



**St James' Church of England Infant and
Nursery School
23rd January 2026**



Another busy week of learning in school. This week we had a visit from Anna Dutson who is our advisor for OPAL. She met with the staff, played with the children outside and provided training for staff after school. He was very impressed with the progress we have made and said our children spoke passionately about their new areas of play. Thank you for your continued support with this.

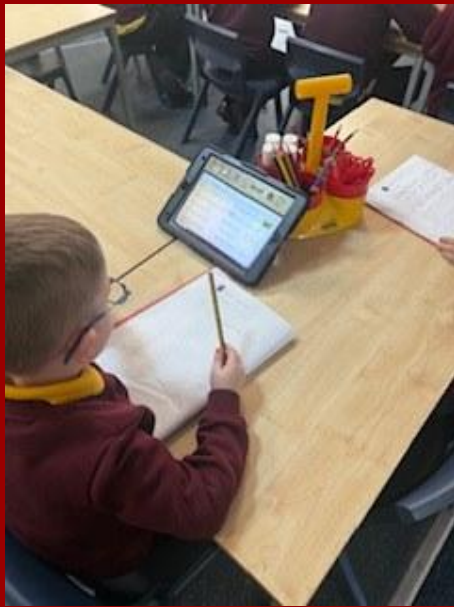
Nursery have had a lovely week of learning and I was very impressed whilst watching them in areas of provision. They have also been learning about pushing and pulling through the Nursery Rhyme Row, Row, Row Your Boat.

Reception have had a fun filled afternoon learning about changing materials. They churned their own butter from cream and enjoyed the fruits of their labour, eating it on crusty bread. They continue to develop their handwriting and writing skills through our RWI scheme and staff are thrilled with their progress.

I was lucky enough to visit KS1 this week to see their work in English. I was blown away by the children's progress in handwriting and their super sentences linked to 'The Bear Under the Stairs'. They have thoroughly enjoyed this unit of work. In Science, the children had a great time exploring waterproof materials and continue to look at mechanisms in DT.

Have a restful weekend,

Miss Sapsed



Struddabank Farm

Letters will be coming out in the coming week for Reception's trip to Strudda Bank Farm. This is an amazing opportunity for children to visit a working farm and meet the animals. Farmer Kev is amazing at giving the children a tour of his farm, teaching them how he cares for his animals and allowing them to feed them. If you have any questions about this, please speak to your child's teacher.

OPAL Dressing Up Area



Our next area of development for OPAL is our dressing up area. If you have any costumes or props that your child is no longer using, we would greatly appreciate in school. This does not have to be costumes, it can also be props such as glasses, wigs, blow up guitars, hats, bags etc. We would be grateful of anything you can provide.

We are also on the look out for a couple of pairs of size 2 wellies if anyone has spare. Many thanks!

New SEND Local Offer website for parents.



**Cumberland
SEND & AP
Partnership**



Our new SEND Local Offer!

The SEND Local Offer is your central hub for information, resources and news on SEND provision and services in Cumberland.

This includes information on:

- Education settings
- Health services
- EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plans)
- Preparing for adulthood
- Travel and Transport
- Short Breaks
- Accessing support and advice
- The latest news and events from the Cumberland SEND &AP Partnership!



We have moved the website and given it a new look, so it is easier to navigate for children and young people and their families. You can visit the new Local Offer by scanning the QR code above or visiting:

cumberlandsend.co.uk




The local authority have been updating their Send Information page and have asked for it to be shared with parents. This is an excellent page to find about SEND services, events, respite etc in the local area. The link is as follows,

<https://cumberlandsend.co.uk/cumberland-send>

Upcoming Church Services and Community Events

Jesus
And
Me



Church
IN ST. JAMES' COMMUNITY
CENTRE **1:30pm to 3:30pm**
16th of February
Includes a tea of hotdogs &
snacks.
Children must be accompanied by an adult

the parish of
WHITEHAVEN



FAMILY SERVICE
In St. James'
Church
1st FEBRUARY
1st MARCH
11:30am
Followed by bacon butties &
hotdogs in the community centre



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WELCOME
HERE**



Cumbria Fostering



Become part
of Cumbria's
biggest
Family

Find out about
Fostering
...and how you can change
children's lives in 2026

Join our online info event
on **Wednesday 28**
January from 6pm to
7pm. Scan QR code to
book your place!



0300 019 0200

cumbriafostering.org.uk

 
Working for Cumberland Council and
Westmorland & Furness Council

Our weekly celebrations



Headteacher Award- Xander

Learners of the week

Great Gable- Ovie and Chloe

Melbreak- Teddy

Catbells- Aynaz

Scafell- Harper

Skiddaw- Mollie

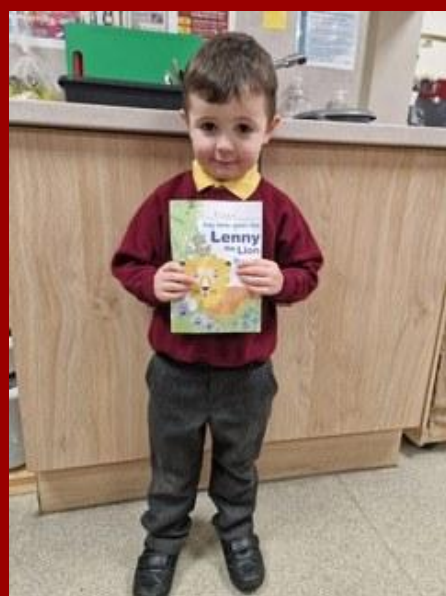
Handwriters of the week

Ember, Noah C, Charlie-Cole and Beau

Achievements outside of school

Esther and Frankie





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**

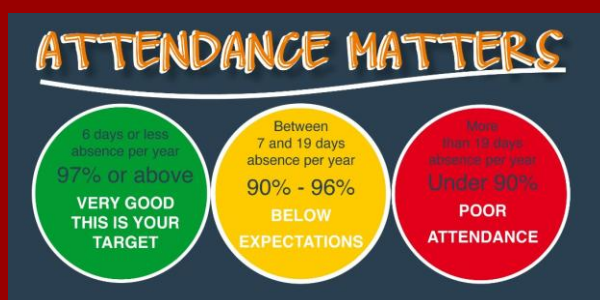
Please read the information leaflet or visit:
www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

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 97.6%! 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 94.6% , **0.2% higher** than the Primary National average of **94.4%**! 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 Spring 1					
W/C	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th Jan			Arts and Crafts 	Lego Club 	Small World Animals 
12th Jan	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Dressing Up and Role Play 	Pirates & Dolls 	Arts & Crafts 	Dance and Party Games 
19th Jan	Arts & Crafts 	Lego Club 	Phunky Foods Biscuit Decorating 	Construction, Cars & Trains 	Movie Night 
26th Jan	Phunky Foods Sandwiches 	Small World Dinosaurs 	Games & Jigsaws 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts 
2nd Feb	Lego Club 	Arts & Crafts 	Dance & Party Games 	Pirates & Dolls 	Phunky Foods 
9th Feb	Small World Play Animals 	Mindful Colouring & Reading 	Arts & Crafts 	Board Games 	Cars & Trains 

Feel free to book on for regular or one-off sessions if your child would like to attend. Sessions cost £5.50 and run from 3.15pm-5.15pm pick up at any point in between these times. 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.



Plus: Filled Jacket Potato options and Wraps/Sandwiches Available each day

School Lunch Menu



SPRING WEEK 1				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fish Fingers, Potato Waffles with Spaghetti Hoops or Vegetable Noodles with Naan Bread Chocolate Flapjack or Fruit	Chicken Pieces in Gravy with Mashed Potato and Carrots or Cheese Roll with Beans Mango Fairy Cake or Fruit	Pepper Pizza or Pork Potato Bake Sweetcorn Rice Pudding with Raspberry Coulis or Fruit	Lorne Sausage Roll or Vegan Sausage with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup or Beef Lasagne Peas Flapjack or Fruit	Tomato Pasta with Broccoli or Chicken Fried Rice with Garlic Bread Marble Sponge and Custard or Fruit

Upcoming diary dates



- 9th February - Melbreak trip to Struddabank Farm
- 10th February - Safer Internet Day
- 11th February - Catbells trip to Struddabank Farm
- 16th February - Half term starts
- 3rd March - Phonics Screening Meeting for Y1 parents
- 23rd March 2.45 - Hawse End information Meeting for Parents

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

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