



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
4th September 2026**





Welcome to the first newsletter of the Autumn Term.

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time as we welcome our new starters and plan for the learning opportunities ahead. The staff have worked hard to create purposeful and engaging classrooms ready for our children to continue to flourish this year. We have had a fantastic start to the academic year. All of the classes are so settled, displaying the right attitudes to learning right from the first day.

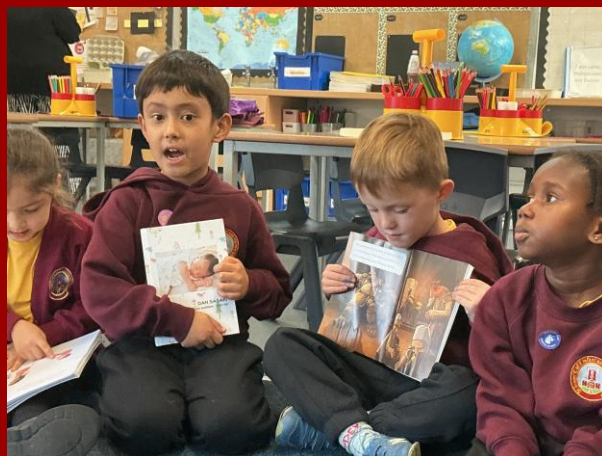
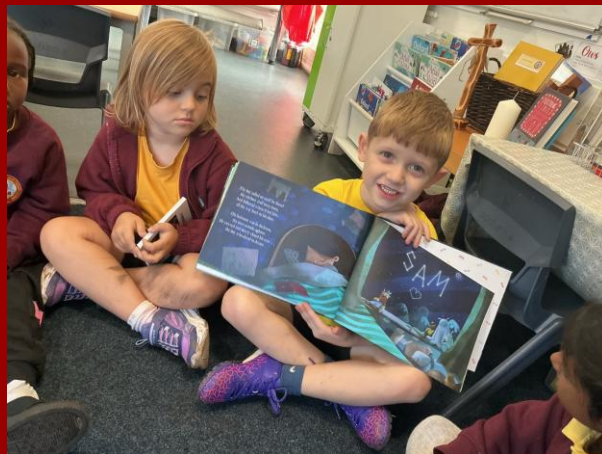
Next week will be the first full week in school. In the early years, the first week focuses on embedding expectations and routines. In the early years, we will be 'encouraging' your child to tidy up and play within designated 'areas' in the classrooms which helps to create an environment conducive to learning. The full curriculum will be rolled out for Year 1 and 2 from Monday onwards.

Lots to look forward to!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore





Staffing

This year Mrs Chambers has reduced her hours to enable her to work in school on a part time basis- Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. However, she will continue in her role as Nursery teacher. On Thursdays and Fridays, Miss Loraine will be teaching the nursery class. Miss Loraine is not new to the school, she has worked in different classes covering when teachers have been absent through a supply agency. Miss Loraine is an experienced nursery teacher and she is very much looking forward to becoming part of the St James' team on a regular basis. Miss Bragg and Mrs Frankland will continue to work in nursery each day.



Nut free school



Please remember that we are a nut free school. This also extends to items which may contain nuts and Nutella spreads. We have children in school who have severe nut allergies therefore the risk is high if they come in contact with nut products.

Coats and jackets



As the weather is changing and becoming more autumnal, please can you send your child to school with a coat for playtimes and lunchtimes.

Attendance Matters



Every day in school counts. Regular attendance is vital to ensure children reach their full potential- both academically and socially. Research shows that children with good attendance are more likely to:

- Achieve higher results across the curriculum
- Develop positive friendships and social skills
- Build resilience, confidence and good habits for life

In contrast, poor attendance can significantly impact over time. Missing days leads to gaps in learning which makes it more difficult for your child to keep up and succeed.

Term time holidays

The Headteacher is not allowed to authorise absence and any holiday absences in term time are classed as 'unauthorised' which can lead to fixed penalty notices being issued by the Local Authority. If you intend to take your child on holiday, an absence form **must** be completed prior to departure. Forms can be collected from the school office.

Punctuality

Our school day begins at 8.40am each morning. Our aim is for all children to arrive at school on time ready to start the day. If children are persistently late, this means that they miss a proportion of their first lesson and often children do not like entering a class after their peers are settled. Each late mark is recorded and tracked through our attendance system.

Now is the time to start good habits and a positive routine for the rest of the year.

If your child is ill and will not attend school, please contact school before 9.30 on the first day of absence. If we do not have a reason for the absence, we will try to contact you via all emergency numbers we hold and in the event of being unable to reach anyone, senior staff will complete a home visit.

Storysacks and craft after school club



We are delighted to announce that we will be starting a StorySacks and Craft After-School Club for children in Years 1 and 2. The club will run on Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm from 15th September until 20th October, for a total of 6 weeks.

The club will be delivered as an outreach project from Whitehaven Library, led by a StorySacks Project Officer. Each week, children will have the opportunity to listen to a variety of engaging stories and then get creative by making crafts linked to the stories they have heard.

There are a maximum of 8 places available, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book a place, please sign up via SchoolMoney. The club will run from 3.15pm- 4.15pm with parents invited to join in from 4.00pm.

Football After School Club

This term we will be offering a football after school sports club for children in **Year 1 and 2 on Tuesdays** between 3.15pm and 4.15pm. If you would like your child to sign up, please register their place using the School Money system.

Book Bags



Reception, Year 1 and 2 children need to bring their book bag to school on a daily basis as they will need to change their reading books as part of the school reading scheme.

Starting Reception in September 2027



Parents/carers are responsible for applying for a school place by **15 January 2027**

Starting School
Children born between
1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023
can start school in September 2027

You can apply online at: www.cumberland.gov.uk
or contact: **01228 221582**
or email school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk

cumberland.gov.uk

The children may only have started school this week but the application process has now opened for Nursery children who will be starting Reception next year. Parents still have to apply for Reception even if you already attend our Nursery as the process is managed through Cumberland Council.

Church and Community Events



Rosehill Theatre events



At for the moment we have a few things that might be of interest to St James' children:

Rosehill's Drama Club

Mondays 17:30

<https://www.rosehilltheatre.co.uk/whats-on/drama-club>

Length: 90 mins

Prices: £8 for children per session, £2 additional sibling discount, Free for accompanying Adults

Age Guidance: Suitable for ages 4 – 11.

Gaby's Gulliver's Travels

<https://www.rosehilltheatre.co.uk/whats-on/gaby-gullivers-travels>

Monday 26th October 14:00

Length: 45mins + time to meet the puppets

Prices: £12, £10

Age Guidance: Suitable for all, intended for 5+

Santa's Best Christmas Ever

The Show Where Every Child Gets a Present from Santa!

<https://www.rosehilltheatre.co.uk/whats-on/santas-best-christmas-ever>

Thursday 10th December 16:00 Public Performance

Length: 50m + time to meet Santa and get a special present from Santa

Prices: £12.50, £9.50

Age Guidance: 2+

Our weekly celebrations



*No Nursery children due to short week

Learners of the week

Melbreak- Oakley

Catbells- Mollie

Scafell- Ava

Skiddaw- Noah

Handwriters of the week

Jason, Aynas and Florrie

Achievements outside of school

Emily, Zara, Ruby, Elsie, Esther, Isla, Florrie and Emma





Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership



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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



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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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 Scafell classroom which is around the back of school.

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.

Please note that school lunches are free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Some Reception parents may have noticed that SchoolMoney was charging this week. Rest assured that this will be refunded.

 School Lunch Menu Plus: Filled Jacket Potato options and Wraps/Sandwiches Available each day 				
AUTUMN WEEK 2				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese or Cheese/Ham Wrap Stack with Pepper Sticks or Pasta Bolognese Sweetcorn Chocolate Krispie Cake Fruit	Chicken/Quorn Pieces in Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Carrot & Swede Mash or Minced Beef Enchiladas with Green Beans Vanilla Biscuits & Hot Chocolate Fruit	Pepper Pizza or Roast Gammon & Pineapple with Rice Peas Yoghurt Fruit Cocktail	Roast Turkey, Potato Wedges with Beans or Vegetable Sweet & Sour Noodles and Broccoli Iced Carrot Cake Fruit	Cod in Batter, Mashed Potato with Tomato Ketchup or Vegetable Fried Rice with Garlic Bread Peas Mandarin Fairy Cake Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



Friday 18th September- Library bus visit to school

Monday 21st September 2.45pm- Year 2 curriculum meeting (for parents new to Year 2)

Tuesday 22nd September 2.45pm- Year 1 curriculum meeting (for parents new to Year 1)

Friday 25th September- Macmillan Coffee morning/afternoon

10.30am- Parents of Nursery and Reception children

2.30pm- Parents of Year 1 and 2 children

Monday 5th October 2pm- Prospective Nursery new starters open afternoon

5pm- Prospective Nursery and Reception parents Open Evening

Wednesday 7th October 2pm Prospective Reception new starters open afternoon

Tuesday 6th October 10.30am - Harvest Service in church

Tuesday 13th October- Parents Evening and Reception stay and play

Wednesday 14th October- Individual school photos

Nursery stay and play

Parents Evening

Monday 19th October- Full Governing Body meeting

Tuesday 20th October- Whitehaven STEM event at Whitehaven Academy- Year 2

Thursday 22nd October- Fancy dress parties (optional attendance)

Early Years children- 4-5pm

Year 1 and 2- 5-6pm

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Friday 6th November 10.30am- Remembrance Service for Year 1 and 2 in church

Monday 15th November- Road Safety Week

Friday 20th November- Children In Need

Monday 30th November- Snow White pantomime at the Carnegie Theatre

Friday 4th December 2pm- Christmas Fayre

Monday 7th December- Early Years Nativities (9.30am and 2.30pm)

Tuesday 8th December- Year 1 and 2 Nativities (9.30am and 2pm)

Tuesday 15th December- New nursery home visits

Wednesday 16th December- Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and Christmas party

Friday 19th December- Christmas carol service in church

Break up for the Christmas holidays

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

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