



“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 – Tammy G
- Ullswater – Carson M & Chloe T
- Derwentwater – Clara S & Emilia A
- Bassenthwaite – Louie H, Chloe N, Jakob S and Halle W
- Ennerdale – Connor J
- Buttermere – Seth F



CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Harry B & Charlotte J
- Ullswater – Freddie J
- Derwentwater – Logan R
- Bassenthwaite – Lottie Y
- Ennerdale – Marcie K
- Buttermere – Sam G



The St. James' Way

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

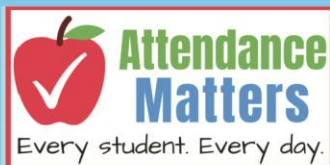
CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's first Catch Me Card winner Emilia A, who has won a prize of their choice for being spotted by one of the Midday Team doing something extra special around school during lunchtime.



THANK YOU

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



ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

ULLSWATER

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 95.88%

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 Susie L & Noah S.





Welcome to our weekly newsletter. This week has seen the children continue to work hard and get the most out of opportunities inside and outside of the classroom.

Today we met as always to share our successes and it was lovely to hear how well the children continue to do. Individual certificates were handed out for helping new pupils, doing extra homework and beautifully presented work and it was great to celebrate these achievements together.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mr Beattie

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Footy - This week it was an absolute pleasure to take a group of Year 3 & 4 children to a Carlisle United Football Festival. This was a non-competitive festival with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment of the game with a mixture of boys and girls representing St James'. In our group we played 6 schools mainly from Carlisle and neighbouring areas, but we certainly achieved the aim of the day with everyone having a heap load of fun. An added bonus was some brilliant play with plenty of goals scored. The squad received a medal (and some great memories with friends) for their efforts. Well done team!

Christmas Singing - It feels that as soon as the school gets over Halloween then we dive straight into Christmas preparations. This has meant that the school has been filled with singing this week, with the children rehearsing Christmas carols and songs from our Nativity performance. You will notice in our 'coming up at St James' section' that we have added the provisional date for the nativity performance which this year is The Christmas Jigsaw. As in previous years, there will be two performances of the nativity, which will be held in St James' Church and times are 12.45 and 5 p.m. We will also perform some songs during our joint Christmas service with our Infant School. This service will be held on our last day, Tuesday 19th December with parents welcome to come and be part of the service.

In addition to this, we have asked for interest for children joining our Christmas Choir this term. This is only for children who wish to sing in the Big Sing event on Friday 8th December (7-9 p.m.) and can attend practice after school on a Thursday.

Homework – After a positive start to our new scheme of homework reward stars, we have noticed a decrease in the number of children who are receiving their homework stars each week. A reminder to families that for year 3 and 4 the expectation is: 3 reading diary entries, 5 games on Spelling Shed and 10 minutes on Timestables Rock Stars over the whole week. Year 5 & 6 is the same except 15 minutes on Timestables Rockstars.

Our homework is mainly online, so some parents may not be aware that their children are not completing it – because of this some classes are down to only 3 or 4 children completing it. If parents could check the back of reading diaries this weekend to see how many stickers your child has received so far this year.

Also, if you haven't already please ensure, that you are signed up for the Seesaw Family app, as teachers can use this to communicate with parents if there is a problem with homework being completed. Devices can be loaned out for any families struggling to get online.



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.



Year 3/4 Mixed Football Festival



Ullswater Street Dance



Buttermere Soap Sculptures



Windermere ZooLab

GOODBYES

On Wednesday we said goodbye to Mrs Jackson who was successful in acquiring a senior teaching assistant role at Orgill Primary. After 16 years of service in various roles in the school, we wish her well in her new position.

SEESAW FAMILY CLASS LINKS -

Bassenthwaite (Mrs Pickering) - <https://app.seesaw.me/s/737-215-145>
 Buttermere (Miss A Pool) - <https://app.seesaw.me/s/729-581-752>
 Derwentwater (Mr Carruthers) - <https://app.seesaw.me/s/130-459-812>
 Ennerdale (Mr Tyson) - <https://app.seesaw.me/s/441-593-454>
 Ullswater (Mrs Foye) - <https://app.seesaw.me/s/214-349-521>
 Windermere (Miss L Pool) - <https://app.seesaw.me/s/992-502-386>

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17th November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children can come to school in anything 'spotty' or their onesies/pyjamas for a £1 donation.



WEEKLY CLUBS

⇒ Tuesday—

- ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collect from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ◆ Mr Carruthers After-school Sports Club – Boys/Girls Alternate Weeks (collect from school @ 4.20 pm)

⇒ Wednesday –

- ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
- ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collect from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
- ◆ STIX Percussion (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)

⇒ Thursday -

- ◆ Big Sing Rehearsal Club (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)
- ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day

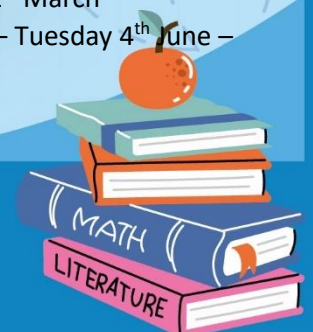
COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Friday 17th November – Children in Need Pyjama Day
- Tuesday 12th December – School Nativity (Performances @ 12.45 & 5 p.m.)
- Tuesday 19th December – END OF AUTUMN TERM Christmas Service at St James' Church @ 12.15 p.m.
- Wednesday 3rd January – START OF SPRING TERM

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”