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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 - Lilia T
- Ullswater - Lauren H & Ellis D
- Derwentwater- Jasmine T
- Bassenthwaite- Zachary H & William P
- Ennerdale - Scarlett B
- Buttermere - Evie S, Macey G & Charlotte R

Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.97 %



Homework Heroes

- Windermere - Kaeden L
- Ullswater - Lewis G
- Derwentwater - Jules F
- Bassenthwaite - Connor J
- Ennerdale - Halle W
- Buttermere - Emilia A
- Mrs Jackson's Homework Club
- Zoey H'O



Christian Value Award

- Windermere – Kathryn D
- Ullswater - Tilly S
- Derwentwater - Jack B
- Bassenthwaite - Conall C
- Ennerdale - Whole Maths Group
- Buttermere - Jem B



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 Freddie J, Conall C, Harry B & Nathaniel F



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, Daniel P, 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!





Welcome to our final Newsletter of the Easter term. I would firstly like to take this opportunity in wishing you all an enjoyable Easter break and hope that the weather is kind and allows plenty of time to explore outdoors and enjoy the signs of springtime.

This week the children have been joined by Mrs Jones from St James' Church who visited all classrooms to build Easter gardens; to share the meaning of Easter; and explore the Easter story by looking at the children's bibles. I'm sure the children will join me in offering our thanks to Mrs Jones for her time and kind words.

Today we held our annual Easter Fayre. Thank you once again for your kind donations for our tombola's and hampers. Hopefully all of those able to visit us were able to enjoy food, drinks, music, glitter tattoos and games and even an un-scheduled visit from the fire brigade! Thank you all once again for your support of our fundraising efforts.

Yesterday we met as a school to have an early celebration assembly and to recognise the hard work and kind, respectful attitude shown by our students. This has included this week some great group work on their castle building topic. Children were also recognised for great efforts with writing, artistic homework tasks and learning of their times tables. Well done children for following The St James Way.

Wishing you all a lovely break, Mr Beattie



School Notices & Reminders—

Soundwave Music club – On our first week back we will be launching a brand new club at St James' called Music Club. This will involve working with a team of staff from Soundwave in supporting song writing, singing and playing instruments. If your Year 5/6 child is interested in joining the club then please let us know. Owning a guitar or keyboard or percussion instruments would be helpful but not essential as we have stock in school that can be used and the club is free to attend. Please let the office know if your child would like a place.

Saying goodbye/saying hello!

Yesterday was the last day for Mrs Blakeney from our school office. After 7 years as our Admin Assistant she is pursuing a new career as a Senior Teaching Assistant. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mrs Blakeney but we are happy and excited for her as she pursues her new career. On Thursday the children presented Mrs Blakeney with gifts, a few hugs and plenty of thanks for her care during her time here.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Admin Assistant for our school staff. Mrs Hutchinson will join our office after Easter having spent time as a self-employed graphic designer and has also worked as a mid-day supervisor in her old school. It is great to welcome her on board with our staff and I'm sure parents, children and staff will make her feel at home here.

Please find attached the new menu for the Summer Term—Children have once again given lots of input into the menu and we hope they enjoy the new options and returning favourites.

Welcome to our new menu for Summer Term – We have lots returning favourites this term. Children have again given their input into this menu and we really hope they enjoy their meals each and every day!

Monday – Pizza Day	Tuesday – International Day	Wednesday – Roast Dinner Day	Thursday – Best of British	Friday – Fish Day
Pizza – Cheese/Meat	Spaghetti Bolognese – Meat/Veggie	Pigs in a Blanket in a Pud Dinner	All Day/Veggie Breakfast – Back by popular demand	Fish Cakes
Chicken Nuggets	Hot Dogs/Veggie Dogs	Veggie Sausage in a Pud Dinner	Choice of Steak or Cheese & Potato Slice	Tomato & Basil Pesto (NEW! With homemade Cheese Sauce)
Mini Waffles	Wedges	Jacket Potatoes	Hash Browns	Chips
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Chocolate Chip Muffins	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
Green Muffins	NEW! Sticky Roast Lamb		Grasmere Gingerbread	Cheese & Crackers
Monday – Pizza Day	Tuesday – International Day	Wednesday – Roast Dinner Day	Thursday – Best of British	Friday – Fish Day
Pizza – Cheese/Meat Feast	Sweet & Sour Chicken/Quorn & Rice	Roast Chicken Dinner	Sausage/Veggie Sausage & Mash	Fish Fingers
Quorn/Turkey Breaded fillet	Meatballs/Veggie Meatballs & Pasta	Roast Quorn Dinner	Beef Casserole	Tomato Soup & Sandwich
Chips	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Mini Waffles
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	NEW! Spiced Bismillah Superbread Man	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
Raspberry & Chocolate Brownie	Red Sponge Cake		Marble Shortbread	Chocolate Chip Cookie
Monday – Pizza Day	Tuesday – International Day	Wednesday – Roast Dinner Day	Thursday – Best of British	Friday – Fish Day
Pizza – Cheese/Chicken	Chicken/Quorn Korma & Rice	Minced Beef Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding	Shepherds Pie/Veggie Pie	Breaded Cod
Sausage	Burgers/Veggie Burgers in a Bun	Minced Quorn Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding	Bacon Baguettes	Macaroni Cheese
Wedges	Chips	Jacket Potatoes	Mini Waffles	Hearty Bread Potatoes
Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes	Ice Cream Tubs	Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potatoes
Choc Chip Rock Buns	Chocolate Iced Sponge		Chocolate Crunch	NEW! Cheesy Cheddar



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) -



Bassenthwaite Castles



Ullswater Life Cycles



Ennerdale Gymnastics



Derwentwater Maps

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' -

- ⇒ Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April
- ⇒ Thursday 20th April—Tempest Class Photos
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th—Friday 9th June—Year 6 Residential

CHANGES TO CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

- ⇒ Zumba Club 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 re-start.
- ⇒ Yr 5 Textiles, Monday After School Table Tennis and STIX Percussion Club sessions have all now finished
- ⇒ There will be a new group for the Whitehaven Harbor Adventure Club on Wednesdays—if you child (Yr5/6) would like to take part please let the office know.

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Tuesday—~~8.00 am Zumba Breakfast Club~~ & After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.) & Soundwave Music Club (Collected from school at 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
 - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 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.)

