

St James' Church of England Infant and Nursery School

25th September 2026



What another action-packed week at St James'! Nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Three Little Pigs* and have been developing their understanding of emotions by naming different feelings and expressing their own through thoughtful self-portraits. In Reception, children have begun exploring their new focus text, *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*. They have located Kenya on a map, enjoyed learning and singing traditional folk songs, and in maths have been using comparative language such as *longer* and *shorter* to compare ribbon lengths. Their learning has continued in science through investigations into the sense of sight, while in art they have been creating beautiful decorated frames inspired by the work of Frida Kahlo. Meanwhile, Year 1 and Year 2 have started their new class text *Journey Home*. In Design and Technology, they have been designing and making moving mechanisms to create moving pictures and in geography they have begun exploring the physical features of our local area in Whitehaven. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity across the school this week.

Thank you for the very generous cake donations and donations made at the coffee morning and afternoon in aid of Macmillan. We have raised **£498.27** for this very worthy cause. As always both events were very well supported and it was lovely to see parents and grandparents in school early in the academic year.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Moore







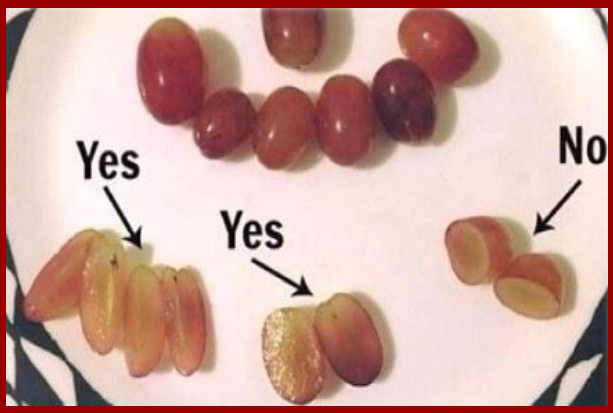








Packed lunches



Some children are bringing whole pieces of fruit for their packed lunches. These are great as a healthy choice but they need to be pre cut to minimise the risk of choking. Please can apples be cut into very thin slices and grapes cut lengthways in advance to ensure that we are complying with the NHS choking guidance.

Harvest Service in church



We are delighted to be holding our annual Harvest Celebration Service at St James' Church on **Tuesday 6th October at 10:30am**, alongside our friends from the junior school. Children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will be taking part in the service, while Nursery children will remain in school. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us, the service will last for approximately 30 minutes. The service provides an opportunity for the children to come together to give thanks for the harvest through songs, prayers and readings, while reflecting on the importance of gratitude and helping others. As part of our celebrations, we will also be collecting donations for the local **Food Bank Harvest Appeal**. Please see the poster below for suggested items to donate. Thank you for your support and generosity.



Big Book Look



We are asking for your help! Can all parents (and children!) check at home for any ReadWriteInc storybooks that have not been returned to school. We have found that so many are being left at home that we do not have enough to pass onto the next group of children. To replace one group's books it is £390 and we have 10 groups!

Next week we are holding an amnesty - bring back as many books as you can find at home and we will be very grateful. These are similar to the books in the photo but could be any colour (there are 10 different colours).

From the following week, all books going home will be logged. They are changed each Wednesday and if your child does not return their books there will be a £5 charge.

Curriculum meetings for Year 1 and 2



We are aware that some of our parents new to Year 1 and 2 couldn't make the curriculum meetings held in school this week due to work commitments. If you would like a copy of the slides, please email the school office and we can ensure that you receive a copy. As always, if you have any specific queries, class teachers are available at the classroom doors at the start and end of the day for quick questions.

Half-Price Theatre Tickets for Families!



We are delighted to be working in partnership with Rosehill Theatre to offer St James' families **half-price tickets** for *Gaby Gulliver's Travels* during the October half-term holiday- Monday 26th October at 2pm. Thanks to this special arrangement, tickets are available for just **£6 per person** instead of the usual **£12**. This exciting family show is **recommended for children aged 5+** and promises a fun-filled adventure for all ages. A limited number of discounted tickets have been reserved for our school, so please book your tickets via **School Money** to secure your places. We hope many of our families will take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to enjoy live theatre at a reduced price!

For further information please visit: Gaby Gulliver's Travels | Rosehill

Whitehaven Family Hub

BEST START IN LIFE

What's on at the Family Hub on the Harbour and Whitehaven area
Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December 2026

Cumberland Family Hub

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sensory Room (Bookable) **Howgill Babbling Babies** 10:00am - 11:00am **#Coffee & Craic** 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Family Hub Hangout 11+** 4:00pm - 6:00pm	**Sensory Room** (Bookable) **Baby Buddies** 9:30am - 10:30am **Weaning Workshop** 10:30am - 11:30am **Bookable** (22nd September only) **Play Space** 1:00pm - 3:00pm **Home Education Chess Club** 1:00pm - 2:30pm (8th September 13th October)	**Sensory Room** (Bookable) **Childminders Drop In** 10:00am - 11:30am (21st October) **Benefits & Employment Drop in** 10:30am - 11:30am **Little Learners** 1:00pm - 2:30pm	**Sensory Room** (Bookable) **Together We Sling Library** 11:30am - 1:30pm (3rd & 17th September, 1st & 15th October, 5th & 19th November, 3rd & 17th December)	**Sensory Room** (Bookable) **Play Space** 10:00am - 12:00pm **Family Hub Cuppa & Chat** 1:00pm - 3:00pm **Play Space** 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Play Space **@ Valley Family Hub** 9:30am - 11:30am **Baby Buddies** **@ Valley Family Hub** 1:30pm - 2:30pm	**Infant Massage** **@ Valley Family Hub** **Bookable** 10:00am - 11:30am (6th October to 3rd November)	**Baby Buddies** **@ Egremont Family Hub** 10:30am - 11:30am **Little Strollers** **@ Egremont Family Hub** 11:30am - 12:30pm	**Little Storytellers** **@ Egremont Family Hub** 1:00pm - 2:30pm	

Family Hub on the Harbour, Swingpump Lane, Whitehaven, CA28 7LZ Call Us: 01946 506 378
Email: familyhub.whitehaven@cumberland.gov.uk Follow us on Facebook/Instagram: @CumberlandFamilyHubs

Sensory Room: A calm and engaging space designed to stimulate senses through light, sound, texture and movement. Suitable for ages 0-19 (25 with SEND). **Please contact the Family Hub to book.**

Play Space: A parent led drop-in session where parent/carers are encouraged to play and interact with your child/ren in a friendly environment. Suitable for children 0-5 years.

Baby Buddies: An interactive group for bumps and babies 0-12 months and their parent/carers.

Weaning Workshop: Join us for a friendly session to help parents and carers feel confident as their baby begins the journey onto solid foods.

Infant Massage: An opportunity to help you to learn the techniques of baby massage and the benefits to your baby. Suitable from 6 weeks - mobile. **Please contact the Family Hub to book.**

Little Learners: Opportunity for children to play and learn together aged 1-4 years. Regular workshop sessions will be held focusing on eating, dental health, toileting and more.

Family Hub Cuppa & Chat: Family Hub Cuppa & Chat: A friendly drop in for parents and carers to chat about parenting, family life and any worries you have. Come and find out what support is available from your local Family Hub.

Family Hub Hangout 11 +: Family Hub Hangout 11+: A drop-in session for children and young people aged 11+ in a relaxed space to socialise, take part in activities and develop new skills. Come along to talk to the Family Hub team to get information or support on things that matter to you.

Benefits & Employment Drop In: Offering support on finances, benefits, employment and getting back to work.

Howgill Babbling Babies: Ran by Howgill - A drop in session with stories, rhymes and activities. From birth to active walking.

Together We Sling Library: Support for parents to carry their child with different types of carriers and slings.

#CoffeeandCraic: A drop in session for care experienced young people to speak to a Personal Adviser and access support from other organisations.

Home Education Chess Club: Join our friendly and welcoming club for home educated children and young people.

Childminders Drop In: Join us for our Childminders Drop-In session at the Family Hub. This is a welcoming space for childminders to meet, network, share ideas, and access information about local services and support.

Valley Family Hub - Whinlatter Road, Whitehaven, CA28 8DA

Egremont Family Hub - Southey Avenue, Egremont, CA22 2HH

Starting Reception in September 2027



The children may only have started school 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.

Please follow the link to complete the online form:

Apply for a reception place | Cumberland Council

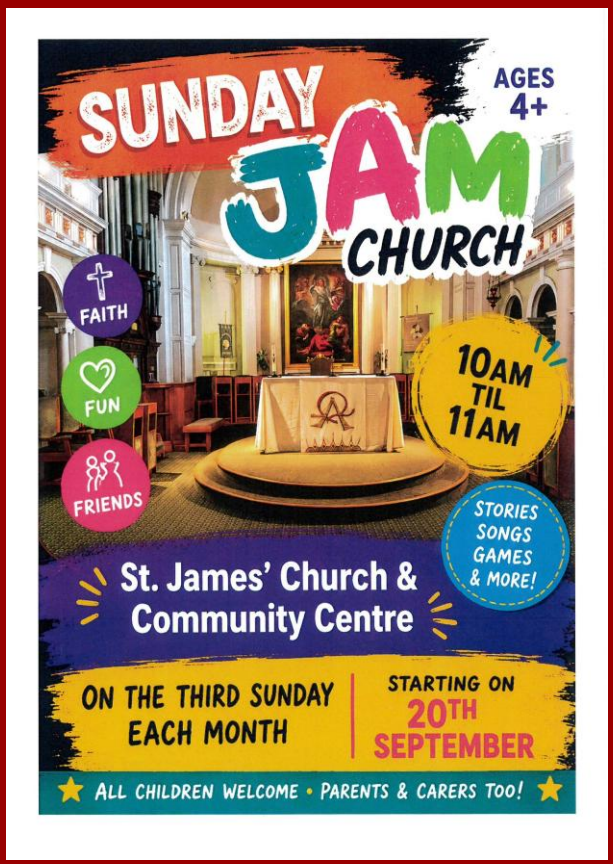
For anyone who does not already attend our school but would like their child to start next year in either Nursery or Reception we have arranged some Open afternoons and an Open Evening. Please note that if your child already attends our school you do not need to come to these. Please pass these dates onto family or friends who may wish to join our lovely school.


St James' C of E Infant and Nursery School, Whitehaven
Nursery Starters 2027
Is your child looking to start Nursery in 2027?
We can take Nursery children from the day after their 3rd birthday
The application processes to apply for next year's places are now open!
We can offer individual appointments for parents to come and see for yourselves what makes our school so special .
WE CAN OFFER:
• a welcoming school in which children thrive*
• a school that is highly ambitious for pupils*
• impeccable behaviour*
*Ofsted March 2024
• A strong culture of care**
• A rich and inclusive curriculum**
**SIAMS June 2026
Open Afternoon
Monday 5th October at 2.00pm
or Open Evening
Monday 5th October at 5.00pm
Prospectuses are available to download at:
www.st-james-inf.cumbria.sch.uk
Choose the Right Path


St James' C of E Infant and Nursery School, Whitehaven
Reception Starters 2027
Is your child due to start Reception in September 2027?
The application processes to apply for next year's places are now open!
The closing date for applications is 15th January 2027
APPLY ONLINE AT
www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education
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Church and Community Events





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Young Carers Cumberland

Promoting and improving the health and wellbeing of young carers and their families.

What is a young carer?

Young carers are children and young people, who help with practical or emotional tasks at home.

This may be because someone in their family has a disability, a long term illness, experiences mental ill health or has a problem linked to alcohol or drugs.

It may be that the young person helps with:

- getting a family member dressed or washed,
- reminding them or, or taking them to appointments,
- taking care of young brothers or sisters or family members,
- help with household tasks, e.g., cooking, cleaning, washing, shopping and paying bills,
- collecting prescriptions or helping the person you look after to take medication...

Every young carer's life looks different but helping to care in such a way often means that they might miss out on other opportunities. They may feel that they don't have enough time for themselves, friendships, homework or out of school activities.

We work with young carers (those aged 18 and under who have caring responsibilities) to help give them individualised support to help them thrive.

We work with each individual, as well as their family, to reduce caring needs where we can and help the young person to have as normal a life as possible – where they have access to the opportunities that others their age have.

Referrals

We welcome referrals from young people, parents and carers as well as professionals.

Visit our website to find out more and access our referral form – scan the QR code.

How we help

All young carers that are referred benefit from an assessment to identify what support we can help them with, based on their individual situation.

Support may include a personal support plan (following their Young Carer Needs Assessment), 1:1 support sessions, whole family support, opportunities to meet other young carers, support with school or college, and signposting to other services, information and advice that could be helpful for the individual young person and family.

Who are Family Action?

Family Action is an award-winning national charity that works from the heart of local communities to support people through change, challenge and crisis.

We protect children, support young people and offer direct, practical help to families. It's what we've done for over 150 years.

Contact us: Young Carers Cumberland

Click here to email us

Or call us, on 01228 474171

family-action.org.uk

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Parent Carers Cumberland

Promoting and improving the opportunities for parent carers in Cumberland.



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Who are Parent Carers Cumberland?

We work with parent carers (a parent or other primary caregiver who provides ongoing, substantial support and care to a child or young person with additional needs) in Cumberland to help them to access the right support at the right time. The child, or children, may have mental health concerns, be ill or disabled. The child may be over 18.

How we help

All parent carers benefit from an assessment to identify what support is needed based on their individual situation.

Support includes:

- a personal Parent Carer assessment – linked to wellbeing principles,
- a bespoke support plan, planning for needs identified,
- further referrals where needed (i.e., to Social Care)
- support to access peer groups in Cumberland
- signposting to other services, information and advice that could be helpful.

We work closely with Parent Carers to ensure their voices – as well as those of their children – are heard.

Contact us:

Click here to email us

Or call us, on 01228 474171

Are you a Parent Carer?

Parent carers are primary caregivers who care for a child, or children, that requires substantial support and care.

Not all parents are classed as 'parent carers'. Parent carers are those with parental responsibility who provide regular, unpaid care for their child beyond the typical parenting role.

This may be because the child:

- has a disability,
- a long term illness,
- experiences mental ill health, or
- has a problem linked to alcohol or drugs.

The child does not need to be under 18 years of age.

Every parent carer's life looks different, but you may be frustrated and not knowing where to turn as well as feeling increasingly isolated.

If you believe you might be a Parent Carer, you may be able to benefit from our support.

Contact us or click on – or scan – the QR code to visit our website.
We accept self-referrals.

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award

Ivy

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Teddy

Melbreak- Mason

Catbells- Harper

Scafell- Soolihah

Skiddaw- Brooklynn

Handwriters of the week

Otis, Rosie, Lowe and Emily

Achievements outside of school

Daisy, Rowan, Chloe and Mia






Learner of the Week
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Learn to Swim



attendanywhere

NHS
North Cumbria Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust

E-School Nurse Video Clinics

(By appointment only)

E-School Nurse
Healthy Children Learn Better

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.



Upcoming diary dates



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.*

Contact Us



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