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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 - Ljay C

Ullswater - Tilly S & Lexie R

Derwentwater— Noah L

Bassenthwaite—Kieran H & Harry B

Ennerdale - Jacob G

Buttermere - David D

### Attendance winners:

**Bassenthwaite had top attendance this week and will get an extra MUGA day.**

**Overall school attendance this week is: 97.54 %**



### Homework Heroes

Windermere - Lilia T

Ullswater - Nate H

Derwentwater - Aysha E

Bassenthwaite - Sammie B

Ennerdale - India H

Buttermere - Lottie Y

### Christian Value Award

Windermere – Miss Pool's  
Year 5 Maths Group

Ullswater - Lexie R & Aiden P

Derwentwater - Eden E

Bassenthwaite - Zoey H O'N

Ennerdale - Aalayah B

Buttermere -All of Buttermere



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 Jacob G & Conall C.



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, Scarlett H, 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 to this week's Newsletter. This week our final class, Buttermere, have completed their intensive swimming block and it has been great hearing of their increased confidence and competence in the water. Well done kids, you've certainly earned a rest over the weekend.

Also this week I have had the pleasure of chatting to children about their Geography studies and have been blown away by their facts and understanding of maps, places and facts that they could remember from previous topics.

On Tuesday we held our Easter disco and it was great to be able to host an event that the children really enjoyed. We got some amazing photos which can be found on [our gallery](#).

Today, the children came in for their final non-uniform day and I would like to offer my thanks for your generosity in helping to raise stock to sell at next Friday's Easter Fayre. Please see below for details for the fayre and we have everything crossed for some pleasant weather so that we can host outside like we did last year.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



## School Notices & Reminders—

**Parking** – Until recently, the situation around school has been showing signs of improvement but as well as illegal parking at start and end of days, we had a significant issue at the end of our school disco on Tuesday night. We have held events like this before and not seen roads blocked in the way it was on Tuesday night. Because of this we are reviewing our procedures into how we can safely hold events like this in the future.

**Easter Fayre** – Next Friday we will host our annual Easter Fayre in school. The event will start at 1.30 p.m. Parents can come along and collect their child to walk around the Fayre with. This is not compulsory and if you would just like your child to go around the stalls themselves with money, this is perfectly fine. We will have staff members on every entrance and exit so that no child can leave the site unchaperoned. In the past, the stock and games tend to last approximately an hour. Parents can leave with children earlier than this if they wish, and all other children can be collected by parents at 2.45 p.m. Please note there is no After-school club next Friday.

All raffles and games are drawn on the Monday after the Easter break.

**Year 6 Easter Fayre Helpers**—We would welcome any Year 6 volunteers to help at the Fayre, for example being the Goalie in 'Beat the Goalie' and helping Mrs Jackson with her Bowling for Bunnies and Bunny Coconut Shy, so if your child will be on site for the majority of the fayre and is willing to help for a portion of the time, please let Mrs Maiden or Class teachers know.



**Library books** – Over recent years the focus of our fundraising has been to buy books to replace the books that never returned from lockdown. We lost approx. a quarter of our books and therefore we needed to focus our fundraising efforts for this much-needed investment. We were careful to ensure that the new books appealed to the children and asked them for names of popular books that they would like to see in their library. Some examples were; Diary of the Wimpy Kid, Dogman books and Bad Guys. Since this investment it is noticeable that the library is now



empty again of these very popular books, and children are disappointed at not being able to choose them. Could we please request that parents look through books at home to check whether any of the books currently in bedrooms happen to be stock from school and return them for our library. Many thanks.

**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.

**Soundwave Music Club** – A reminder that our brand new Soundwave Music Club for St James' will be starting on Tuesday 18th April. 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 to attend and depending on the level of interest we will confirm if your child has a place based on capacity.



## Year 6 Leaver Hoodies—

As is traditional at this time of year we start to prepare for the transition of our current Year 6's to their chosen secondary schools and one of the first things we do is to arrange for Leavers Hoodies for those who would like to buy one. Children will be allowed to wear their hoodies to school for the remainder of the school year if they would like to. Below is a link to our 'hoodie shop'. This year we are using Hartland Hoodies who have a very simple to use website and a great range of colours for the children to choose from. The hoodies will have an embroidered logo on the front and a large 23 on the back with all of the children's name on. Please be careful with sizing—Hartland include lots of useful tips for measuring on their site and they have also agreed to send two sizes to school for parents to come and have a look to compare.



The closing date for orders is 7th April (please note this is during the Easter break) and we hope to have delivery just after SATs, around the 12th May. Please come into the office from Monday if you would like to see the samples and contact the office if you have any other queries.

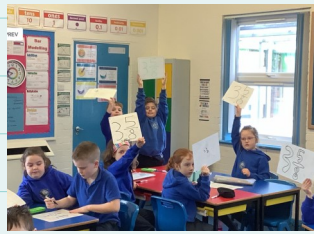
<https://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/st-james-c-of-e-junior-school-leavers-hoodies>

- We have also been asked to remind parents of Year 6 children to apply for **Home to School Transport from Sept 2023** (if required) before 31st March via this link ([Citizen Portal - Sign in \(cumbria.gov.uk\)](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/citizen-portal)) as due to the Local Government Regeneration, this is more easily done on the existing website. Thank you

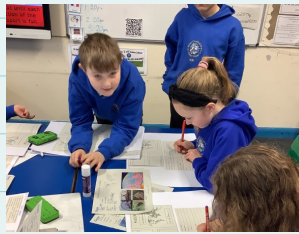
Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Year 6 Writing a Cyclical Story



Mrs Pickering's Maths Group—Fractions



Windermere—French Globetrotters



Ennerdale—Palm Sunday

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' -

- ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre **1.30 p.m.** STIX Percussion performance (1.45 p.m.) **& All Children must be collected by 2.45 p.m. (Please note there is no After-school club available)**
- ⇒ Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th—Friday 9th June—Year 6 Residential

### CHANGES TO CLUBS NEXT WEEK AND AFTER HALF TERM

- ⇒ Zumba Club on Tuesday 28th March will be cancelled and due to changes in staffing will not restart directly after the Easter Holidays, but we will notify parents when it will restart.
- ⇒ Next week will be the last Yr 5 Textiles, Monday After School Table Tennis and STIX Percussion Club sessions.
- ⇒ There will be a new group for the Whitehaven Harbor Adventure Club on Wednesdays—if your child (Yr5/6) would like to take part please let the office know.

## 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.)

