



“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 – Loe R-E & Lily T
- Ullswater – Logan T, Zayne M & Anna G
- Derwentwater – Harry G & Naomi S
- Bassenthwaite – Elsie L & Dylan R
- Ennerdale – Daniel P
- Buttermere – Ciara C



CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Layla O & Jasmine T
- Ullswater – Ellis D
- Derwentwater – Fletcher M
- Bassenthwaite – Chloe N
- Ennerdale – Hudson S
- Buttermere – Oscar B-F-S



The St. James' Way

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

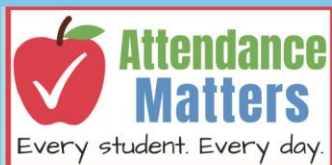
CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

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

DERWENTWATER

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.79%

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 & Jamie F.



Hello and welcome to this week's newsletter.



After feeling under the weather for most of the week, it was nice to return to school this morning. My leadership team have covered my role admirably, and it was nice to see this week was business as usual with plenty of time for learning and fun across the school.

This morning we held our weekly Celebration Assembly and it was great to recognise certificate winners for things such as outstanding effort, being a super role model and lovely handwriting.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend and look forward to starting next week with renewed energy, Mr Beattie

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Year 3 & 4 Girls Football - This week was the turn of our Year 3 & 4 Girls football teams to enjoy some wintery football fun. This was the 4th of a series of school tournaments organised by Workington Reds In The Community teams, and it is with great pride that we look back at the 8 teams, comprising 58 of our students who represented the school so proudly. All 58 of the kids have hopefully enjoyed the experience despite the sometimes-arctic conditions, and formed great memories along the way. Thank you to staff for supporting me in being able to take 2 teams for each tournament. Both teams played extremely well, both getting to the final of their respective competitions. Our St James 'Super Rockets' team scoring lots of goals and unfortunate to lose the final on penalties to Gosforth C of E Primary. A few understandable sad faces after the penalty loss, but they should be immensely proud of their great team play to get all the way to the final of the Europa League. Our St James 'Super Spreaders' were great in the groups and got even better in the knockout rounds, eventually winning the Champions League Competition against St Bees Primary. Well done to all 14 girls who had a great day out.



Special Thanks - Special thanks to Anne Dick, who this week came into school to speak to the children about her role as Elder at Whitehaven United Reform Church. Mrs Foye commented how interesting the presentation was, and how well the children engaged with their questions.

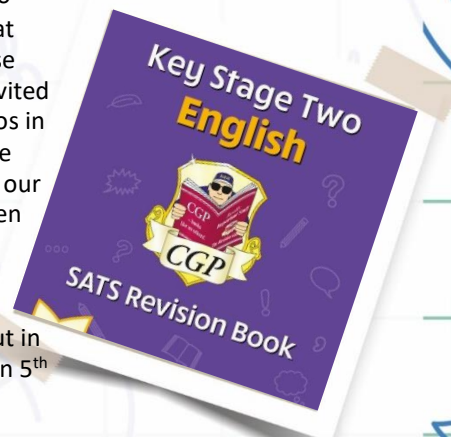
Homework Update - Since the turn of the year we have seen a significant upturn with the number of children completing their homework stickers across all 6 classes. As a reminder the children can gain a sticker on their homework card each week for completing the following criteria:

Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
3 x 20 min reading sessions – parents to sign in Reading diary	3 x 20 min reading sessions – parents to sign in Reading diary
10 minutes on Timestable Rockstars	15 minutes on Timestable Rockstars
5 games of spelling shed	5 games of spelling shed
Optional tasks	Additional Maths/SPAG SATS programs (Yr6)

We will be issuing a personal update letter at the end of term, so that you can see how your child is progressing with this. Home learning, which involves reading, spelling and times tables, is always more effective with parent engagement (no matter how old they get!) and we would like to offer our thanks for the efforts of everyone involved. If a lack of device is a barrier we still have a small number of older devices that we can loan out for the purposes of completing homework.



Yr6 SATS Support - We are in the process of sourcing packs of revision material to support our Year 6 children sitting their SATS in May. These CGP books already offer great value, we will be subsidising the books to help families with cost of living pressures. These booklets will be used for Year 6 homework tasks and some of our children will also be invited to join weekly English and Maths Booster sessions that will start after half term. Our ethos in approaching the SATs in May is simply to carry on giving your all in class. Very quickly, the children understand that these are checks to very familiar content in our curriculum and our aim is never to add to unnecessary pressure. Instead we aim to support individual children in preparing the best way they can for these tests. Our focus on SATS comes later in the year than other schools, but we feel that we find a healthy balance in the past and are extremely proud of the previous Yr6 pupils who worked so efficiently in school to produce results significantly above national average. Further information will come out in the coming weeks regarding books and booster sessions. Parents evening is coming up on 5th & 6th March but if anybody would like any further info in the meantime, please do not hesitate to ask.



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 Exhibition**



**Bassenthwaite
Symmetrical &
Asymmetrical Balances**



**Windermere WW2
Beacon workshop**



**Yr 3 & 4 Lakes College
Football Tournament**



FUNDRAISING

Clara in Derwentwater class has set herself a challenge to cycle 521km on her exercise bike and her road bike, which is the distance between her home and Great Ormond Street Hospital. She has picked this amazing charity to raise money for, and she has already cycled over 100km over the last 3 weeks! If anyone would to support Clara in this fantastic challenge you can by following the link below. Good luck and well done Clara.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/clara-skelton-1705148851709>

INTERNET SAFETY

The last in our series of helpful tips for staying safe online using various platforms – this week is Trolling & Online Abuse. Click on the image for a full size poster.



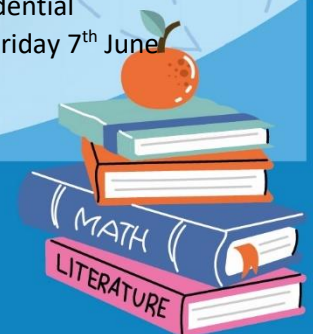
WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ Tuesday—
 - ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collect from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ 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 -
 - ◆ Church Singing Club (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Monday 5th February, 3.20pm – Robinwood meeting
- **Monday 12th – Friday 16th February- Half Term**
- from Monday 26th February - Book Fair– days and times TBC
- w/c 19th February – Swimming Windermere
- w/c 26th February - Swimming Ullswater
- w/c 18th March – Swimming Derwentwater
- 5th & 6th March Parents Evening
- Wednesday 28th February – Friday 1st March - Year 4 Residential
- Tuesday 4th June – Friday 7th June Year 6 Residential

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