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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-

Windermere - Aoife C & Charlotte B

Ullswater - Theo M

Derwentwater - Poppy M

Bassenthwaite - Liam H & Anna G

Ennerdale - Ella M

Buttermere - Lottie Y

### Attendance winners:

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

**Overall school attendance this week is: 98.34 %**



### Christian Value Award

Windermere- William M

Ullswater - Aiden P

Derwentwater- Loe R-E

Bassenthwaite - Hollie M

Ennerdale - Seth F & Thea L

Buttermere - Solomon D



### Homework Heroes

Windermere - Evan C

Ullswater - Rhys F

Derwentwater - Wilf P

Bassenthwaite - Nevaeh R

Ennerdale - Scarlett B

Buttermere- Jaxon S

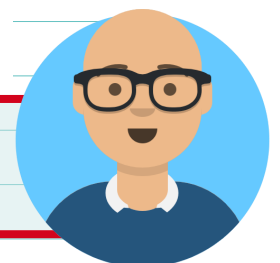


Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Archie S, Paige J & Tyler T.

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, Ella M, 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.





Hello and welcome to our weekly Newsletter. It was great to see families in school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week for Parents Evening, and we were appreciative of the chance to hold these supportive professional dialogues between teachers and families.

This week in school we have seen children continue to follow The St James' Way in their approach to learning and time with their friends.

We had a special Celebration Assembly today for Armistice Day and all staff and children joined together in a two minute silence at 11.00 a.m. We also thank families

for supporting the children with donations to purchase the Poppy merchandise which has been on sale this week, which continues to fund the fantastic work of the Royal British Legion. We were also joined for the assembly by Mr Spencer, our new Chair of Governors, who handed out handshakes and certificates to our winners this week. It was great to see how well the children have been performing in class, and certificates were handed out for fantastic perseverance and effort in Maths, always trying their best, being positive and enjoying school life.

Enjoy your weekend, Mr Beattie



### School Notices & Reminders—



- **Healthy Habits for Life**—Nurses from North Cumbria Integrated Care trust were in school this week for the Yr6 Height & Weight Checks, and they have passed on the attached flyer about Health Habits 4 Life for any families who would benefit from some 1:1 support.

- Cumbria County Council **Holiday Activity & Food Programme**— Please see attached flyer about holidays activities (these are free to any children eligible for free school meals)



- **Parents Evening**—A couple of parents had enquired about the chance to see how the quizzes on Accelerated Reader worked. By seeing some questions, this could help parents ask similar questions when reading books together. [This link](#) gives 3 sample tests at different levels, so parents can gauge the style of questions our students get when taking the quizzes. Other parents had asked about support in seeing new Maths strategies as the way we teach Maths is very different to the way adults were taught when they were young. Over the coming weeks we will be posting links on the website and will share them with parents, which we hope will be very useful.

- **Parking** – Thank you for the support shown in our approach to allowing safe entrances and exits of our students during busy times. School continue to be supported by local PCSOs and Traffic enforcement officers in ensuring safer parking practices. Thank you to you all for your cooperation with this.

- **Reader Volunteers**— We would like to reintroduce our volunteer readers. If you can afford some free time on a Monday or Tuesday to listen to our children read in an afternoon, we would love to hear from you. Ideally this is to be a weekly commitment of at least one afternoon, but if you cannot commit this regularly we would still like to hear from you. Our afternoon sessions are between 1:20 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. and would involve listening to individual readers for approx. 15 mins at a time. If you are interested and think you can help, we would be really grateful.



- **Awesome me**—please see attached flyer, there are still a few spaces available.


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Family Learning

## 'Awesome Me'




Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.15 -11.15 am



**Awesome Me**

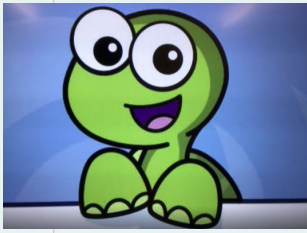
Does your child lack confidence? Do they have low self – esteem? Would you like to celebrate just how brilliant and unique your child is?

This 'Awesome Me' taster session is a wonderful way to learn techniques to build your child's self – esteem and confidence. After learning skills that can be easily applied at home, you will work alongside your child to use collage techniques to design and make a crafty canvas all about your them and take home a resource to celebrate their uniqueness. This is a fun way to help boost your child's confidence and strengthen your relationship.

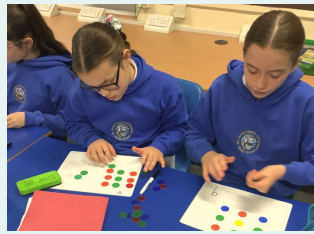




Please contact Mr Beattie for more information.

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



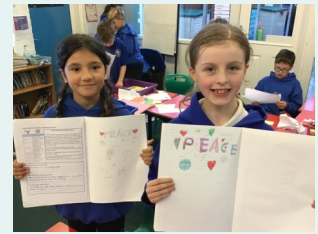
Year 6 Maths—A Tiny Adventure!



Year 5 Maths



Ullswater Reversible Changes



Peace in Derwentwater

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' -

- ⇒ Monday 14th November—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Week Commencing 5th December—Windermere Swimming Block
- ⇒ Wednesday 14th December—Year 5 & 6 Visit to Beamish
- ⇒ Thursday 15th December—Nativity Performance
- ⇒ Friday 16th December—Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day and Cinema Visit
- ⇒ Monday 19th December—Full Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Tuesday 20th December—Christmas Service 12.15 p.m.

### Weekly Clubs & Activities

- ⇒ Tuesday—Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, STIX Percussion Club (until 4.15 p.m.) & Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane at 4.45 p.m.)
- ⇒ Thursday—Mr Carruthers Tennis & Badminton Club (until 4.15 p.m.) - **N.B. Groups alternative every two weeks**
- ⇒ Friday—Zumba Club (until 4.15 p.m.)

