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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 - Maddie C
Ullswater - Kayden-Lee A
Derwentwater – Layla O & Wilf P
Bassenthwaite - Paige J
Ennerdale - Seth F
Buttermere - Sophia Renesmee W

Attendance winners:

Derwentwater had top attendance this week and will share an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.24%



Homework Heroes



Windermere - Nathaniel F
Ullswater - Nate H
Derwentwater - Freya M
Bassenthwaite - Betsy O
Ennerdale - Rose J & Amy H
Buttermere - Solomon D

Christian Value Award



Windermere – Lilia T
Ullswater - Theo M
Derwentwater - Jasmine T & Jasmine T
Bassenthwaite - Harlow T
Ennerdale - Scarlett B
Buttermere - Clara S

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 Layla O & Hudson 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, Charlotte R 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!



School Notices & Reminders—



Year 6 Cyclewise—Some of our Year 6s will be involved in the Bikeability/Cyclewise Scheme week commencing Monday 12th June. **Please note that all children who have returned a form have a place.** Bikes should be brought into school on the Monday and can be kept in school for the rest of the programme. Please note that we recommend ensuring bikes are insured 'away from home' if they are particularly valuable.

Baby & Child First Aid for Parents—The Family Connector Project have very kindly arranged and funded two training sessions for parents, open to both parents at the Infants and the Juniors, in baby and child first aid. These are really important skills and we are pleased that we can offer out this training to our families free of charge. ****Please note we are now able to offer this to grandparents, so please contact us to book**** Remaining session – Friday 23rd June 2023 9-12 a.m. If you would be interested in attending please either contact Mrs Maiden or Mrs Brown at the Infants.

Community & Summer Events—The Family Connector project also have some Connect & Play events that they would like us to share and invite families to (see page 5) and the Wild Things Forest School have asked us to share some information about events over the summer (see page 4).

Vacancies—From September we will be looking for new people to join our team of Midday Supervisors. If you or a friend or a family member are looking for part-time work, doing something really rewarding and beneficial for the school then we would love to hear from you. We can potentially offer 3/5 days roles, so even if you can't do every day we would still be keen to hear from you. Children's playtimes are one of the most important times in their day, and we are proud of our team and the supervision and interaction that they provide our children. If you are interested please contact Mrs Maiden, School Business Manager.



Careers Morning—We are arranging a careers morning for our Year 5 & 6 children for the 11th July. We are looking for parents with a variety of careers and job roles to get involved. If you would be available for a few hours on Tuesday morning, 11th July (9.30 – 11.30) and would be willing to come and present to small groups of children about your role and what it entails, we would love to hear from you. All job roles will be of interest and children especially engage with visual aids and demonstrations where possible.

Healthy Steps from NHS England—The Healthy Steps programme has **launched!**

This is a free 8-week email programme designed to encourage families to eat better and move more, with budget conscious, easy and practical ideas.

How can you help? - NHS are asking as many families as possible with 5-11 year olds going to www.healthysteps.uk to sign up in our local area. To help you support the programme, they have created a range of free and useful resources on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#). Here you will find recipe cards, newsletter copy, a social toolkit and more.

How does Healthy Steps work? - Parents/carers can sign up at any time by completing a quiz about their current eating and physical activity habits. Once they've completed the quiz they will receive weekly emails on one of these themes, tailored to their quiz results:

- Reducing sugar
- Eating 5 a day
- Meal planning

The content in the emails will then provide families with simple ways to take steps towards healthier behaviours.

Term Time Holidays—We have recently seen an increase in parents requesting a term-time absence. Because of this we have reissued the letter sent out to all parents from Dan Barton at the local authority which can be found on our website. We are unable to authorise any absence other than the most exceptional circumstances. We also feel that it is also worth sharing that the Local Authority request all details around term-time holidays, and in cases where they are concerned about issues surrounding attendance, have the authority to issue fixed-penalty notices to families. Thank you for your understanding on this.

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



Bassenthwaite—Sketching



Year 5 Egyptian Art Work



Year 6 Residential (one of many galleries!)



Ennerdale Sling Shot Cars

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 12th June—Year 6 Bikeability
- ⇒ Wednesday 15th June—Year 3 & 4 Cross Country & Year 4 Visit to Labyrinth St Bees Priory
- ⇒ Saturday 17th June – Uniform selling day at West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Friday 23rd June—Parents First Aid 9-12 a.m.
- ⇒ Saturday 1st July – Uniform selling day at St Benedict's School
- ⇒ Wednesday 5th July- Y6 Taster Day—Whitehaven Academy, St Benedict's & West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Wednesday 5th July – Year 6 Parents information evening at St Benedict's & West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Thursday 6th July—Summer Performance
- ⇒ Tuesday 11th July—Careers Morning
- ⇒ Thursday 13th July—Sports Day (Parents welcome from 1-3 p.m.)

⇒ End of Summer Term—Wednesday 19th July



Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Tuesday—
 - ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.) &
 - ◆ Soundwave Music Club (Collect from school at 4.30p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Thursday
 - ◆ Mr Carruthers Year 6 Drama Club (Collect from school @ 4.30 p.m.)

Summer message—Now we are in the Summer season can we please remind parents to ensure that children come into school with appropriate clothing, long lasting sunscreen and water bottles. On extremely hot days and on school trips it may also be advisable for children to bring hats to provide shade and protection and we will advise parents accordingly. The SunSmart skin cancer prevention concept is Slip, Slop, Slap. Seek and Slide –

SLIP on clothing to cover your arms and legs, **SLOP** on sunscreen with factor 15+ (30+ is considered best practice), **SLAP** on a wide-brimmed hat, **SEEK** shade or create your own shade and **SLIDE** on some UV protective sunglasses.

Please refer to our [Sun Safety Procedures](#) for more details.



WILD THINGS

ADVENTURE CLUB



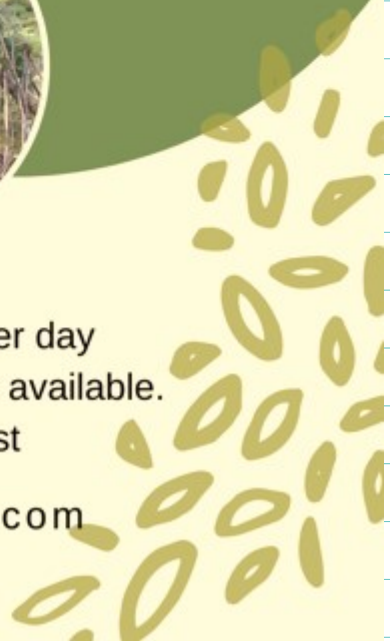
FOREST BASED SUMMER ACTIVITIES



31st July, 1st, 2nd Aug
7th, 8th, 9th Aug
14th, 15th, 16th Aug
21st, 22nd, 23rd Aug
9am till 5pm

5-14 year olds.
£40 per child, per day
Sibling discount available.
Whinlatter Forest

email:wildthingscumbria@gmail.com





Connect and Play

with *Rainbow Wishes*
Foundation

We believe that the best way to connect with family and friends is through play!

Join us for a fun-filled family event designed to help you and your children build connections with each other and the community in a warm, friendly and inclusive environment.

The hour will be packed with games, activities, and crafts for everyone to enjoy together!

For ages 4-10

22nd, 23rd & 27th June, 4:00pm

The Oval Centre, Workington

Free but limited spaces. Book at:

22nd - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-gaylvaj>

23rd - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-zzyonzd>

27th - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-xmydnml>

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