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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 - Kaeden L
Ullswater - Chloe T & Lucas Y
Derwentwater - Nancy H
Bassenthwaite - Harlow T
Ennerdale - Riven H
Buttermere - Emilia A & Alfie C



Attendance winners:

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.05 %



Christian Value Award

Windermere- Kai S
Ullswater - Rosalee T
Derwentwater- Joseph F
Bassenthwaite - Daniel P
Ennerdale - Elsie L
Buttermere - Macey G



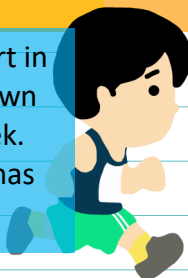
Homework Heroes

Windermere - Maddie C & Modana M
Ullswater - Poppy S
Derwentwater - Lucian K
Bassenthwaite - Connall C
Ennerdale - Noah S
Buttermere- Charlotte R

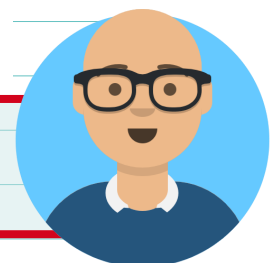


Each week, all of the children gaining 100% in a reading quiz are placed into a prize draw to win a book of their choice. This week's winners were Thea L & LJay C

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, Loe R-E 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.





Good afternoon and welcome to our weekly Newsletter. Whilst the dark nights and wintery rain remind us that we are moving headlong into December, the positivity and hard work shown by our students, give us all a much brighter and warmer feeling. Work has begun on our School Nativity and the development of St James' School Choir continues as we prepare for a range of Christmas singing events. We are hopeful that this year that we may be able to return to residential care homes in the area and as we share our festive cheer far and wide. Next week our children visit St James' Church for a Christmas Experience Workshop with the clergy, so the kids are very excited about this.

Our theme for Collective Worship this week continues to be peace, with us learning about peace symbols and learning the story of Sadako Sasaki and why origami peace cranes are seen as an important peace symbol in Asia. Great to see this point reinforced by the [Japanese Football Team who left peace cranes in their newly-tidied dressing room following their surprising win against Germany in the world cup.](#)



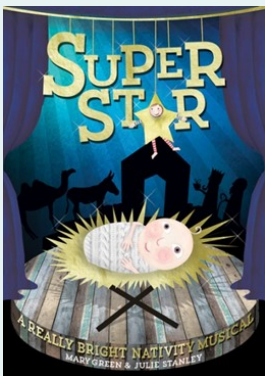
Peace was one of values used in our weekly Celebration Assembly with other certificate and prize winners for their hard work and impeccable behaviour and attitudes. Well done all certificate winners on page 1.

Enjoy the weekend, Mr Beattie



School Notices & Reminders—

- **Awesome Me** – This week we were joined by Kelly to work on the Awesome Me project we have been advertising on recent Newsletters. The feedback from children, parents and Kelly was one of real positivity and awesomeness and we are looking at launching a 5- week block with Kelly in March. It would be great to bolster our numbers of children and parents working together to celebrate how awesome our children are. [Please see the gallery](#) to see some of the work going on. If anybody else is interested in joining the group in March, please contact the Office and we can get you signed up. I have attached the flyer for the taster session to give parents a sense of the purpose of the group. Well done group – you were awesome!
- **Parking** – Thank you all for the continued cooperation in parking away from the school grounds. This is allowing a much safer entrance and exit at busy times in the school day.
- Further to our visit from PCSO Mark Fishpool last week please find additional information on our website linked to [travelling safety to and from school and street safety.](#)
- **Volunteer Readers** – Our group is growing, with the first sessions started this week. This was a group we ran for some time before Covid and it was great to see how much the children's confidence and fluency improved through this chance to read alongside an adult. If you, or even a grandparent, auntie/uncle or other relative can offer a Monday or Tuesday afternoon we would love to hear from you.
- **Entitlement to Free School Meals**— With the cost of living pressures on families, as a school, we would encourage anyone who thinks they might be eligible for free school meals to apply—[please see the Cumbria County Council website](#) for more details and to see if you are eligible.
- Dan Barton from Cumbria County Council has written a [letter to parents/carers with regards to unauthorised absences](#) which can be found here.



- **Nativity Tickets**—For those who have enquired about Nativity Tickets this week, we have hit a snag with SchoolMoney and cannot process £0 transaction; so we have sent home a manual order form with the children which should be returned to the school office. Thank you.
- **Christmas Cinema Visit**—The Cinema payment item will go live on Monday for the visit on Friday 16th December.
- **Food Council**—Mrs Maiden would like to thank those children who joined her for lunch on Tuesday to gather feedback about the current school dinner menu and to put forward suggestions for the new menu for spring term. The children were brilliant and have come us with some great suggestions which we will be sharing with you next week.
- We are delighted to announce that our school raised £218.25 for **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** which is fantastic—thank you all.



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



Awesome Me Workshop



Derwentwater—Album Art Covers



Buttermere Art Textures



Ennerdale—Matisse Inspired French Vocab

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' -

- ⇒ Week Commencing 5th December—Windermere Swimming Block
- ⇒ **Monday 5th December—7-8 p.m. Committed2Rock Choir Practice at St James' Church**
- ⇒ **Friday 9th December—7-9 p.m. Committed2Rock Sing-A-Long Concert at St James' Church (Tickets available on SchoolMoney)**
- ⇒ 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** & Committed2Rock Choir Practice (until 4.15 p.m.)
- ⇒ Friday—Zumba Club (until 4.15 p.m.)

Christmas Diary—



Thursday 15th December—Nativity Performances 1.00 p.m. & 5.00 p.m.—St James' Church—**Ticket Order forms sent home with children**

Friday 16th December—Christmas Cinema Trip, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day! (if your child does not normally have school dinners a dinner can be ordered through SchoolMoney or by contacting the office)

Monday 19th December—Attendance/Homework Reward—Popcorn, Hot Chocolate & a Movie!