



“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 – Eden E
- Ullswater – Amy H & Sophie P
- Derwentwater – Lauren H, India H & Jenny M
- Bassenthwaite – Macey G
- Ennerdale – Nolah T, Raven Q & Ciara C
- Buttermere – Maddie G



The St. James' Way

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

CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Raine P-Y
- Ullswater – Carson M
- Derwentwater – Jett H
- Bassenthwaite – Nolah T & Clara C
- Ennerdale – Henry C
- Buttermere – Sam G & Jack H



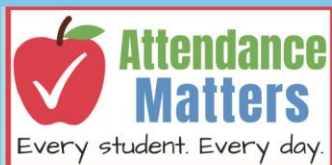
CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Bethan L, 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:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 95.65%

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 Theo M & Amy H.





Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter. In a week where we say goodbye to November, but say hello to some much-needed winter sunshine, the children and staff continue to be busy in their learning and preparations for Christmas. You will read below that this week has included some visitors into school and further visits out of school for many children. We have other events planned for next week including a chance for some of our children to carol sing for local care homes in Whitehaven, and then end the week joined by the brilliant Committed2rock Choir in St James' Church on Friday evening. This morning we met as a whole school for our weekly Celebration Assembly and it was great to hand out individual certificates for; working independently to create an amazing piece of work, compassion and consideration for friends. Great to see The St James' Way in action. *Enjoy a restful weekend, Mr Beattie*

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

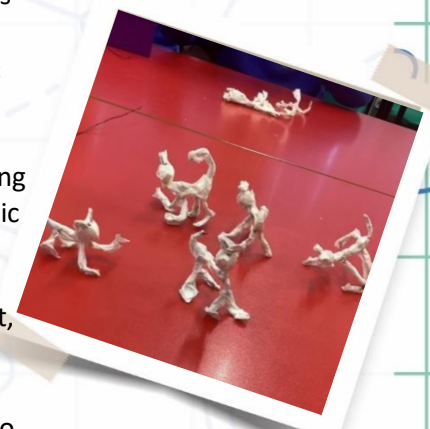
Music Lessons - It is lovely to hear the progress being made by our various guitar and keyboard groups. The current number of children taking up an instrument is 45, which is almost a third of our school. This is absolutely fantastic and gets us above the numbers of children taking up an instrument in school before Covid forced schools to close. Having spoken to Mr Bradley, we could still potentially bring in 1 new group (up to 4 spaces) so if anyone is interested in taking up a place in the new year, please speak to the school office. The cost of the music sessions is £6 per week. Look out for details of a performance next year.

Lowry Work - This week the Year 5 & 6 classes were joined by a local artist, Alex, who introduced the work of LS Lowry. The classes were taught that West Cumbria was often the inspiration of Lowry with many sketches and paintings of the area exhibited in his collections. To celebrate the arrival of a Lowry painting to The Beacon Museum next year, the children completed their own Lowry inspired artwork that will be exhibited alongside the famous painting when this goes live in January/February. The feedback from staff and children was really positive with the children loving the chance to be creative and excited at the prospect of seeing their work displayed alongside the famous painting. Thank you, Alex from all at St James' for taking the time to come and work with us.

DT Work - You could have mistaken the Year 5 & 6 classrooms as something like a busy Elf Workshop this week as the children got to grips with designing and building their very own automata toys. This included plenty of measuring, drilling, sawing and gluing, and the galleries on our website show that they have done a terrific job on their DT topics this half-term.

Chilly Forest School - This Thursday, our Forest School group enjoyed a lovely wintery walk up to Sawmill Woods to continue with their Forest School sessions. Whilst there the children enjoyed a choice of marshmallows or smores. Next week will be the last Forest School session until after Christmas, and I would like to offer my continued thanks to Emma from West Cumbria Rivers Trust for her brilliant work with our students.

Nativity Charity - As in previous years, St James' Church will be once again hanging their upside-down Christmas Tree - The Tree of Hope, in the church this year. If you would like to hang a 'tag' on the tree, for a small donation, with hopes for the future or maybe in memory of a loved one, labels will be available from the school office for hopes and prayers to be written on, which can then be hung on the tree. All donations go to the Special Care Baby Unit, at West Cumberland Hospital.



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.



**Ullswater
Lowry Models**



**Ennerdale
Shadow Sculptures**



**Windermere
DT Automata Toys**



Forest School

DONATIONS WELCOME

If anyone is having a clear out before Christmas and have any previously-loved toys, jigsaws, books or even musical instruments please get in touch. We would be grateful of any of these donations that are in good working order.



As part of our Christmas festivities we have lots of wonderful activities planned – please see the coming up at St James' section below, which will include our annual cinema trip which will be £5.75 (including a snack box). We will make this payment available on SchoolMoney.

TICKETS!

If anyone hasn't yet got their tickets for the Nativity performances on 12th then please contact the office.

Please note children in Year 5 & 6 will form the Nativity choir and will need to wear Christmas Jumpers for the performances.

Nativity songs -

<https://www.stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk/work/nativity-songs/85896>

A reminder tickets for Big Christmas Sing-A-Long are now available to buy on SchoolMoney, £5 per ticket.

WEEKLY CLUBS

⇒ Tuesday—

- ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collect from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.) **4 PLACES AVAILABLE**
- ◆ 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

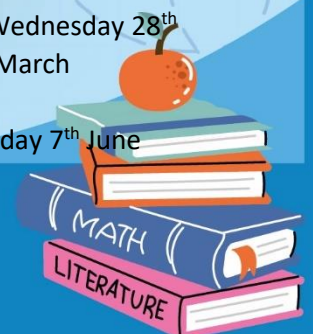
COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Friday 8th December – Carol Singing at Rosehill Care Home
- Friday 8th December - Big Christmas Sing at St James' Church @ 7-9pm £5 per ticket
- Tuesday 12th December – School Nativity (Performances @ 12.45 & 5 p.m.)
- Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Cinema Trip, Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
- 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”