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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 - Kathryn D

Class 2 - Jack B, Amelia D & Jasmine T

Class 3 - Tom B, Oscar C, Harry E-B, Kai,
T & Matthew M

Class 4 - Solomon D, Ellis D, Rory W
& Kayden Lee A

Class 5 - Lucian K, Tia K, Loe R-E,
Jasmine T & Jamie F

Class 6 - Naomi S & Isla S



Attendance winners:

Class 2 had top attendance this week and will receive an extra MUGA day. Overall school attendance this week is: 97.84 %

Timestable Rockstars

Maths Class 1- Ellis M

Maths Class 3 - Harrison S

Maths Class 4 - Kieran H

Maths Class 5 - Mackenzie L

Maths Class 6 - India H

Spelling Shed Superstars

Class 1 - Lucas M

Class 3 - Tyler G

Class 4 - Solomon D

Class 5 - Layla O

Class 6 - Riven 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 Loe R-E & Sophia R

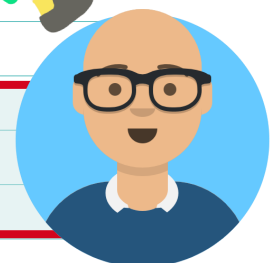


Every week, children are encouraged to take part in the 'St James' Fitness Trail' and a winner is drawn from everyone who has completed it that week. Well done to this week's winner, Philippa B who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



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

Mr Beattie





Well what a week it has been, rounded off with two amazing performances yesterday at The Civic Hall. Hearing how well the Year 3, 4 and 5 children sang and seeing how confidently the Year 6 children performed, filled me with immense pride. The self-confidence and enjoyment they will have gained from such an experience was clear to see and it was so uplifting to finally see the full school on stage together after such a lengthy hiatus. I hope that the audience was well and truly entertained and went away humming the tunes (they'll whirl around your head for a while, trust me!). In a month where we received our long awaited Ofsted inspection; along with the Year 6 children achieving record breaking SATS results; the performance yesterday made it a perfect hat-trick.

Amongst other news, our final class has finished their intensive week long swimming block – something that has been a huge success this year, with children in all classes becoming more confident in the water and swimming further and stronger than before. Next year we have already booked in our blocks so that all classes and all children can benefit from the week-long intensive sessions. We have also been focusing on our transition and preparing for September. Our Year 6's who will attend The Whitehaven Academy and St Benedict's were able to visit their respective schools and meet their new form tutors. Others will visit Keswick next week. I'm sure they will love this new experience and continue to show their qualities and engage well with their studies. We were also joined by the children who will make our Year 3 students next year and we all spent the morning in our new classes with our new teachers. It was great to see everyone so happy when getting used to their new setting.

Today saw our school come together for our weekly Celebration Assembly. It was great to recognise the children's efforts and achievements including amazing work writing newspaper articles, drafting Wolves in the Walls stories and researching Spanish festivals as well as to those who made extra efforts in this weeks swimming sessions and of course the school production. We look forward to another exciting week next week.

An early reminder to all parents that the term will finish on Wednesday 20th July @ 1:30pm. There will be no Afterschool Club provision on the last day so all children should be collected from school at this time.

School Notices & Reminders—

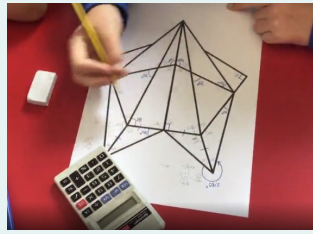
- **SPORTS DAY**—School Sports day will be Friday 15th July. All children will need to bring a packed lunch to school as they will be down at Whitehaven Amateurs for the majority of the day. If you would like to order a school packed lunch they are available on SchoolMoney. We would also recommend that 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**
- **A reminder that the last day of this term is Wednesday 20th July and children return in September on Wednesday 7th.**
- **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
- **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.
- **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.
- Please find attached an invite with details of an Engineering Open Day for children aged 5-13

Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project – As WHYP have been unable to offer afterschool sessions this term, they have offered two dates in August specifically for St James' Juniors Year 5 & 6 children. The sessions will be on Bassenthwaite lake near Keswick, leaving WHYP at 10 a.m. and returning at 4p.m. There will be 10 places available on both Thursday 11th and Thursday 18th August. The cost will be £12 for the day. The type of craft will depend on the wind and weather on that day (canoe/kayak/paddle-board). Parents should book direct with WHYP using the code 'St James'.

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



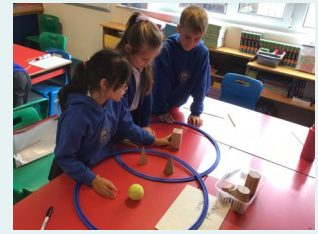
Class 5 learning from each other



Year 6 Geometric Animals



Superstar behind the scenes



Year 3 Maths 3D Shapes

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.

Year 6 Leavers Service – Parents of Year 6 children are invited to traditional Year 6 leaver's service that will be held at St James church at 12.15 p.m. on Wednesday 20th July, there are no tickets needed for this event. Year 6 children can be collected from the church after the service at 1 p.m.

Coming up at St James' -

- 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 1.30 pm FINISH & Year 6 Leavers Service at St James' Church 12.15p.m.**

Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Monday – Guitar Tuition (Year 5 & 6) -
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Friday—& Mr Carruthers Sports Club Yr5 s until 4.10 p.m.

