



“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 – Jamie F

Ullswater – Carson M & Jenson M

Derwentwater – David D

Bassenthwaite – Hudson M, Jakob S,

Chloe N & Jem B

Ennerdale – Tyler T

Buttermere – Thea L



The St. James' Way

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

CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

Windermere – Kieran H & Aaron H

Ullswater – Ullswater Year 5

Derwentwater – Mr Vaughan (Caretaker)

Bassenthwaite – Oliver G

Ennerdale – Zoey H-O

Buttermere – Ella M



CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Noah S, 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.

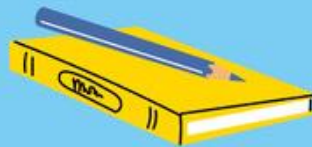


ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

BUTTERMERE

Had top attendance this week

HOMEWORK WINNERS:



ULLSWATER

Will get an extra MUGA day for completing homework this week

Overall School attendance this week is **96.03%**



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 Ruby H & Sam G.





Hello and welcome to our weekly newsletter. We have finally seen a return to some warmer weather and it's hopeful that we may now enjoy some summery days in our last few weeks of term. The children have been busy as always with lots going on around school. Details of our visits and visitors can be found as you read on. Children are now at the end of their summer assessments which shows the great progress and attainment they have reached this academic year. With hard work comes great reward and they can certainly be proud of their efforts which will be summarised in the end-of year reports which will be completed and handed out in mid-July. This week we met as a school for our weekly celebration of our efforts and it was great to hand out personal certificates for efforts in reading and spelling, excellent drawing and being part of a team.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, Mr Beattie

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Cricket – Some of our Year 5s were out on Monday for a West Cumbrian School Games Cricket Tournament. There were less schools involved than we hoped but this didn't deter us from showing off our skills and enjoying the day. Thank you Miss Pool and Mrs Begum for taking the group down to take part in an enjoyable day.

Creating Connections – Special thanks to Mrs Glaister and Mrs Fearon for assisting in our Creating Connections project. This has involved groups of children from St James, Bransty and Jericho meeting up each Monday afternoon and hosting some nice activities to encourage the children to make new friends from across the schools. These children will all meet up at Whitehaven Academy in September and hopefully will have already made a connection and new friends within the group. This week Mrs Glaister and Mrs Fearon helped the children make some delicious gingerbread men. In the end the children came away with some lovely treats and hopefully the start of lasting friendships.

Islam Guest Speaker – This Thursday we welcomed Imran Kotwal to work with our classes and share his experience as a Muslim. The day started with a great assembly teaching about the 5 Pillars of Islam and sharing his collection of pictures and objects around his faith. The day continued with some Q & A sessions and a workshop with our Year 5 & 6 children on the 25 prophets of Islam. It was great to work with Imran, the children really engaged with Imran's style of teaching and were able to share a lot of understanding from their RE lessons alongside lots of new learning.

Bell Ringing – This Thursday we had a group of our Year 5 children visit St James' Church Bell tower with Richard Last to have an introduction to bell ringing and see the church bells in action. The children really enjoyed the talk and loved having a go with the bells themselves. Next week sees more Year 5 groups visit the church to have a go.

Secondary School Visits – This morning we welcomed Mrs Grealish and Miss Ryden from St Benedict's and Whitehaven Academy to visit our Year 6 children and talk to them about the expectations of the first few weeks at their chosen secondary school. We had a lovely surprise as some of our previous students returned from The Whitehaven Academy. The feedback from the secondary staff was excellent with the children offering many sensible, respectful questions and sharing their feelings about their move with an openness and honesty. Alongside this, we've had small groups visiting Whitehaven Academy to take an early peak around school before the move up day on Wednesday 3rd July.

Juniors Transition – As is the usual process at this time of year, all of the students in current years 3,4 & 5 will find out their new classes and teachers for next year on the transition day, when year 6s are at secondary schools, on 3rd July.



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.



**Buttermere
Growing Plants**



**Ullswater
Forming Fossils**



Islam Guest Speaker



Ennerdale Rugby

A few other important notes –

- A reminder to those children who have been involved in forest school this year, that next week is our last session.
- In line with the most up to date government guidance, our school attendance policy has been updated and is available on the school website.
- Tickets will soon be going on sale for the summer production of 'What a Knight' and will be available on SchoolMoney.
- Please can parents ensure SchoolMoney accounts are clear as we approach the end of the school year to avoid owing balances over the summer holidays.

SUMMER PRODUCTION CHOIR

A reminder that children in Years 3,4 & 5 will be on stage for our summer production as the 'Choir of Camelot'. The expectation is that the children will contribute to the performance in both the afternoon and evening shows and we are asking them to follow the medieval theme. Please don't feel obliged to go out and buy things from new, but if there are old Disney princess dresses, Halloween jester costumes, own dresses with a medieval twist, fancy dress (knights and maids) or alternatively just plain smart white shirt/dark trousers or anything that will pass for medieval will be great. We do have some tabards that can spread around the choir as well.

WEEKLY CLUBS

⇒ Monday –

- ◆ Year 2 & 3 Football Transition Club
(Collect from Junior school @ 4.15pm)
NEW GROUP

⇒ Wednesday

- ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
- ◆ Adventure Club at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project
(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.)

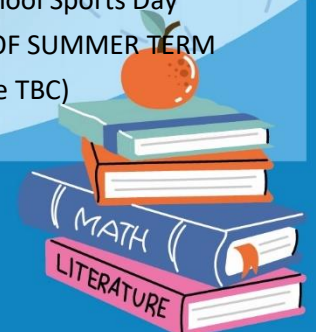
COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Monday 24th June – Yr 2 Parents Meeting (school hall) @ 2.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 3rd July – Year 6 Move Up Transition 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”