



“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

Mr Beattie & Mrs Jopson's Class –
Aaron H, Kieran H, Lottie F & Isla S
Bassenthwaite – Koby B
Ennerdale – Betsy O, Charlie B,
Sammie B & Hudson M
Buttermere – Joshua O



The St. James' Way

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

CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

Mr Beattie & Mrs Jopson's Class –
Riven H, India H & Jenson H
Bassenthwaite – Dylan R
Ennerdale – Ruby H
Buttermere – Jakob S, Hollie M,
Clara C & Evie S



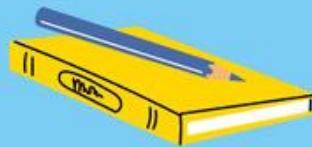
CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Marcie K, 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.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS:
BASSENTHWAITE
Had top attendance this week

HOMEWORK WINNERS:



BUTTERMERE

Will get an extra MUGA day for completing homework this week

Overall School attendance this week is **97.95%**



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 H & Mackenzie L.





Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of our final half-term of the school year. After a week's rest, over half term, it has certainly has been a busy week in school. We saw off our Year 6 group on their residential and they have enjoyed a great week exploring sites over the Midlands, and are enroute home this evening. We have also enjoyed plenty of visitors and enjoyable trips out, with details below. Whilst the Yr6 teaching team have been away, I have enjoyed some time in class teaching our Year5s, who have been absolutely great. As well as helping me learn the routines of the class they have also shown The St James' Way in their kind, respectful approach and great work ethic. This morning we met as a school for our weekly celebration assembly and it was great to hear from teachers who had passed on individual certificates for representing the school well, fantastic attitudes to work and determination

Have a great weekend, Mr Beattie.

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Roman Archaeological Site – On Monday myself, Mr Tyson and Mrs Hutchinson took a group of budding Historians to the site of a Roman Archaeological dig. Whilst there we met with Chester who gave us a tour around the site, which is an ancient ruin of the palace of Holy Emperor Alexander Severus, a Roman Emperor from North Africa who settled on this site and rules the Roman empire in Northern England and Scotland. We also met Nick who talked us through some of the artefacts that had been discovered including animal bones, evidence of an historic takeaway where you could pick up a horses leg for a gold coin; as well as many Roman Gems, known as 'intagios' that would have fallen out of signet rings due to the steam of the palace's bath house. These special jewels were created to worship Roman Gods and Goddesses. We finished off our session with a Roman soldier drill and marched across the courtyard with shields and swords in hand. Thank you Nick and Chester for bringing History alive for us all.

Year 2 & 3 Football Club – This Monday we had our very first Infant/Junior club as Mr Tyson hosted a football club on our MUGA. It was great seeing friends reunited across the year groups and we were very impressed with the effort and skills on show. The club will be running every Monday for the next 6 weeks.

Year 6 Residential – An early start for our Year 6's this week who embarked on their Year 6 residential on Tuesday morning. I have really enjoyed looking over the galleries of the daily events posted by Mrs Foye, Mr Carruthers and Miss Pool as they've explored Chester Zoo, Blist Hill Museum, Alton Towers, and their final pit-stop at Chill Factore Ski Centre. It certainly looks like they've had a great time and undoubtedly will need a good rest over the weekend.

Tennis competition – A team of Year 4 tennis players headed up to The Whitehaven Academy to join in with a fun inter-school competition. Mrs Maiden kindly offered to take the group there to be joined with a number of other schools from the area including Ennerdale, Gosforth and St Beghs. The day was a huge success with our children all growing in confidence at all winning at least one game each.

Whitehaven Rugby League Club – This Thursday, Mr Tyson's class was joined by Jake Maizen and Will Evans from Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club. They will work with this class for the next 6 weeks and go through many skills and rugby-related fun games. This was a great session and we are pleased to be able to link in with Whitehaven Rugby League FC once again having had a successful block of work in Mrs Foye's class last year.

Microbit lessons – This week we were kindly joined by Mrs Dawson and Mrs Fowler and their helpers (including a few former St James' pupils) from The Whitehaven Academy, who shared her expertise for a lesson to our Year 6 children on Microbits. The children very soon got to grips with programming the machines and could use designed codes to make them do all sorts of functions. Our children's enthusiasm and skill was very impressive as they soon got to grips with this technology. Thank you to Mrs Dawson and Mrs Fowler for supporting our children with this great lesson.



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.



Looking into the past



Tennis Festival



Residential
Chester Zoo



Year 5
Micro:bit



SOUNDWAVE MUSIC CLUB

Thursday was the first after-school session with Emma and Dave from soundwave. The children had a great time writing a song called 'Bad Reputation'. This is the 2nd year we have worked with Soundwave with last year's club a really enjoyable and successful experience. The club is open to any Year 4 to Year 6 students who are interested in getting involved in some song-writing or working with various instruments, including electronic sound mixers. If you might be interested in filling the last few places, please see the office. The club runs every Thursday 3.20 – 4.20 p.m. and is completely free of charge.

Win £1,000 for our school library



Five lucky schools from across the UK and Ireland will each win £1,000, via National Book Tokens, with one overall winner also receiving £500 to upgrade their library space. Nominate our school to win one of our big prizes and encourage reading for pleasure all year round. [Enter here.](#)

WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ Monday –
 - ◆ Year 2 & 3 Football Transition Club (Collect from Junior school @ 4.15pm)
- ⇒ Wednesday
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
 - ◆ Adventure Club at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project – **PLACES AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 5/6** (Collect from WHYP @ 4.45pm)
- ⇒ Thursday -
 - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day
 - ◆ Year 4, 5 & 6 Soundwave Music Club (Collect from school @ 4.20 p.m.)

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Monday 24th June – Yr 2 Parents Meeting (school hall) @ 2.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 3rd July – Year 6 Move Up Day
- Thursday 4th July – Summer Production
- Week commencing 8th July – Year 6 Bikeability
- Wednesday 10th July – Leavers School Disco
- Monday 15th July – School Sports Day
- Friday 19th July – END OF SUMMER TERM & Leavers Service (Time TBC)

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