



“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 – Freya M
- Ullswater – Sophie P
- Derwentwater – Rory W & Sophia Renesmee W
- Bassenthwaite – Lottie Y & Ahtee J
- Ennerdale – Theo S
- Buttermere – George J & Maddie G



CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Jules F
- Ullswater – Carson M & Ellis D
- Derwentwater – All of Derwentwater
- Bassenthwaite – Emily B & Mia T
- Ennerdale – All of Ennerdale
- Buttermere – All of Buttermere



The St. James' Way

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

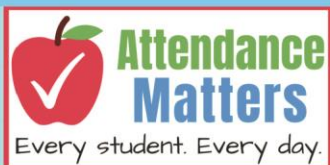
CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

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:

BUTTERMERE

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 94.55%

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 Charlotte R & Susie L .





Hello and welcome back to our summer term. After a typical wet and windy Easter holidays it was obvious that we would start back to school with glorious sunshine and the appearance of the cherry blossom which always lifts the spirits. It's hopeful that the good weather now continues and we can get the children out on the back grass at breaktimes to enjoy our outdoor spaces and enjoying playing with their friends.

We have made the best of the good weather this week by being out and about for various clubs and school competitions (see below) and as always the children were an absolute credit to the school.

Over Easter, our Muslim families have been celebrating Eid and it was lovely for staff to come together at the beginning of the week to eat some traditional foods that were kindly made by Mrs Begum. We have been learning about Eid on our assemblies this week and making comparisons with other Christian celebrations.

Today we met for our weekly Celebration Assembly and it was great to share news in how well the children have started their term. Individual certificates were handed out for focus and determination, super attitude at Hockey and for always going above and beyond.

Enjoy a restful weekend, Mr Beattie

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Hockey – On Wednesday, I took a group of Yr 4 children went up to Moor Row Community Primary School for a hockey (quick-sticks) competition. The kids were great, getting used to some muddy conditions but really enjoyed going head to head with other schools including Gosforth, St Patricks, Monkway and Montreal. They all stuck together as a team, encouraged each other, displayed great sportsmanship; and there was also some brilliant skills and 5 goals from the team.

Swimming – On Wednesday Mrs Brown also took a group of children to take part in a local swimming competition. The theme for this competition was fun and the group certainly had that. Some brilliant performances, teamwork and fun alongside other schools, and the children all go a lovely medal for their participation and effort.

Clubs – On page 3 there is as always a list of clubs for the term. It is great to see Tuesday Club, Judo Club, Adventure Club, already up and running for the term with children enjoying the sessions. Cricket Club will start up next week for the Year 5s & 6s and please keep an eye for any red amendments as we add new activities to our menu.

Homework letters – Today you will have received a letter outlining engagement in homework for last term. As a reminder, the expectations for weekly homework is set out in the table below –

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)

There are also other optional homework tasks that are set weekly which tend to be research based or art based. These are of course optional and are not counted in the data shared on the letter.

Swimming Blocks – Information has been sent home this week informing parents of Bassenthwaite, Ennerdale and Buttermere of their swimming blocks. The letter has full details, with additional information to be found on the Better website ([appropriate pool wear](#)) and just another reminder that children will require a full swimming kit with them every day during their swimming week.



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.



Ride It!



Ullswater
Cricket



Windermere
Transferring Data



Easter Fair
Winners

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL –

Letters have gone home this week with the full details and itinerary for the Year 6 Shropshire Residential. The dates are Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th June. With an initial deposit payable immediately and the balance due by 3rd June.

EASTER FAYRE -

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Easter Fayre on the last day of term; from the children proudly leading their parents around the school and showing off some amazing decorated egg entries, to all the parents, carers and wider family who came to enjoy the stalls and games. Thank you as well to all the parents who brought raffle tickets online to help us raise some really valuable funds to put towards the school. We should also thank the staff, who looked very festive in their 'bunny' headbands (which were slightly less 'cosy' than Mr Beattie's full bunny costume). It was a lovely afternoon and the weather was dry which meant that we got a fabulous outside performance from our STIX Percussion club who demonstrated some amazing Samba sounds. Despite being interrupted by the fire alarms (TWICE - but no visit from the fire brigade this year!) all of our combined efforts raised over £1400 which is an amazing amount and will be put towards updating the school's stocks of iPads. Thank you everyone.

WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ Monday—
 - ◆ After School Table Tennis Club at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collect from Swingpump Lane @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Tuesday—
 - ◆ Mr Carruthers' Tuesday Club – (Collect from school @ 4.15 pm)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
 - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 4) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project
 - ◆ **Year 5 & 6 Cricket Club – (Collect from school @ 4.15 pm)**
- ⇒ Thursday -
 - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- 19th April – Deadline for ordering Yr6 hoodies (ordering link - <https://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/st-james-c-of-e-junior-school-leavers-hoodies>)
- w/c 22nd April – Buttermere Swimming week
- w/c 29th April – Ennerdale Swimming week
- w/c 20th May – Bassenthwaite Swimming week
- 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”