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"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Windermere - Evan C & Wilf P

Ullswater - Erin S & Kate H

Derwentwater - Joseph F & Jules F

Bassenthwaite - Jensen F

Ennerdale - Fletcher M & Evie S

Buttermere - Jenson H



Attendance winners:

Windermere had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.66 %



Christian Value Award

Windermere - Naomi S

Ullswater - Lauren H

Derwentwater - Jasmine T

Bassenthwaite - Anna G & Scarlett H

Ennerdale - Rose J

Buttermere - Emilia A & Sophia Renesmee W



Homework Heroes

Windermere - Aoife C

Ullswater - Sophia R

Derwentwater - Freya M & Eden E

Ennerdale - Halle W



Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Loe R-E & Ellis M

Every week, children are

encouraged to take part in the 'St James' Fitness Trail' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week.

Well done to this week's winner, Ella M, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the Lunchtime Hall Helpers and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!





It is great to be back after our half-term break and to see the seasons changing. Along with the emergence of the signs of Spring we continue to see our children blossom. This week saw groups of children embark on new challenges with many of our Yr4s heading to Robinwood Centre, Alston and our Ullswater class completing their intensive week's swimming block at Workington Leisure Centre. Well done students on showing your endurance, courage and positivity in achieving your challenges this week.

In the classroom, we have seen children settle well into the half-term with a good work ethic for their new learning and we look forward to welcoming parents into school for our Parents' Evenings held over Tuesday and Wednesday next week. A reminder to book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you haven't done so already. Beyond the school day, it is great to see the children making the most of what school can offer with good attendance in our Judo, Textiles, and Adventure clubs. A reminder that next week sees the children dress up for our St James' Book Day on Thursday 9th March and also to come in own clothes on Friday 10th March along with a donation of an Easter Egg. This is week 1 of 3 consecutive non-uniform Fridays to help build our stock for our upcoming Easter Fayre and we are really grateful for anything that you can provide—please see the information on Pg 3 for more details.



Wishing you all a restful weekend, Mr Beattie

School Notices & Reminders—

Soundwave Music Club – We are looking to work with [Soundwave](#) who will be holding a brand new club for St James' starting on Tuesday 18th April. This club is designed to give opportunities to develop understanding and enjoyment of music whether that be song-writing, singing, playing guitar, keyboards or drums. Soundwave are a charity that looks to promote enjoyment and creativity of music through 11-19 and with this we thought we would offer this to our Year 5 & 6 students who potentially would spark an interest in developing music further as they move into this age bracket.

If your child would like to be involved in the project please [email the office](#). This will be free to attend and depending on the level of interest we will confirm if your child has a place based on capacity.

Year 6 Shropshire Residential – Payment options have now been raised for our Year 6 residential to Shropshire. If you have any early queries about the trip, please contact school however we will be providing further information, including a parent meeting closer to the time.

Year 4 Robinwood Residential – As mentioned above, some of our Year 4 children have been visiting Robinwood Centre in Alston this week, along with Mrs Pickering, Miss Pool and Mrs Jackson. We have a number of galleries showing the children's achievements but it has also been reported by both teachers and the staff at Robinwood in how amazing the children were in taking on the adventurous activities. Their resilience, communication, teamwork skills, understanding of others and athleticism were all reported as shining throughout the trip. I'm sure there will be some very tired children and staff returning on the bus, but they will also return with great memories of this time spent together. Thankyou to Mrs Pickering, Miss Pool and Mrs Jackson for offering their time to join our groups.

Family Learning Group – It was great to welcome a group of parents and students to work alongside Kelly McAlone for the Family Learning project this Wednesday. The group will continue for the next 4 weeks and we have received really good feedback from families & students as well as receiving a lovely email from Kelly saying how amazing our children were.

St James' Book Day—Thursday 9th March—Please see [this link](#) for creative and cost-saving ways to put together the costume for the day.

Fostering—Please find attached a copy of a flyer from Cumbria County Council about a fostering drop in session on Wednesday 15th March.

Hensingham Rugby Club— Hensingham Rugby League club are calling for new players from all year groups, please contact them if your child might be interested.

Club Changes for Next Week -

STIX Percussion Club—Parents should have received a text, but as a reminder there is no STIX afterschool drumming until Wednesday 15th March.

English SATs Booster Club & Yr 5 Textiles—Due to Parents Evening there will be no SATs English group or Textiles Club on Wednesday 8th March.

Do you like to sing? Play the guitar? Write your own songs? Or want to learn something new?

Year 5 & 6

MUSIC CLUB

Starting Tuesday 18th of April
3:20pm - 4:20pm

Soundwave are a local music charity who are going to be running an after school club on tuesdays 3:20 - 4:20

Find out more about soundwave
@soundwaveca14
<https://www.soundwave.org.uk/>

Play Rugby League

Become the next Super League star, represent your country or just play for fun

At Hensingham ARLFC

U7-U10s - Community Centre Red
Linning Mondays - 4:30-5:30
U12s - St Benedicts School Astroturf
Wednesdays - 5-6

All welcome

Join Now! Contact: 01753 831111

Easter Fayre – On Friday 31st March we will be hosting our annual Easter Fayre. This is our major fundraising event of the year and the money supports the running of the school. In our past Easter Fayre's we have used funds to support the stock of our school library and also used it to purchase equipment for playtimes. Mrs Maiden and school leaders are looking for any parents who feel that they can volunteer any time to help prepare and run the event. We will also be hosting 3 consecutive non-uniform days to help gather stock that can be sold during the fayre. We do appreciate that times are hard for all of us at the moment, so any contributions you can afford will be even more greatly received this year.

The non-uniform days will be: **Friday 10th March** - An Easter Egg donation for our tombola, **Friday 17th March** - A bottle donation for our bottle tombola (anything alcoholic, or toiletries or even soft drinks & cordial) and **Friday 24th March** – a coloured donation for the class hampers which are our raffle prizes.

Class colours are;

- Windermere (Mrs L Pool) - Yellow
- Ullswater (Mrs Foye) - Blue
- Derwentwater (Mr Carruthers/Mrs Jopson) - Green
- Bassenthwaite (Mrs Pickering) - White
- Ennerdale (Mr Tyson) - Pink
- Buttermere (Mrs A Pool) - Purple



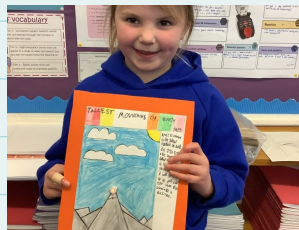
Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Robinwood Galleries



Derwentwater—Letters to the Prime Minister



Bassenthwaite — Electric Posters



Ennerdale—Gym Fit Circuits

Check out some of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics. Check out your child's [class page](#) here.



Coming up at St James' -

- ⇒ Tues 7th & Wed 8th March—Parents Evening
- ⇒ Friday 10th March—Non Uniform—Egg Donation
- ⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 17th March—Non Uniform—Bottle Donation
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st March—Easter Disco
- ⇒ Friday 24th March—Non Uniform—Colour Donation
- ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre & STIX Percussion performance
- ⇒ Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th—Friday 9th June—Year 6 Residential

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Monday—Table Tennis Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
- ⇒ Tuesday—8.00 am Zumba Breakfast Club & After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
 - ◆ ~~STIX Percussion Club (until 4.15 p.m.)~~
 - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
 - ◆ ~~Yr 5 Textiles Club @ School (until 4.20 p.m.)~~
 - ◆ ~~Year 6 English SATS Booster @ School (until 4.20 p.m.)~~
- ⇒ Thursday—Year 6 Maths SATS Booster @ School (until 4.20 p.m.)