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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 - Dominic B & Matty C

Class 2 - Grace F

Class 3 - Amy A

Class 4 - Theo M & Jaxon S

Class 5 - Layla O & Lucian K

Class 6 - Aaron H & Lily T



Attendance winners:

Class 1 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 94.36 %

Including Covid-19 absence

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1 - Kenna A

Maths Class 2 - Amelia D

Maths Class 3 - Jack H

Maths Class 4 - Sophie P

Maths Class 5 - Danny M

Maths Class 6 - Jensen F

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Olivia C

Class 2 - Reece F

Class 3 - Tilly S

Class 4 - Jenson H

Class 5 - Harlow T

Class 6 - Jenson 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 winners were Amy H & Isla D.



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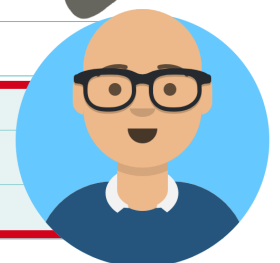
Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

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, Tia K, 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





Hello and welcome to this week's Newsletter. It is a week where we have returned back as a whole school and it has been lovely to congregate together for our daily assembly. This week we have been continuing to look at Resilience/Endurance as our theme for Collective Worship, as well as a special assembly looking at our behaviours and how they link to The St James' Way. One area we asked the students to improve was how they move around school, line up at lunch times and how they can ready for study at the start of the lesson. I have been immensely impressed by the improvements I have seen in these areas. Today's 'Whole-School' Celebration Assembly recognised children whose scores had really improved after connecting more frequently with Spelling Shed/TTRS. Each teacher also selected a Pupil of the Week, for reasons including: showing dedication in completing excellent pieces of writing; for showing resilience with complicated multiplication sums; for showing improvements in the amount of reading at home; and for showing enthusiasm for learning and a good sense of humour in the classroom.

I would like to say a big well done to the certificate winners and the rest of our hardworking school. Enjoy a restful weekend everyone.

WOW Week—Next week is our half term 'WOW' week and there are lots of fun activities planned to celebrate all the learning that has been done on topic work during the half term and as a reward for all the children's hard work over the last 6 weeks.

- Classes 4, 5 & 6 will be visiting the Beacon (see overleaf) please ensure children have suitable clothing and footwear for walking down in case of wet/cold weather.
- Whitehaven Sharks Rugby Team will be visiting us on **Thursday**—they will be running an in school session with lower school (**Can all lower school children come into school in their PE kit on Thursday, as well as on their normal PE day please**) and an afterschool taster session for upper school (letters have been sent home with children tonight to sign up).
- We have an exciting Alpaca visit arranged for **Wednesday** and we also have [Zoolab](#) visiting upper school on **Monday** who will be bringing a range of small animals (rodents, reptiles and insects)—**please ensure we know about any allergies to animals and/or animal bedding/foodstuffs**, so that we can incorporate this into our risk assessment to ensure the activities are as fun and safe as possible.
- An elite wheelchair basket ball player will be joining us on Tuesday and all children will get to take part in a coaching session—**if all children are able to come in PE kits, or at least trainers on Tuesday please**.

We are hopeful that these additional sessions will compliment an already packed week full of Art, DT and Music. We are looking forward to sharing with you some of the galleries from WOW week in next weeks' Newsletter!

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



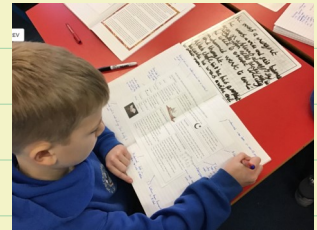
Class 5 Making Periscopes



Class 3 Gymnastic Sequence Videos



Mrs Foye's Maths Group Problem Solving



Lower school Learning about Islam

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' -

- 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**
- 1st & 2nd March—Parents Evening
- Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential

For all of the Beacon visits, these will take place in school time and children will be in school for lunchtime and normal collection. **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 – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project Adventure Club until 4.45 p.m. (Collection from Swingpump Lane)
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4) & Year 5 & 6 Science Club (3.15—4.15 p.m.)
- ⇒ Friday - Mr Carruthers' Tennis Club (Years 5 & 6) (3.15-4.15) - **Boys 11.2.22 Please note that this will be the last week of tennis club, thank you.**