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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 - Olivia C

Class 2 - Oliver G

Class 3 - Tyler G & Caleb H

Class 4 - Rosalee T, Zayne M & Kayden-Lee A

Class 5- Harlow T, Eden E

Class 6 - Mackenzie L, Issie A & Sophie P

### Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Ethan H

Class 2 - Lillia H

Class 4 - Fletcher M

Class 5 - Harry B

Class 6 - Aoife C



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 Jamie C & Kayden-Lee A



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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, Nancy H who has won a sporting prize of their choice.

### Attendance winners:

**Class 3 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.**

**Overall school attendance this week is: 86.45 %**

Including Covid-19 absence

### Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Elizabeth S

Maths Class 2 - Anya N

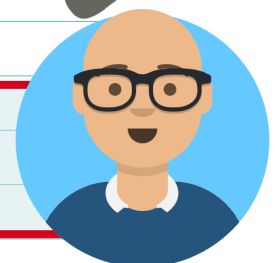
Maths Class 3 - Jack H

Maths Class 4 - Zayne M, Clara S

Maths Class 5 - Harry B

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

Mr Beattie





Welcome to our weekly newsletter,

In a week where we have experienced increased levels of Covid-19 cases in school, I would like to thank you for your support in bringing in LFT tests for close contact children and the understanding of measures we have introduced at such short notice. Yesterday evening I met with Public Health and my school leadership team and plans have been implemented today with little incident to report. As always the children have been amazing, and quickly understood the new procedures and reasons for introducing them. I would also like to pass on our thoughts and wishes to families experiencing positive transmission at the moment and hope that symptoms have not been too severe and wish you all a speedy recovery.

Two specific points I would like to raise in addition to the letter sent out yesterday evening:

- It has been reported that some of the Lateral Flow Test brands only show a valid test result up to 20 minutes after testing. After 20 minutes the result is void. We have had a very small number of cases where tests have shown a faint 2nd line an hour or so after testing. In this case, we would ask parents to come on site to test your child again in private; and if negative after the prescribed number of minutes, we will use this result. Until this week I was unaware of this glitch so feel that it is useful for parents to know also. It is only in a very few numbers so if in doubt, always test again.
- Drop Off/Collection—We have staggered our timetables to reduce mixing. However, we have decided not to stagger drop off and collection times. This is to reduce the disruption with families across multiple schools. The risk of children mixing during this time is low as it is outdoors and only fleeting for 5 mins until I ring the bell each morning. Without creating panic, we have asked both sets of children to be mindful of each other and not hug or be over tactile with children in opposing groups. **As parents if I can ask you to reinforce this message and ensure where possible to not be in and around school for too long before the bell rings.**

Other information is shared on the detailed letter shared yesterday evening ([link to letter](#)). If you have any questions regarding this temporary measure, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school.

Useful Information—

For the most up to date government guidance on current isolation periods, please use the following link [stay at home guidance in England](#)



Despite the challenges we are facing, the children consistently show their kind, respectful attitudes and tremendous work ethic. It was nice this morning to meet in smaller assemblies to celebrate their achievements. In the assembly, staff recalled children's achievements in gymnastics, maths and history topics of World War II. We also heard how hard children had been working at home on their Seesaw, Spelling Shed and TTRS platforms; as well as sharing stories of kindness and consideration for others whilst playing on the yard. To hear this usual high standard of learning and behaviour is reassuring to us all whilst dealing with such changes of plans. Thank you once again for your continued support and I wish you an enjoyable and restful weekend.

We would also like to mention a special well done to the children who took part in the A & B Stage School production of Legally Blonde which took place over the weekend. Despite all of the problems and delays which Covid has caused it was a great success and got a great write up in [The Whitehaven News](#).

**LEGALLY blonde**

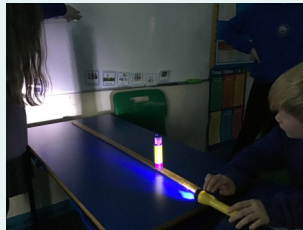
Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Class 4 doing some gymnastics



Class 5 measuring shadows outside



Class 1 looking at shadows indoors



More gymnastics from Class 6

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' -

- 18th January—Class 3 Trip to the Beacon (AM Only)
- 19th January—Class 2 (AM) & Class 1 (PM) Trip to the Beacon
- 8th February—Class 4 Trip to the Beacon (PM Only)
- 9th February—Class 6 Trip to the Beacon (PM Only)
- 8th February—Class 5 Trip to the Beacon (PM Only)
- **Half Term 14th February—Friday 18th February**



For all of the Beacon visits, these will take place in school time and children will be in school for lunchtime and normal collection. These visits have been risk assessed and can go ahead, at this time, as children will be walking down, so **please ensure children have coats with them on the appropriate days.**

### Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6)
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups)
- ⇒ Wednesday – Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4 )
- ⇒ Friday - Mr Carruthers' Tennis Club (Years 5 & 6) (3.15-4.15) - [Girls 21.1.22](#)

The use of coaches and music teachers has been risk assessed and can currently continue, with all visitors being asked to provide evidence of a negative LFT upon arrival.