Football only)
Maryport (Football only)

21 July - 28 August

Book now via Abler:



For further information

Email: Sam.Tickner@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk or Phone: 01228 554169

"Inspiring People To Participate, Develop and Achieve Their Goals Through The Power of Sport."



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Limited free HAF Places here:



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At a loose end?
Looking for something to do?
Available on a Wednesday or
Thursday?
**Volunteers are wanted for
St Nicholas Coffee Shop**

We are looking for people to help with
washing dishes, serving and
preparing food

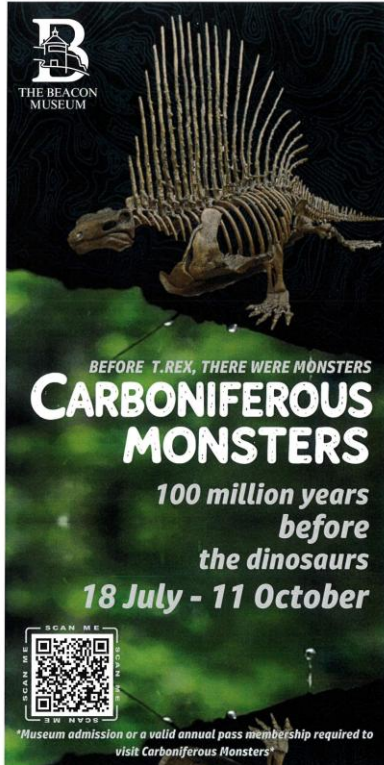
Interested then please apply in
writing stating why you are interested
by Friday 24th July 2026

(email to whitehavenparish@btinternet.com or drop letter
of interest into St Nicholas Centre)

Interviews will take place in early
August.

Successful volunteers will need to undertake Church of
England Safeguarding training and relevant Food Hygiene
certificate

THE BEACON MUSEUM



BEFORE T.REX, THERE WERE MONSTERS

CARBONIFEROUS MONSTERS

100 million years before the dinosaurs

18 July - 11 October



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Museum admission or a valid annual pass membership required to visit Carboniferous Monsters



PLAN YOUR SUMMER AT THE BEACON MUSEUM

TICK THE EVENTS YOU'D LIKE TO DO THIS SUMMER!

- ☐ **CAVE ART WORKSHOP**
MONDAY 20 JULY | 11AM & 2PM | £5 PER CHILD
Explore the environment our ancestors lived in. Learn how cave art represented the people, have a go at making the art and hear about the lost stories that went with it.
- ☐ **GLASS WORKSHOP**
WEDNESDAY 22 JULY & 19 AUGUST | 11AM & 1PM | £22 PER CHILD
Make a bowl or wall hanging decoration in this glass fusing class. All materials will be provided.
- ☐ **PET ENCOUNTER**
EVERY THURSDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
11AM, 1PM, 3PM | £7.50 PER CHILD, £4.50 PER ADULT
Featuring a different animal theme each week. Visit our website to see what's coming up!
- ☐ **BUILD IT - IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SELLAFIELD**
EVERY FRIDAY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
11AM & 2PM | £5 PER CHILD
Hands-on STEM activities for all ages where they can build, create and code.
- ☐ **COASTAL WORKSHOP**
SUNDAY 26 JULY | 11AM & 2PM | £5 PER CHILD
Discover Whitehaven's seaside history, explore how the ocean changes old places, and make your own mini coastal scene.
- ☐ **IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE**
TUESDAY 28 JULY & MONDAY 17 AUGUST | 11AM & 2PM
£5 PER CHILD
Join the Beacon Rocket Scientists as they defy gravity and shoot rockets in to 'space'.
- ☐ **BECOME AN ARCHAEOLOGIST FOR THE DAY**
SUNDAY 1 AUGUST | 11AM & 2PM | £5 PER CHILD
Dig into the past with hands-on activities, exciting discoveries, & real research to uncover the true stories behind history's mysteries.
- ☐ **PIRATE EXTRAVAGANZA**
MONDAY 3, WEDNESDAY 5, FRIDAY 7, SATURDAY 8 AUGUST
11AM & 2PM | £10 PER CHILD
Join us for an Arrghmazing Pirate Adventure, packed with hands-on fun, creativity, and discovery! Arry you ready?
- ☐ **VISIT CARBONIFEROUS MONSTERS EXHIBITION**
SATURDAY 18 JULY - SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2023

To guarantee entry to these events, we recommend pre-booking your tickets online. It's quick, easy, and ensures you won't miss out on any of the fun!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE BEACON MUSEUM THIS SUMMER!

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www.thebeacon-whitehaven.co.uk

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Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Olivia

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Ovie and Otis

Melbreak- Max

Catbells- Thivein

Scafell- Bodhi R

Skiddaw- Indie,

Superstar Readers - Finley, Elijah, Daisy W, Martha, Lily L, Anandi, Ayden, Ava, Gabe, Reggie, Bodhi S, Cleo, Harper, Mahnaz, Madison, Lowe, Emma, Sonny, Georgie, Daisy, James, Hady, Alfie, Bodhi, Albert, Mario and Leo G

Handwriters of the week - Nero, Alfie, Elsie and Reya

Out of school achievement - Bradley, Hope and Esther

Golden Wellie - Albert, Reggie, Amelia and William





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?

NHS



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



NHS
North Cumbria
Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust

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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BEACH SAFETY TIPS

Stay Safe While Enjoying the Sun, Sand & Sea!

BEFORE YOU GO



Check the weather & tide reports
Know the beach flag system
Apply sunscreen (SPF 30+)
Stay hydrated – bring water

UNDERSTAND THE FLAGS



Red and Yellow
Safe swimming area



Black and White Chequerad Flag
Surfing and watercraft zone



Red Flag
Danger

IN THE WATER



Swim near lifeguards



Never swim alone



Avoid rip currents – swim parallel if shore

FOR FAMILIES



Keep kids within arm's reach



Set up a meeting point



Have emergency contacts saved



EMERGENCY?
Call 999
or alert a lifeguard



Call 999
or alert a lifeguard
Know your location for faster help



water safety
Scotland

WATER SAFETY CODE



Stop and Think, Spot the Dangers

If you are thinking of being near or entering the water, have you considered the following?



Be aware of cold water shock



Keep off all frozen waters



Check for safety signage



Avoid alcohol and drugs



The depth of the water may hide underwater ledges, hidden currents and unseen items



Be aware of other water activities



If it is safe to enter the water, ensure you have a safe way out



At the coast, consider rip currents, wind and the tide



Stay Together, Stay Close

It is better to go near the water with a friend or family member



If you are in trouble in the water, float until you feel calm
Lean back, extend your arms and legs
Float until you can control your breathing. Then call for help or swim to safety



In an Emergency, Call 999



If you see someone in trouble DO NOT enter the water



Look for a throw line or life ring to help whilst you wait on the emergency services

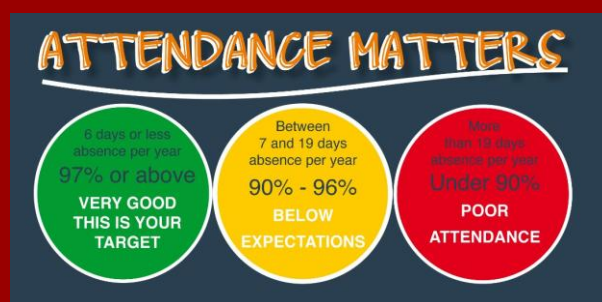


Call 999 or 112

TOP TIP: Thinking of taking part in a planned activity?

To enjoy your activity to the full, check that your provider is fully insured, with skilled staff and the relevant accreditation.

Attendance and punctuality



Scafell were our attendance winners this week with 99.2%! 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 **96.8%**, **2% higher** than the Primary National average of **94.8%**. 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

Junk Modelling for KS1



Year 1 and 2 are running low on boxes, yogurt pots, egg boxes etc for our DT areas. If you have any at home you would like to donate, please give to the staff in your class. Many thanks.

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.

 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



- 13th July - Nursery trip to Muncaster Castle
- 14th July - OPAL Assessment
- **15th July - Y2 Leaver's Service at Church 2.30p.m.**
- **17th July 1.00pm - 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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