



“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 – Liam H
- Ullswater – Isla S
- Derwentwater – Kieran H, Jack E, Logan R
- Bassenthwaite – Emily B & Cooper R
- Ennerdale – Theo S
- Buttermere – Seth F



### The St. James' Way

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

### CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Shanzay Z
- Ullswater – Yasmin R
- Derwentwater – Lilymae M
- Bassenthwaite – Tait R-E
- Ennerdale – All in Ennerdale
- Buttermere – Archie S



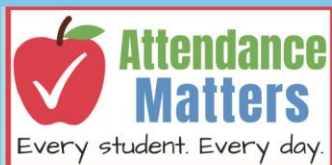
### CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner William P & William M, who have 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:

## BASSENTHWAITE

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

# Overall school attendance this week is: 97.01%

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 Jack M & Connor J





Hello and welcome back to our Spring Term. We hope that all students and families managed to have a restful Christmas break; have started the year with good intentions; and importantly, all New Year's Resolutions are still intact at this point. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school. During Collective Worship we have spoken about New Year's Resolutions and how similar there are to the promises we make to follow The St James' Way. It has been great to see the kindness, respect and great work ethic back in action this week as we look forward to a happy and productive term. This morning we gathered, as is usual, for our weekly Celebration Assembly, and it was great to hand out certificates for making an excellent start to term, demonstrating great positions in PE and producing outstanding writing.

*Wishing everyone a restful weekend, Mr Beattie*

## School Messages, Notices & Reminders

**Choir & Servers** - Following on from the success of our terrific Sing Squad leading up to Christmas, Reverend Alison is keen to open up the opportunity for some of our children to join the St James' Church Choir. Letters were handed out before Christmas for this group of children. Can all interested parties please pass the letter into our school office by next week, and we can inform Reverend Alison. In another note, I would like to congratulate Elsie and Archie for how well they undertook the duties of serving at the altar during the Christmas Christingle service.

**Young Authors** - Last half term, children in the upper school were set an optional homework task to submit a piece of creative writing into a competition called 'Crazy Creatures'. The aim was to write a mini saga of 100 words about a creature of their designing with the chance of being published in a book. Amazingly, a large number of children who submitted their stories have been selected as winners and their work will be published at the end of January! A huge congratulations and a big well done to some potential future authors among us!

(Please note, if your child's story has been selected you must give parental permission for publishing no later than 28-01-24, see the letter previously sent home)

**Parental Communications** - This week you will have received two letters from school. The first outlines the expectations for weekly homework and shares the individual record for your child in how much has been completed last term. You will have also received a copy of a letter from class teacher which outlines key dates for your child's class alongside a summary of the work they will tackle this term. We hope that these are useful for you all and we look forward to meeting with you at the end of term in the termly parents evening held over evenings of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March.

A reminder that, ideally **reading diaries** should be brought into school every day, however it is essential they are brought in **every Thursday** to allow us to track children's homework accurately.





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.



**Bassenthwaite  
Gym Sequences**



**Ennerdale  
Recycled Art**



**Derwentwater  
Height Chart**



**Create It!**

## DRAMA PERFORMANCE

Good luck to St James' students past and present who will perform Sister Act at The Civic Hall as part of the A&B Drama group annual performance. We're sure they will all shine on stage and put on a great show.



## INTERNET SAFETY

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing some helpful tips for staying safe online using various platforms. Click on the image for a full size poster.



## 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.) **NEW GROUP STARTING 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**
  - ◆ STIX Percussion (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)
- ⇒ Thursday -
  - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day

## COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Building and Finance Governors Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January
- Book Fair from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – days and times TBC
- Swimming w/c 19<sup>th</sup> February – Windermere
- Swimming w/c 26<sup>th</sup> February - Ullswater
- Swimming w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March – Derwentwater
- Parents Evening 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March
- 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”