



“With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together”

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Newsletter

Well Done

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard this week.

Here are our Pupils of the Week

Windermere – Jasmine T

Ullswater – Jack E & Zayn C

Derwentwater – Jenson H & Lucas C-F

Bassenthwaite – William M & Charlotte R

Ennerdale – Scarlett B

Buttermere – Ella M



The St. James' Way

- ✓ Be Kind
- ✓ Be Respectful
- ✓ Give Your All

CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

Windermere – Harlow T

Ullswater – Jenson M

Derwentwater – Jett H

Bassenthwaite – Ahtee J & Macey G

Ennerdale – Daniel P

Buttermere – Rose J



USEFUL LEARNING LINKS



THANK YOU

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



ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

DERWENTWATER

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 94.62%

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 Ruby H & Aalayah B.





Welcome to this week's newsletter. A week that has seen a welcome return to the Autumn sunshine, and capped off nicely with a joint service for families with our Infant School and Rev Alison at St James' Church. Before I begin, can I pass on my gratitude on behalf of Foodbank West Cumbria for the kind donations from our school community. They will collect the donations and add to food parcels to support local families from next week. I also hope that the staff and families in attendance this morning enjoyed how well the children spoke, sang and performed. I thought all of the children were a credit to their schools and really enjoyed seeing how creative they had been in their writing and artwork. This week we joined together for our Celebration Assembly and it was great to hear from classes in how they are recognising increased kindness, respect and hard work across all 6 classes. There was particular mention to a number of certificate winners this week who collected their certificates for consideration for others, superb learning and improvements across all aspects of school life. *Have a restful weekend, Mr Beattie*

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Mobile Phones - We have seen a big increase in children bringing mobile phones into school. Our policy in the past has been that children who are having to walk longer distances home and/or having to travel through town to meet families can bring them and leave them in the office during the school day. In these circumstances we have allowed phones to be on site for safety reasons **but they must be in left in the office and not, under any circumstances, left in school bags.** We would ask you to get in touch if you have a similar arrangement for meeting your child but otherwise ask your children to leave mobile phones at home. This is to fit in with our agreed internet safety policy. In addition, can I remind you that this policy and our safeguarding policy also state that watches and other electronic devices that take photos and/or connect to the internet are unsuitable for school. This includes the functionality of all smartwatches. Thank you

New Staff - We are pleased to announce that we will be welcoming a new member of staff to our team. Miss Shackley was successful in interview this week and will join our team of learning support staff next week. We are sure she will be happy here, supporting our students and everyone will make her feel very welcome.

10-pin Bowling - Great news from our 10-pin bowling team who joined Mrs Glaister and Mrs McGrane for an annual tournament against other schools this week. It was reported back to me that the children had lots of fun, and were really considerate and supportive of their team mates and other players from other schools and showed the St James' Way. This is great to hear and we look forward to planning other similar activities in the future.

Whitehaven Sharks - At St James' we have many children who take part in out of school groups and clubs and we are proud of them all. A special shout out this week to the Whitehaven Sharks team who took part last weekend in a festival over at Newcastle Falcons Rugby Club. The under 10's were brilliant and won every game, not letting anyone score a try against them.



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



Bowling at Carlisle



Bassenthwaite visit to WHYP



Harvest Festival



Derwentwater History Walk

PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy on the school's Governing Body for a parent governor. To help explain the role of a governor and how you can directly support the leadership and running of the school, please read the additional information attached. If you would like to find out more about the role, please call into school and we would be more than happy to discuss the role further. If there is more than one candidate then a parent governor election will take place. The closing date for applications of interest will be Monday 30th October at 9.00 a.m.

AUTISM DROP-IN SESSIONS-

Cumberland Council will be running Autism drop-in sessions in local libraries in upcoming months. These are for families, parents and carers of children who are undergoing assessment for autism. These sessions give families the opportunity to ask questions, gain information and support, as well as meet other families going through the process. They can also meet and chat with an Autism Pathway Navigator & Speech and Language Therapist, an Occupational Therapist & Children's Learning Disability and Behaviour Nurse –

Workington Library Thursday 19th October 1 - 3 pm

WEEKLY CLUBS

⇒ Tuesday—

- ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 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.)
- ◆ STIX Percussion (collection from school @ 4.15 pm)

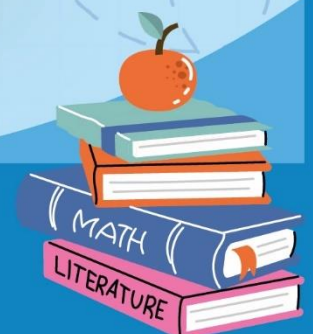
⇒ Thursday -

Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Monday 16th October – Buildings & Finance Governors Meeting
- Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – HALF TERM
- Wednesday 1st November – Halloween Disco
- **Provisional Dates**
- Year 4 Residential – Wednesday 28th February – Friday 1st March
- Year 6 Residential – Tuesday 4th June – Friday 7th June

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“Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105”