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*"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."*

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## Welcome to this week's newsletter

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Kenna A & Jessica T

Class 2 - Eva F & Reece F

Class 3 - Jack H & Isabel S

Class 4 - Sophia M

Class 5- Jules F & Scarlett H

Class 6 - Jack E

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Shahidah A

Class 2 - Anya N

Class 3 - Lucas Y

Class 4 - Rosalee T

Class 5 - Nancy H

Class 6 - William M



### Attendance winners:

**Class 2 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**  
**Overall school attendance this week is: 95.22 %**

### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Logan H

Maths Class 3 - Joey M

Maths Class 4 - Bethan L

Maths Class 5 - Lillia T

Maths Class 6 - Jenny M

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 winner was Poppy S & Sophia M



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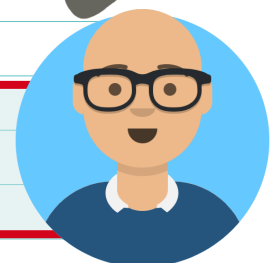
Every week, children are encouraged to take part in the 'St James' Fitness Trail' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week.

Well done to this week's winner Reece F who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



As ever, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about any aspect of school life.

Mr Beattie



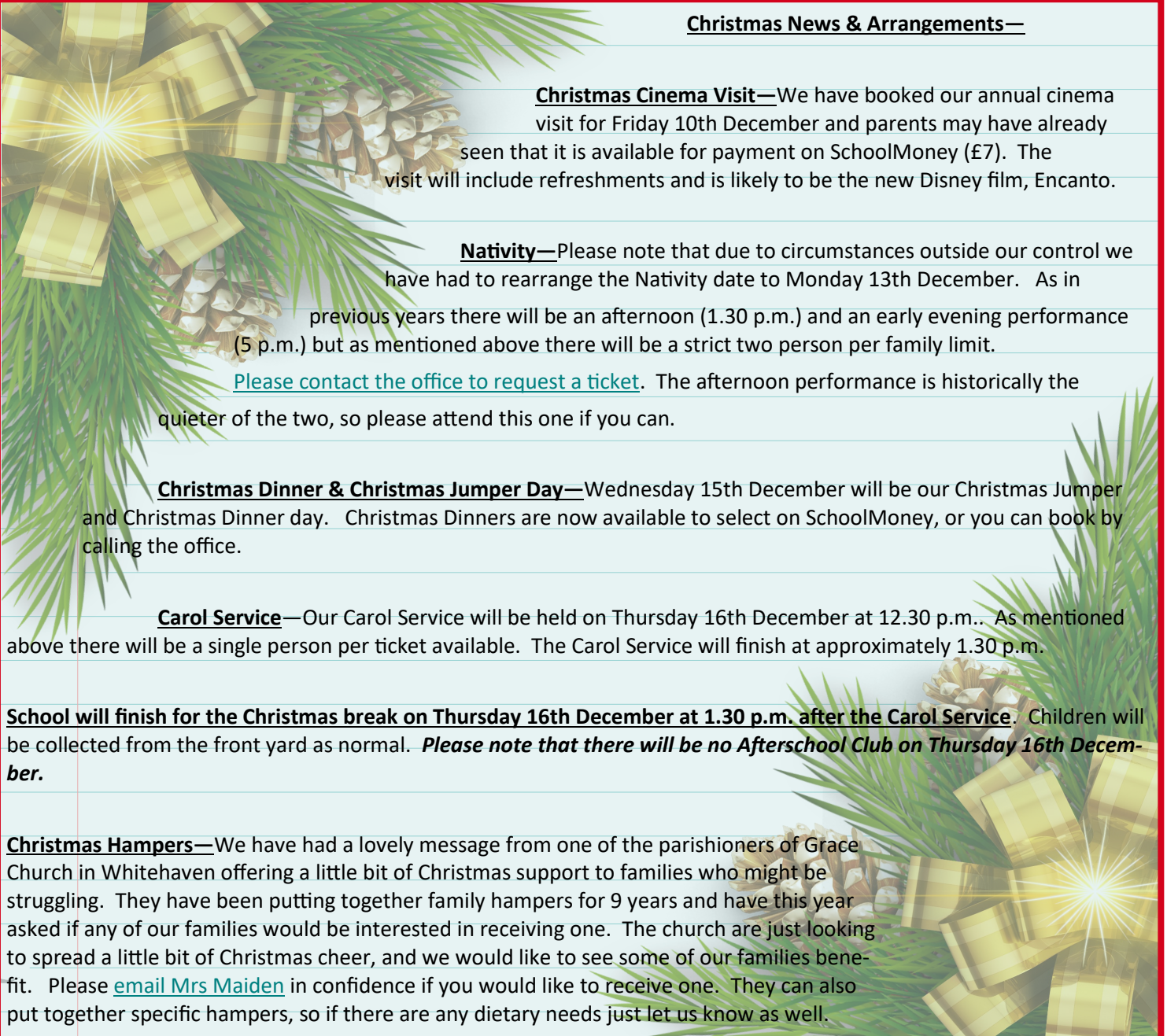


Good afternoon parents and carers, and welcome to another Newsletter. In a week where the excitement of Christmas is starting to build, we are able to share some exciting news about our Christmas events, including our Nativity and Carol Service. We have risk assessed both events, and faced with the numbers of families that we serve here at St James Juniors', we feel that the safest way to run these events is to allocate tickets. This will allow us to cap numbers and sure that everyone feels safe. Staff and students are very excited at the prospect of performing songs to a live audience for the first time in 2 years, and we do appreciate that news of maximum capacities will create some disappointment. We are reassured in knowing that you will understand the reasons behind our decisions and we look forward to children and families enjoying our program of events in a safe and measured way.

As well as working on our Christmas preparations in school, staff and students have also been busy with their continued learning this term. We had a full line of 'Certificate Winners' standing up at the front of the hall in this morning's Celebrations Assembly. These students were recognised by the staff for their hard work and positivity; kindness in helping their friends and classmates; and for their continued efforts with homework, completion of reading diaries, spellings and practise of times tables. A huge well done to all of the children for their continued hard work and for following The St James' Way.

It certainly feels like a much more wintery day today with the cold and wind. Wrap up warm, enjoy the weekend and see you all on Monday morning.

### Christmas News & Arrangements—



**Christmas Cinema Visit—**We have booked our annual cinema visit for Friday 10th December and parents may have already seen that it is available for payment on SchoolMoney (£7). The visit will include refreshments and is likely to be the new Disney film, Encanto.

**Nativity—**Please note that due to circumstances outside our control we have had to rearrange the Nativity date to Monday 13th December. As in previous years there will be an afternoon (1.30 p.m.) and an early evening performance (5 p.m.) but as mentioned above there will be a strict two person per family limit.

[Please contact the office to request a ticket.](#) The afternoon performance is historically the quieter of the two, so please attend this one if you can.

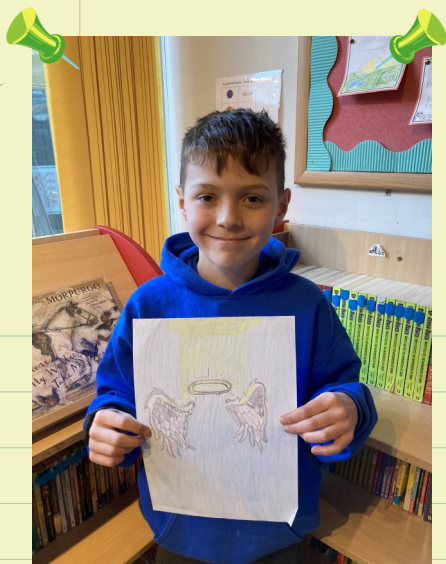
**Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day—**Wednesday 15th December will be our Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day. Christmas Dinners are now available to select on SchoolMoney, or you can book by calling the office.

**Carol Service—**Our Carol Service will be held on Thursday 16th December at 12.30 p.m.. As mentioned above there will be a single person per ticket available. The Carol Service will finish at approximately 1.30 p.m.

**School will finish for the Christmas break on Thursday 16th December at 1.30 p.m. after the Carol Service.** Children will be collected from the front yard as normal. ***Please note that there will be no Afterschool Club on Thursday 16th December.***

**Christmas Hampers—**We have had a lovely message from one of the parishioners of Grace Church in Whitehaven offering a little bit of Christmas support to families who might be struggling. They have been putting together family hampers for 9 years and have this year asked if any of our families would be interested in receiving one. The church are just looking to spread a little bit of Christmas cheer, and we would like to see some of our families benefit. Please [email Mrs Maiden](#) in confidence if you would like to receive one. They can also put together specific hampers, so if there are any dietary needs just let us know as well.

**School Message Board**—Please note the following notices, messages and reminders—



- We still have missing items from Winmarleigh so please bring in any items if you have any, we will also contact Winmarleigh and try and track down any items which might have been left.
- Please see the link to the December Parish Magazine—<https://www.whitehavenparish.org.uk>—which is full of Angels designed by our children. A big congratulations to Joe T for his winning picture which is on the front cover!
- Please find attached to this Newsletter a leaflet of Holiday activities in Copeland and also a flyer for a Bingo event in support of Autism Support.

Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Class 1 extracting DNA from a Banana



Lower school learning animal names in French



Maths in Class 4



Class 2 creating Cezanne Lake District Scenes

Check out some of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics. Check out your child's [class page](#) here.

**Coming up at St James' -**

- Friday 10th December— Cinema Visit
- **Monday 13th December—Nativity (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) 1.30 p.m. & 5.00 p.m.**
- Wednesday 15th December—Christmas Jumper & **Christmas Dinner Day**
- Thursday 16th December—Carol Service at 12.30 p.m. and school finish at 1.30 p.m.



**Weekly Clubs & Activities**

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6) , Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15) & Year 5/6 Table Tennis at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project until 4.30 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Year 5 & 6 After School Cricket Club—3.10—4.15 p.m., Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Wednesday – Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane) & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4 & Afterschool Maths Tuition (3.30-4.15)
- ⇒ Friday - ~~Mr Carruthers' Tennis Club (Years 5 & 6) (3.15-4.15) Boys 26.11.21~~ **Cancelled until January**