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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 - David M & Jessica T

Class 2 - Eva F

Class 3 - Jack H

Class 4 - Harry G

Class 5 - Raine P-Y

Class 6 - Lilia T & Aoife C

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Ethan H

Class 3 - Lucas Y

Class 4 - Emilia A

Class 5 - Anna G

Class 6 - Naomi S



Attendance winners:

Class 2 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.
Overall school attendance this week is: 96.55 %

Timestable Rockstars

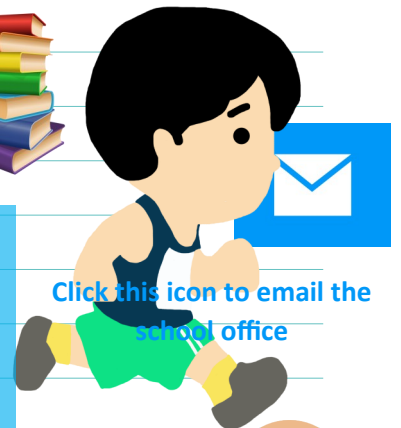
Maths Class 1 - Elizabeth S

Maths Class 4 - Sophie P

Maths Class 5 - Naomi S

Maths Class 6 - Liam H

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 Lucas M & Nate H



[Click this icon to email the school office](#)

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, Abby S who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

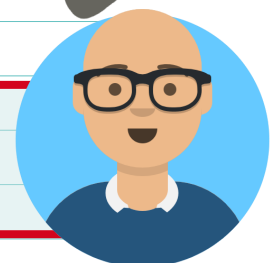


Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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

Mr Beattie





As we dive into December, I write to you about another fast-paced week at St James' C of E Junior School. The children have been busy rehearsing, singing, practising their lines and getting measured up for their costumes; all in preparations for our Nativity which is starting to come together nicely. You will see below the recent public health guidance surrounding Christmas events and we are still very hopeful of being able to perform our Carol Service and Nativity to you all, but will clearly keep a very close eye on guidance closer to the time. Please be reassured that whatever the decisions made closer to the time, it will be done with the safety of families and children at the forefront of our minds.

This week has seen the children continue to show fantastic qualities. In this week's Celebration Assembly we have witnessed all 3 areas of our St James' Way. We have heard about acts of kindness, with a student helping out a young lad who was upset when stock ran out at the Infant Christmas Fayre. We also heard about respectfulness; with a student showing high levels of sportsmanship and fairness during a PE lesson. Lastly we heard of many students giving their all; whether it be in learning their lines or giving their best in the curriculum. It is always my favourite part of the week in recognising these achievements and would like to pass on how proud we all are of our Pupils of the Week.

Public Health Update 2/12/21- Omicron Update

Educational settings can plan and hold Nativities, Carol Service and trips. There is no need to cancel events at this time as a result of national Omicron guidance.

At present both nativity and carol services will run on ticketed capacity, with open ventilation and adults/audience wearing masks, unless exempt.

Christmas News & Arrangements—

Christmas Cinema Visit—We have booked our annual cinema visit for Friday 10th December. Thank you to all parents who have made payments so far, if you have not already please pay via SchoolMoney. The visit will include refreshments and is likely to be the new Disney film, Encanto.

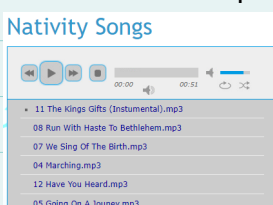
Nativity—This year's Nativity will be held on Monday 13th December. As in previous years there will be an afternoon (1.30 p.m.) and an early evening performance (5 p.m.) but there will be a strict two person per family limit. [Please contact the office to request a ticket.](#) The afternoon performance 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.***

Nativity Songs—If all children could please practice the Nativity Songs ready for the big performance! Please click for the [website link...](#)



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

- Next week we will be having a fire drill in school—if parents could please talk to children, especially those who might feel anxious, about emergency procedures and the importance of listening to adults and behaving in a calm and orderly manner in preparation that would be really helpful.

Free School Meals— Please can we remind parents that if you qualify, then to please apply to receive free school meals.

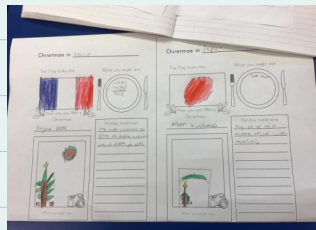
Free school meals are available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits: [Apply Here](#)

- Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

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



Collective Worship—
Animal Welfare



Lower school learning about
Christmas around the world



Class 1—Investigating
Bird Beaks



Maths Group 4—
Learning 6x tables

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 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—[LAST SESSION 6/12/21](#))
- ⇒ 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**