



“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 – Tia K & Rhys F

Ullswater – Ellis D & Zayne M

Derwentwater – Lilia T & Nate H

Bassenthwaite – Sawney H & Hudson M

Ennerdale – Caleb R

Buttermere – Archie S



CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

Windermere – Tammy G

Ullswater – Logan T

Derwentwater – Mr C's Tuesday Club

Bassenthwaite – Kayden D & Charlotte R

Ennerdale – Hollie M

Buttermere – Rose J



The St. James' Way

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

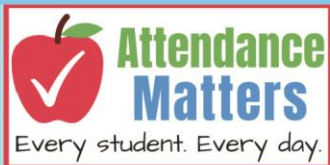
CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Mia T, 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: 95.79%

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 Zayne M & Caleb R.





Hello and welcome to our weekly newsletter. This week I have been working with Mr Carruthers in speaking to the children about their geography work and seeing the great learning happening in this subject.

In worship we have been learning some new Easter songs and talking about resilience and motivation, something that was needed in abundance during our coldest and wettest forest school session.

This morning we met as a whole school to celebrate the children following The St James' Way and handing on certificates for things such as excellent reading results, and improving handwriting. *Wishing everyone a restful weekend, Mr Beattie*

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

British Science Week – This week we have enjoyed some extra science themed activities with our Bassenthwaite, Ennerdale and Buttermere classes attending The Beacon Museum for science experiments. There were four different experiments, and they gave us the chance to consider time, gravity, the way that light travels and speed. Can I please offer my thanks to Alan Gillon down at the Beacon who emailed me with news of how well the children engaged and how they were terrific ambassadors for the school. In addition we were also joined by Ian Williams who visited us on Wednesday to share a workshop with Ullswater. They explored how the RAF is often involved with humanitarian aid. They worked in teams to solve the problem of building a bridge to deliver help to an island affected by a hurricane.



Scholastic Book Fair – We have been notified that we have raised over £400 towards our school from the recent book fair we held. Thank you so much for your support. This money will be used directly to buy books that are used for weekly prizes and incentives during our weekly celebration assembly.


Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project – WHYP passed on a great photo they took with our Year 5/6s who are all in their new kit from Table Tennis England. Staff say they're doing well, listening well and taking it all in whilst looking fab! They have also let us know that the current year 4's taking part in Adventure Club are showing some great skills in teamworking, listening and communicating.



Easter Update – Thank you also for another week of kind donations of bottles for our upcoming Easter Fayre on 28th March. These bottles will appear as prizes in our ever-popular bottle tombola. Next Friday is the last week of non-uniform with the donation being colour coordinated depending on the class. A reminder of the class colours are on page 3.

Easter Disco - A reminder that our Easter Disco will be held next Wednesday in our school hall. Doors open at 5 until 6.30 p.m. for our Yr3/4 children and for our Yr5/6 children is 5.30 until 7 p.m. Siblings can come together but should attend for either the whole first or second of the sessions. This has proved successful in easing the traffic situation before and after the event at a time when the streets are dark so hopefully makes things safer for all the children wishing to attend.





Easter Fayre - On Thursday 28th March we will be hosting our annual Easter Fayre. This is our major fundraising event of the year and the money supports the running of the school. In our past Easter Fayre's we have used funds to support the stock of our school library and also used it to purchase equipment for playtimes. Mrs Maiden and school leaders are looking for any parents who feel that they can volunteer any time to help prepare and run the event. We have two more non-uniform days to help gather stock that can be sold during the fayre. We do appreciate that times are hard for all of us at the moment, so any contributions you can afford will be greatly received.

Our last non-uniform day will be: **Friday 22nd March** – a coloured donation for the class hampers which are our raffle prizes.

Class colours are;

- Windermere (Mrs L Pool) - White
- Ullswater (Mrs Foye) - Purple
- Derwentwater (Mr Carruthers) - Yellow
- Bassenthwaite (Mrs Pickering) - Pink
- Ennerdale (Mr Tyson) - Blue
- Buttermere (Mrs A Pool) - Green

All the children who have been involved in the STIX afterschool drumming Club on a Wednesday will be giving a performance to open the Easter Fayre and we hope families will come and watch them from 1.45 p.m. on the front yard.

As part of our Easter celebrations there will also be a school disco on 20th March. We also invite children to create an egg'cellent' decorated egg and we will showcase all entries at the Easter Fayre, and there will be prizes for some of the most creative entries.



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
RAF Stem Workshop



Ennerdale
Science Week



Windermere
Mindfulness &
Relaxation



Bassenthwaite
Beacon visit for
Science Week

SWIMMING REMINDER

Derwentwater's swimming block will be next week. Children will require a full swimming kit with them every day during the week.



LEAVERS HOODIES

For the Year 6 leavers of 2024 you can now order a leavers hoodie through our online shop. Each hoodie will have the school logo embroidered on the front and the number 24 on the back filled with names of all the Yr 6 pupils. Closing date for orders is 19th April and these will arrive towards the end of May. Children traditionally then wear them to school for the rest of the school year, and we look forward to seeing the rainbow of colours they have chosen! The hoodies are priced at £21.38 each. *There are hoodie examples in two sizes in the school office for anyone unsure of sizing.* Here is the link to Schools unique link to the online shop.

<https://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/st-james-c-of-e-junior-school-leavers-hoodies>

WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ Monday—
 - ◆ After School Table Tennis Club at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collect from Swingpump Lane @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Tuesday—
 - ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collect from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
 - ◆ Mr Carruthers' Tuesday Club – (Collect from school @ 4.15 pm)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club **CANCELLED**
 - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 4) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project
 - ◆ STIX Percussion (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)
- ⇒ Thursday -
 - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- w/c 18th March – Swimming Derwentwater
- Wednesday 20th March – Easter Disco
- Monday 25th – Full Governors meeting
- Thursday 28th March – Easter Fayre
- **Easter Holidays Friday 29th March – Monday 15th April**
- Tuesday 16th April – Summer term begins
- 19th April – Deadline for ordering Yr6 hoodies
- SATS week w/c 13th May
- 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”