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"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."

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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 - Lilly C, David M & Zac S

Class 3 - Jack H, Jasmine S, Luke C &

Tyler G

Class 4 - Jayden G & Harry G

Class 5 - Philippa B

Class 6 - Aaron H & Issie A



Attendance winners:

Class 2 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day. Overall school attendance this week is: 96.98 %

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1- Jamie C

Maths Class 3 - Aiden P

Maths Class 4 - Kieran H

Maths Class 5 - Charlotte J

Maths Class 6 - Emilia A

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Alisha M

Class 3 - Lexie R

Class 4 - Jenny M

Class 5 - Eden E

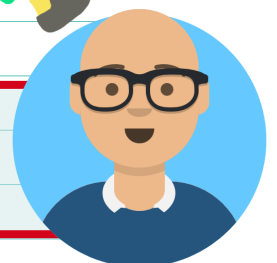
Class 6 - Zaahira F



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 Jasmine T & Tia K



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, Jess T, 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 another week's newsletter. With only 2 ½ weeks to go until Summer it feels a little stretched to fit all of the amazing activities into our school weeks, but again it is great to see the steps the students are making and the boosts to confidence and well-being the children are receiving by facing new and unfamiliar challenges. This week we have seen a continuation of school swimming. Our Class 1 students have completed their intensive week of swimming at Workington leisure centre and alongside this the remaining children in Year 6 have donned their wet suits and faced the icy waters (they report that it wasn't as cold as they thought!) of Bassenthwaite Lake for their Wild Swimming sessions with Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project.

Our children have also very much enjoyed their Christian Value Workshops, hosted by Rev Rob Jackson and his team of volunteers at St James' Church. The children and staff have both welcomed the opportunity to take time out and reflect in how friendship, peace, compassion, endurance, thankfulness and forgiveness impact our own lives. The activities set were really thought-provoking and engaging and we would like to offer our thankfulness (as it is our Christian value for this term) to the hosts for making it so much fun.

Our Year 5 children had the pleasure this week of working with Alex Jakob-Whitworth, a local artist who is working with St James' Juniors and 8 other schools. This project involves the children looking at a National Gallery Masterpiece by Rembrandt called Saskia in Arcadian Costume, that will be displayed at The Beacon Museum at the end of September. As part of this big reveal, the 300+ children from local schools will also create artwork inspired by Rembrandt's portrait, with all artwork from the children being displayed as part of the exhibition. Parents of Year 5 children will be invited to a special event in September to launch the work and visitors will be able to enjoy both the art work from Rembrandt and our students for the two months that they are exhibited. This is a very exciting project to be involved with and we thank Alex for the work she completed with our students this week.

I was unfortunate not to host the Celebration Assembly this week, but have very much enjoyed signing the letters out to parents that details the reasons children were nominated for Pupil of the Week certificates. I always find these reasons very inspiring and it has been great to hear that our students continue to be helpful, put in effort with their homework, listen in class and follow the St James' Way. Wishing you all a restful weekend

The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan! - Rehearsals have been continuing all week and information and arrangements for our summer production are as follows:

The date of the summer production is **Thursday 7th July** with performances at 1.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. at the Solway Civic Hall.

On the day of the performance all children should come into school at normal time. Years 3, 4 & 5 (who do not have specific parts) are the choir and their costumes will be brightly coloured shorts and T-shirts which they should come into school wearing. **All children will need a packed lunch** on the 7th as they will be going down to the hall in the morning and staying all day. If you would like to order a school packed lunch they will be available on SchoolMoney.

At 1.15 p.m. parents with tickets can start to arrive at Solway Hall for the afternoon performance to start at 1.30 p.m.

After this performance, children can be collected by parents attending the performance directly from the hall, and all other children (and those who are booked into afterschool club) will be walked back up to school.

At 5.30 p.m. all children should be brought back to Solway hall for the evening performance. The children in afterschool club will be walked back to the hall by staff. At 5.45 p.m. parents with tickets can start to arrive for the evening performance to start at 6.00 p.m.

At approximately 7.05 p.m. all children should be collected from the hall.

Parents and other spectators are not permitted to take any photos or videos of the production for safeguarding reasons. There will be an official video of the production taken.

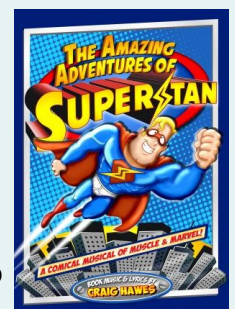
Additional Information—

Year 5 & 6 will have a full day of rehearsals at the hall on Monday 4th so all children in Yr 5 & 6 will need to bring a packed lunch, again if you would like to order one from school they will be made available on SchoolMoney.

All children have been working hard learning and practicing the production songs, if you would like to help them practice at home they are available on the [school gallery](#).

Tickets— Tickets are £3 each and can be purchased through SchoolMoney.

Raffle— We will be hosting a raffle as part of the production event and **any donations for our prize hamper would be gratefully received** and all profits made will support us in developing our school library.



School Notices & Reminders—

- **SPORTS DAY—**School Sports day will be Friday 15th July. All children will need to bring a packed lunch to school as they will be done at Whitehaven Amateurs for the majority of the day. If you would like to order a school packed lunch they will be made available on SchoolMoney. We would also recommend that children have sunscreen applied and extra brought with them, have substantial water bottles and hats/caps as well as rain jackets just in case. Parents are invited to join us to watch an afternoon of sporting activities from 1.00 p.m. Children can be collected directly from Whitehaven Amateurs at 2.45 p.m. (if parents are there to watch) or alternatively will be walked back to school for collection about 3.15 p.m. All children will need to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their 'house', which has been shared with children—
House colours are; **Skiddaw—Red**, **Blencathra—Yellow**, **Scafell—Blue**, **Cat Bells—Green** & **Melbreak—Orange**
- **Swimming Next Week—**A reminder that Class 3 will be swimming Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th (Except Year 6s who have their 'moving up' day) and Friday 8th next week.
- For those Year 6s going to St Benedict's, they have a uniform selling day arranged for Saturday 2nd July.
- The infants school have their Summer Fayre after school next Friday and all Juniors and families are invited. They will have games, cakes, toys, books, raffles and tombolas and they even have a 'throw a wet sponge at the Headteacher'
- **A reminder that the last day of this term is Wednesday 20th July and children return in September on Wednesday 7th.**
- Guitars on Thursday next week will be cancelled due to the production and, as Years 5 & 6 are at the Civic Monday afternoon, Years 3 & 4 will have their session on Monday instead. All NTP sessions will be cancelled on Thursday as well.

School Dinners—Due to the impact of increased costs in the kitchen, the cost of school dinners will increase to £2.40 in September. We have held our current price at £2.20 for a number of years but in order to still be able to provide high quality dinners we have found it necessary to make this slight increase. Thank you for your understanding

Ofsted—Further to our inspection in April, the Ofsted report has now been published and we are proud to have again be recognised as a Good school. A [copy of the report](#) is on our website if parents would like to read.



SchoolMoney—As we approach the end of term we would be very grateful if parents could clear outstanding balances on SchoolMoney. If you have any queries about payments then please contact the office.

Harraby Football Events – After the success of our Yr 5 & 6 girls last week and the great performance from our Yr 5 & 6 boys the week previous; our Yr 3 & 4 boys attended the Harraby County Finals today. Again the reports were that the team showed great respect for referees and their opposing teams. They worked extremely hard for each other and ensured they kept a tight team spirit and also performed to a really high standard, bringing home the winners medals without conceding a single goal. Well done to every member of the team. Your school, family and friends are immensely proud of how you have conducted yourselves today. Well done to Norman Street who were unlucky losing finalists with it going down to a tense penalty shoot out.



PE Kit & Uniform—If all parents could please think about ordering PE kit for next year as we will be putting in an order on Monday 11th for delivery during inset in September. Orders should be placed through the 'shop' section of SchoolMoney. If any Year 6s who are leaving, or others who have outgrown PE kit or school uniform in good condition, would like to donate items at the end of term then we will happily accept donations. We will then have items on an honesty rail in September for families to buy, for a small contribution, if they would like to.

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



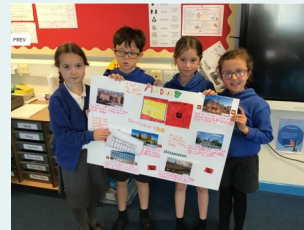
Year 5 Rembrant Workshop



Class 5 making Venus Flytraps



Class 4 Christian Values Workshop



Class 6 Human Geography of Spain

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.

Governor Vacancy – We are still looking to fill a position on our Governing Body and would welcome applications from parents, other relations and family friends—you do not need to be a parent, just someone with an interest in supporting our school. If you would like to find out more about the vacancy and role of school governors, please contact the school office for details.

Coming up at St James' -

- Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th & Friday 8th — Swimming Class 3
- Monday 4th—Year 5/6 Dress Rehearsal
- Thursday 7th July—Summer Production 1.30 pm & 6.00 pm
- Tuesday 12th July—Year 3/4 Clip & Climb End of Year Trip and Year 5/6 Cinema End of Year Trip
- Friday 15th July—Sports Day
- Wednesday 20th July—**LAST DAY OF TERM**

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6) - **Next week will be Year 3 & 4**
- ⇒ Tuesday—Keyboard Tuition (All Year Groups) & Mr Carruthers Sports Club Yr6 s until 4.10 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
- ⇒ Thursday - Guitar Tuition (Year 3 & 4) - **Cancelled**
- ⇒ Friday—& Mr Carruthers Sports Club Yr5 s until 4.10 p.m.

All children receiving NTP sessions will receive a text next week advising them of the date of the last session.

