



“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 – Jensen F, Jasmine T
- Ullswater – Theo M
- Derwentwater – Charlotte J
- Bassenthwaite – Mia T & Hudson M
- Ennerdale – Scarlett B & Tyler T
- Buttermere – Aneeqa U & Sanjeedah A



The St. James' Way

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

CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Raine P-Y, Eden E
- Ullswater – Jack E
- Derwentwater – Sophie P & Zaahira F
- Bassenthwaite – Jakob S
- Ennerdale – Martha R
- Buttermere – Grayson P-Y



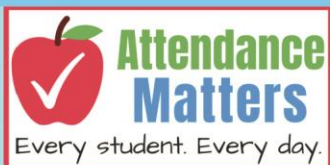
CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Jack M, 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: 97.63%

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 Maddie G & Jamie F.





Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter. In our first full week of the new year we have spent some time reflecting on last year. We have been discussing our 2023 highlights and our gratitude the school was able to arrange, and join, so many events. These events support the wider development of our students and help to create memories that will last beyond their time in school. Thinking about residential; discos; clubs; creative tasks in Art, Design and Music; competitive events in Sport; or even just thinking about being part of the schools Christmas activities, helped us all feel part of a community and created a warm glow about 2023. The challenge I have shared with students is to think about exciting (and perhaps new) opportunities that lie ahead in 2024, and to approach them all with a 'give it your all' attitude. This week they have certainly demonstrated the St James' Way, and it was great to come together in our weekly celebration assembly to discuss highlights in the classroom, the way we show our Christian Values and also to share how our collective spirits are flourishing with new 'spirit leaves' added to our shared spirit tree. Well done everyone on your hard work, kindness and respect. *I wish you all a restful weekend. Mr Beattie*

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Year 5 & 6 Football - This morning myself and Miss Adams took a group of Year 5 & 6 boys to compete in a new local festival held by Workington Reds at Lakes College. Two teams were entered and both teams conducted themselves brilliantly, ensuring they supported each other in the team. They gave every effort in their respective roles and were respectful in their sporting approach to referees and the opposition. Both teams did brilliantly well with our St James Yr 5 team going out to sudden death penalties despite some valiant attacking play. Our Year 6 team were eventual winners after getting through the groups and beating Maryport in the quarter final, Jericho in the semi-final and Ewanrigg in the final. All players commented they had enjoyed the day and felt proud to represent their school. Well done all.



Spellbinding Reading Group - Some of our Year 6 children who have shown a real flair with their reading and have this week been invited to join a reading initiative called Spellbinding. This means that they have access to some really challenging and high-quality books that I'm sure they will love. Each child has a Spellbinding passport, when they read a book they collect a sticker for their passport, then they can vote for their favourite book.



Robinwood - Letters were sent this week regarding details of the Year 4 Robinwood trip. This is a much-loved residential for previous Year 4s, and I'm sure our current Year 4 children will really get a lot from their trip to the centre at Barhaugh Hall. We will run a presentation for parents (and children if they would like to come) on the Monday 5th February at 3.20pm. Payment of the trip is available on SchoolMoney. Outstanding balances to be settled before the children go on 27th February 2024.



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
Light Travels in
Straight Lines**



**Ennerdale
Balances & Body
Shapes**



**Bassenthwaite
Gymnastic Balances**



**Yr 5 & 6 Lakes College
Football Tournament**

CHOIR & SERVERS

All children received details from Reverend Alison who is hoping to develop a connection with our children to the church choir and servers at St James Church. I'm fully aware of the talent and enthusiasm our children have for singing and hope that many take up this opportunity. Any interested parties (or feedback if interested but can't make current times) please contact the school office and we will pass on details to the church.

CURTAIN DONATIONS

If anyone has any good quality/thick curtains that could be used for covering bean bags we would appreciate any donations – bright colours/children's materials would be especially ideal. Thank you

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.)
 - ◆ 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 26th January
- Book Fair from Monday 12th February – days and times TBC
- Swimming w/c 19th February – Windermere
- Swimming w/c 26th February - Ullswater
- Swimming w/c 18th March – Derwentwater
- Parents Evening 5th & 6th March
- 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”

