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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 - Jessica T  
Ullswater - Luke C & Caleb H  
Derwentwater— Loe R-E  
Bassenthwaite—Henry C  
Ennerdale - Archie S  
Buttermere - Alfie C

### Attendance winners:

**Windermere & Derwentwater had top attendance this week and will share an extra MUGA day.**  
**Overall school attendance this week is: 97.74 %**



### Homework Heroes

Windermere - Charlotte B  
Ullswater - Harrison S  
Derwentwater - Tia K & Nancy H  
Bassenthwaite - Betsy O  
Ennerdale - Sophie P  
Buttermere - Jakob S

### Christian Value Award

Windermere – Ljay C  
Ullswater - Robert M  
Derwentwater - Layla O'N  
Bassenthwaite—Archie L  
Ennerdale - Isla S  
Buttermere - Lottie Y



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 Scarlett B & Riven H



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, Alfie E, who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



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





Hello and welcome once again to our weekly Newsletter. This week we have dealt with all 4 seasons of weather in just one day, which inspired us to talk about our favourite seasons in worship and the joy that Spring, in particular, can bring.

In our daily worships we have been discussing our Christian Value of Forgiveness and likening it to the messages from the story of Encanto.

Outside of the classroom, our Year 5 & 6 students visited Westlakes Science Park (in the snow) to get involved with a range of science and engineering activities. In the classroom, the children have been busy learning and particularly focusing on some creative recipes from *The BFG* or creating some figurative language to suit the book 'The Promise'. It has been great to see some how creative our students have been with their writing. This was evident during this morning's celebration assembly. Again teachers spoke proudly about their classes and made particular reference to individuals who showed exceptional maturity and engagement during the STEM visit, fantastic sportsmanship and improvements in handwriting this week.

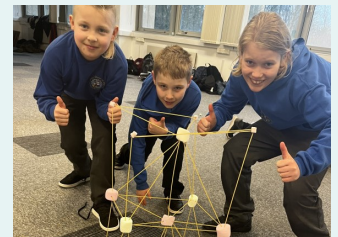
This morning the children came into school in non uniform, and I wanted to use this opportunity once again to share my gratitude for the kind donations of bottles this week. A reminder to all that our Easter Fayre will be on Friday 31st March and we look forward to welcoming the community along.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



### School Notices & Reminders—

- A reminder to Buttermere Class that they will be starting their intensive swimming block on Monday and will need to bring swimming kit, inc costume (no bikinis) and towel, every day next week.
- **Easter disco** – Next Tuesday we will be holding an Easter Disco for the children—Admission will be £2 per child (pay on the door) and they will be able to purchase a range of sweets and hot dogs and pay to have a glitter tattoo or have their face painted if they would like to. The disco will be on from 5 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. and children must be collected at the end from the school hall.
- **Visual Stress Eye Tests**—Specsavers are now offering testing to children and adults for Visual Stress— "Visual Stress" is where processing of text is difficult and can lead to reading difficulties, headaches and other visual problems when reading text— [This link](#) has some useful information and if you have any concerns about your child and would be interested in arranging a test (which costs approx. £20) please contact school.
- **Uppers visit to Westlakes Science Park**— Special thanks to Luke and Rachel for Jacobs for working alongside Miss A Pool in coordinating a visit to West Lakes Science Park. Whilst there, the groups worked alongside both Jacobs and Kaefer on Scaffolding the World and other engineering projects and even managed to take a snowy walk through a trail known as a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) Trail. Thanks again to all involved for hosting such a worthwhile event.
- **Careers Day** – Our visit to Westlakes Science Park and talking about the different careers that can be built through STEM has inspired us to look into hosting a careers event in school for the Summer term. This is something we did back in Summer 2019 with great support from a group of parents who shared their experiences in a whole range of careers including: an entrepreneur salon owner, a Royal Marine, a graphics card designer, HR specialist, self-employed artist and someone employed by NASA. I will be sending out more information as we begin our Summer term, but if you feel that you, or somebody else you know, would be able to offer some time to speak to our children about a specific career path we would love to hear from you.



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/>

- **Year 5 & 6 Ennerdale Field Work Days**—We have looked at the long range forecast and unfortunately the weather does not currently look good enough to run our Ennerdale field work days—therefore all three days will be cancelled. We will re-schedule to the Summer term when the weather should be better and will mean a much more enjoyable day for the children.
- **Soundwave Music Club** – A reminder that our brand new Soundwave Music Club for St James' will be 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. The club is open to our Year 5 & 6 pupils and if your child would like to be involved in the project please [email the office](#). This will be free at attend and depending on the level of interest we will confirm if your child has a place based on capacity.

## Easter Fayre

Bottle Donations – Thanks for everyone’s kind donations of bottles for today’s non-uniform day to support our upcoming Easter Fayre on Friday 31st March—there was a real variety and we are really appreciative.

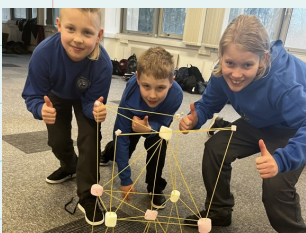
The last non-uniform day will be: **Friday 24th March** – a coloured donation for the class hampers which are our raffle prizes.

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) -



**Westlakes STEM Event**



**Windermere—Map Skills**



**Year 5 Textiles Club**



**Ennerdale—The Easter Story**

Check out all 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’ -

- ⇒ **Week Commencing Monday 20th March—  
Buttermere Swimming Block**
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st March—Easter Disco—**5—6.30 p.m.**
- ⇒ Friday 24th March—Non Uniform—Colour Donation
- ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre & STIX Percussion performance (**1.45 p.m.**)
- ⇒ 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.)

