



“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 – Jules F
- Ullswater – Poppy S & Rosalee T
- Derwentwater – Nathaniel F & Jaxon S
- Bassenthwaite – Kayden D, Ahtee J & Velvet P-Y
- Ennerdale – Charlie B
- Buttermere – George J



### The St. James' Way

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

### CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Lilymae M & Loe R-E
- Ullswater – Aaron H
- Derwentwater – Boys & Girls Blackmats Club
- Bassenthwaite – Elsie L
- Ennerdale – Tyler T
- Buttermere – Billy F



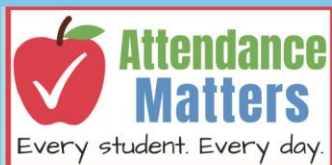
### CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Jack H, 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: 93.76%

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 Anna G & Harlow T.







Welcome to our penultimate newsletter of the year. It has been a week filled with fun and Christmas craziness caused mainly by our class elves who have been playing pranks on the children and destroying the classrooms in some cases. I would like to reassure all parents that I have spoken to Father Christmas and he has promised me that they will be much better-behaved next week. Thankfully our children have made up for it and have shown great behaviour, and demonstrated our school values of peace, friendship, thankfulness, compassion, endurance and forgiveness. This afternoon, a little later than planned due to our Sing Squad performance, we gathered together for our weekly Celebration Assembly and it was lovely to hear of children showing their talents and wonderful behaviour choices consistently across the week. Well done to all certificate winners. *Enjoy the weekend Mr Beattie*

## School Messages, Notices & Reminders

**Big Sing** - The rehearsal at St James' Church went really well on Monday and it was lovely to listen to our newly named, 'Jolly Jinglebells School Choir' supported by a 30-strong Committed2Rock Choir - it sounded amazing! The final rehearsal went well in school yesterday, and special thanks to 'Christmas Catherine' for coming in and supporting us during our weekly sessions. This morning we travelled up to Rosehill Care Home to perform our set one last time and share some Christmas cheer to all. It is wonderful to perform to the residents and staff, and to our surprise they even sang along and had a dance to *Rocking around the Christmas Tree*. Tonight is our main performance, and I would ask all children to be at the church for 6.40 p.m. dressed in any Christmas attire. The performance is expected to end at 9 p.m. and I will stay with the children throughout and pass on to parents at the end. We look forward to seeing you there.



**Christmas Reminders** - Next Wednesday is our visit to the Gaiety cinema where the children will enjoy a screening of *Wonka*, along with a snackbox of small popcorn, fruit shoot and a small bag of sweets. A payment item is now available on SchoolMoney. We then follow our trip with our annual Christmas Dinner offered to all children, please order on SchoolMoney if you want one. The children can come to school on Wednesday wearing their Christmas Jumpers if they wish.



**Lunch** - Christmas has arrived in our school kitchen, with a mischievous elf moving in and our fabulous staff creating delicious Christmas Tree chocolate brownies for our lunch today.

**Nativity** - Our Nativity will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> with performances at 12.45 p.m. and 5 p.m. Rehearsals have been going well and we look forward to sharing the Magical Christmas Jigsaw with you all. On Tuesday could years 5 and 6 please come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers over their uniform. Years 3 and 4 come to school in school uniform and will be changing into costumes at school. Children can be collected after the afternoon performance, if parents have come to watch, or can come back to school for normal collection. For the evening performance all children need to come back to school at 4.30 p.m. Any children booked into afterschool club will be taken over to the church with the other children.



**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.



Ennerdale Circuits



Christmas in the Kitchen



Ullswater Darwin Tree of Life



Carol Singing at Rosehill House

## 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. This payment is available on SchoolMoney.

## TICKETS!

If anyone hasn't yet got their tickets for the Nativity performances on 12<sup>th</sup> 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/navity-songs/85896>

## WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ 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 -
  - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day
- ⇒ Friday -
  - ◆ Mr Carruthers After-school Sports Club – (collect from school @ 4.20 pm)

**CHANGE IN DAY FOR THIS WEEK FOR THE GIRLS**

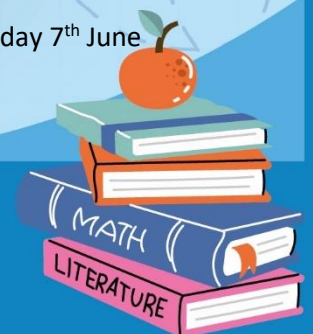
## COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Big Christmas Sing at St James' Church @ 7-9pm £5 per ticket
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – School Nativity (Performances @ 12.45 & 5 p.m.)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Cinema Trip, Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – END OF AUTUMN TERM Christmas Service at St James' Church @ 12.15 p.m.
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – START OF SPRING TERM

### Provisional Dates

- Year 4 Residential – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Year 6 Residential – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

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