



“With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together”

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# Newsletter

## Well Done

### The St. James' Way

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

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard this week.

Here are our Pupils of the Week

- Windermere – Philippa B & Lilymae M
- Ullswater – India H & Jayden G
- Derwentwater – Logan R & India H
- Bassenthwaite – Macey G & Louie H
- Ennerdale – Raven Q & Sawney H
- Buttermere – Noah S



### CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Miss Pool's YR6 maths class
- Ullswater – Amy H
- Derwentwater – Nathaniel F
- Bassenthwaite – Velvet P-Y
- Ennerdale – Tyler T & Connor J
- Buttermere – Sam G, Grayson P-Y, Noah S & Archie S



### CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Henry C, 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:

## ENNERDALE

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

## Overall school attendance this week is: 97.61%

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 Caleb R & Joshua O.





Another busy week at St James' and I would like to round off the term with my final newsletter before Easter. I wanted to start by passing on my admiration to our Year 6 children who are approaching their SATs preparations with a real maturity and diligence. Their 'give-it-your-all' attitude to learning is really supporting their progress in their reading, writing and maths and staff are delighted with efforts in the classroom. In addition to this Derwentwater class have completed their week-long intensive swimming block this week, and instructors at the swimming pool have been really impressed with their efforts and progress. A glance at my weekly planner shows that our children are offered numerous experiences to join in with enrichment activities across each week: Table tennis Club, Easter Experiences, STEM sessions, ambassador meetings, Tuesday Club, Gymnastics Club, Adventure Club, Percussion Club, Forest School, guitar/keyboard lessons were all arranged this week along with numerous 1-off events across the term. We will continue to arrange such events based on the positive feedback from our staff, parents and children. Last week I received an email from Alan Gillon at The Beacon who wrote to me to commend the enthusiasm and attitude of our Year3/4 students who participated so respectfully during some recent Science workshops hosted by the museum. I thought this sums up the great term we have had. A shorter 4-day week ahead next week rounded off by the Easter Fayre and I wish you all a restful break with school reopening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April ready for another productive Summer term.

## School Messages, Notices & Reminders

**Easter Disco** – We hope that all the children who attended our Easter disco had a great time on Wednesday night. There was plenty of party-goers ready to dance along with Ian and Katie our resident DJs. Some special moves were on show on the dancefloor with 8 dance champions picked from the dance competition who all won an Easter egg: Jayden G, Kayden-Lee A, Liam H, Harry G, Elsie L, Sam G, Koby B and Mia T were all named our champs. I also wanted to thank our parents who came along to run the Sweetshack, Hotdog Stand and Glitter Tattoo Parlour which definitely helped bring the party vibe. I'm hoping the tattoos didn't take too much scrubbing off the next morning!! The staggered start and end certainly helped manage levels of traffic throughout the evening so thanks to all for your consideration with this. We raised a fantastic amount of £300 which will go towards revamping the school library, along with the profits from next weeks Easter Fayre.

**Easter Experience** – This week our classes visited St James' Church to join in with some Easter Experience workshops. Children and staff have always enjoyed being involved with these session, aimed at encouraging a sense of reflection. This year Rev Alison, Anna Jones and a team of volunteers prepared workshops sharing themes of the Easter story and how these teachings can impact our own lives and feelings. As always the sessions were excellent and I wanted to pass on my gratitude to all of the team over at the church for offering their time to allow this to happen.

**Easter Fayre** – Thank you once again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final donation for our annual Easter Fayre. The coloured hampers are going to look a real treat in addition to all the fantastic donations for our Easter egg and Bottle tombolas. Tickets for the raffle will be sold during the Fayre and will also be on sale throughout the week from the school office. Mrs Maiden and the staff have been busy preparing fun games for everyone to enjoy next Thursday. **Doors will open at 1.30 pm** following a special performance from our STIX drumming club. Children and families will be free to stroll around our fayre, playing games and taking in some refreshments. Our Easter Bunny has his ears crossed for some fine weather as we always feel it works best outdoors, but if not plan B will be to run the stalls in classrooms and school hall. Thank you for your support in our main fundraiser of the year. All profits will be used to renovate the school library.

We will be showing all of the entrants for our 'Decorate an egg' competition during the fayre so hopefully children have got some good creative ideas and have until next Thursday to get busy with the crafts. We will have 2 winners per class who will receive an Easter treat.



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.



Easter Disco



Ullswater Easter Experience



Year 5 maths Area challenge



Bassenthwaite Easter Experience

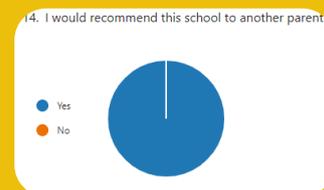
## DONATIONS - INFANTS

If anyone is having a spring clean, the infants are looking for good quality jigsaws and board games/family games suitable for children aged 3-7 for their after-school club.

**AFTERSCHOOL CLUB** – Due to the Easter Fayre an early finish for the end of term **THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION NEXT THURSDAY (28<sup>TH</sup>)**

## PARENTS SURVEY -

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who completed our recent parents survey. Your feedback is really important to us and we take on board both the comments when making plans for the school and looking at ways we can improve. We had some really positive results and which included that 100% of parents would recommend the school at others and 100% of our children felt both happy and safe whilst in school – which makes us really proud!



## 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.) – **LAST SESSION 26<sup>th</sup>**
  - ◆ Mr Carruthers' Tuesday Club – (Collect from school @ 4.15 pm)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
  - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club **CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
  - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 4) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project
  - ◆ STIX Percussion (collect from school @ 4.15 pm) – **LAST SESSION**
- ⇒ Thursday -
  - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day **CANCELLED THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

## COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Full Governors meeting
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Fayre
- **Easter Holidays Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term begins
- 19<sup>th</sup> April – Deadline for ordering Yr6 hoodies (ordering link - <https://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/st-james-c-of-e-junior-school-leavers-hoodies>)
- SATS week w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Residential

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