



“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 – Harry B & Kieran H
- Ullswater – Lottie F, Isla S, Freddie J & Riven H
- Derwentwater – Solomon D & Scarlett H
- Bassenthwaite – Evie S
- Ennerdale – Penny W, Betsy O, Nevaeh R
- Buttermere – Grayson P-Y



### CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Aysha E
- Ullswater – Sophia R
- Derwentwater – Eden E
- Bassenthwaite – Alfie C & Oliver G
- Ennerdale – Aria D & Edie L
- Buttermere – Archie S



### The St. James' Way

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

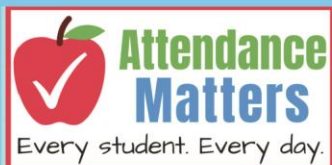
### CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner India 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:

## Windermere

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

## Overall school attendance this week is: 95.96%

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 Hudson S, Aoife R, Aysha E, Raine P-Y, Nevaeh R, Oscar BFS, George J, Zaahira F, Alfie C





Hello and welcome to our final newsletter of 2023. This week has been particularly busy with continued Christmas fun which we hope you enjoy reading all about, below. This morning we met for our final Celebration Assembly with lots of certificate winners and a few extra winning tickets being pulled from our prize boxes, which provided some early Christmas gifts in the forms of books or sporting equipment. Well done everyone on another great week.

*Wishing everyone a restful weekend, Mr Beattie*

## School Messages, Notices & Reminders

**Big Sing Service** - On Friday evening last week our Sing Squad Choir joined forces with Catherine Marcangelo and the wonderful Committed2Rock Choir for a joint choir service held at St James' Church. This was the children's 2nd gig of the day having performed for the wonderful residents and staff at Rosehill House earlier on in the morning. However, you wouldn't have thought so, as the children brought the energy and talent to spread Christmas Cheer for all in attendance. A special thankyou to 'Christmas Cathy' for your patience and support for this great project.

**Nativity** - It was lovely to share a Christmas moment for all those in attendance for our Nativity performances on Tuesday. The Year 3 & 4 children were just brilliant in their performance, and my Christmas-ometer was boosted by the proud smiles of the faces of onlookers. A special mention to our choir who, even with depleted numbers on the evening performance, really supported the younger children with their renditions of the catchy songs. Thank you to Rev Alison for allowing us to perform, and rehearse in the church and, thanks to all staff for their hard work in preparing the show for us all.

**Christmas Jumper Day** - A great day on Wednesday that started off with a trip to Gaiety Cinema. We had some issues with the cheeky Christmas elves who pranked us all by getting in the reel room, and started the playing of Arthur Christmas. Don't worry though, we ironed out the problem with the elves and finally got the showing of Wonka we had been promised. The children returned to school to a fantastic Christmas dinner. We were joined by our special guest, Mrs Raby, who came along just to sit down, chat with the children, and enjoy the food that was prepared. After 23 years of rushing around the kitchen on Christmas Dinner Day, we hope it wasn't too strange to actually sit and relax. The day ended with a selection box treat for all to enjoy.

**Next Week** - A shortened week as we fast approach our Christmas Break. Both days are full uniform days. Our Tuesday is shortened with all children finishing term at 1.15pm straight after our Joint Christmas Service with our Infant children and staff. Parents are welcome to come along, and join in with the service starting at 12.15pm.

Our Tuesday morning will also be 'Toy Day' with children bringing in a toy to play with for the morning. We ask that no expensive items are brought in as with such large numbers of children/toys we can't be responsible for any damages, etc. We also ask that no items that connect to the internet are brought into school for the morning.



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.



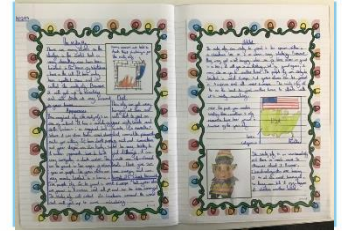
**Nativity**



**Buttermere  
Mr Bones**



**Christmas Dinner**



**Year 6 Christmas non-chronological reports**

## DONATIONS

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.

## CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST JAMES CHURCH

St James Church will be holding their annual Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve which is always a special service for families with children (young and old) receiving and lighting their own Christingle, which is always a special time in the last moments before the big day. All are welcome.

## BAUBLES NEEDED FOR MONDAY

If anyone has any spare Christmas plain or glitter baubles they don't need please could these be sent in on Monday as years 3 and 4 will be decorating them.

## 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 -
  - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day

## COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – END OF AUTUMN TERM Christmas Service at St James' Church @ 12.15 p.m. School finishes at 1.15pm.
- 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

## CLUBS

All clubs will continue with groups as before Christmas, except Adventure Club which will be a new group starting on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

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

