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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 - Lucas M

Ullswater - Kai T, Skyler C & Kayden-  
 Lee A

Derwentwater—Danny M

Bassenthwaite - Kieran H, Rudi T &  
 Connall C

Ennerdale - Isla S

Buttermere - Lottie Y &



### Attendance winners:

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

**Overall school attendance this week is: 91.27 %**



### Christian Value Award

Windermere— Naomi S

Ullswater - Nate H

Derwentwater - Whole Class

Bassenthwaite - Sammie B

Ennerdale - Jacob G &  
 Sam G

Buttermere - Ahtee J



### Homework Heroes



Windermere -

Charlotte B

Ullswater - Lexie R

Derwentwater - Layla O

Bassenthwaite - Charlie B

Ennerdale - Amy H

Buttermere- Solomon D

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 Aoife C, Archie S, Zachary H, Nevaeh R, Nate H, Zoey H-O, Daniel P & Tait R-E



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 winners, Rose J & Ella M who have won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the  
 Lunchtime Hall

Helpers  
 and Craze It Crew who  
 have helped this week!





Hello parents and families and the warmest of welcomes to our very last Newsletter of the year. It has been a week that has seen the children as busy as elves in Santa's workshop; they have been busy sewing Christmas decorations, building wooden bridges, making and decorating Christmas cards for loved ones; as well as trying to squeeze in a school trip to Beamish, a cinema trip, a Christmas Dinner party and a little old thing like a whole school Nativity as well. For some, this may seem like too much but the kids and staff have taken it in their stride. Please take a look at the amazing galleries to get a flavour of Christmas at St James' Junior School.

As I write the newsletter we are yet to meet collectively for our whole school celebration Assembly but I can see from the certificates I have signed that children have continued to give their all during our festive inspired curriculum this week.

Mr Beattie



### School Notices & Reminders—

- **Nativity**

*"Everybody here can be superstar. Lighting up the world on Christmas Day"* I'm still singing it now, much to the displeasure of people around me. Well what a performance and I think they all lived up to the lyric proving that they are superstars and that they have all lit up our world as we fast approach Christmas Day. Well done all lower school on your amazing performance and for playing your part so well. Congratulations also to the choir for how well you supported the lower school's performance with our amazing choir. I'm looking forward to hearing you again in the church again on Tuesday combined with the children from St James' Infants. I'm sure there is some very proud parents and grandparents out there!!

- Please find attached the Copeland Holiday Activity Leaflet—please note that this is free to families who are entitled to free school meals and/or for children with EHCPs.
- **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. ***Vouchers have been organised for existing eligible families and will be despatched via email week commencing the 19th December.***
- **Parking—** a busy week at St James' with early drop offs for school trips and late picks up for the nativity but I would like to thank those parents who were considerate in their choice of parking in ensuring the school entrances and exits remain as safe as possible.



## Cost of Living - Support for Parent/Carers and their families

Ways to Welfare—A referral service from Cumbria County Council offering cost of living support to families .

Other support services include:

**Household Support Grants**—Cumbria County Council has committed 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the councils 'Ways to Welfare' website. <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp>

**Warm Spots**—Many venues across Cumbria – including libraries, community centres and village halls – have registered as 'warm spots' to help people in the community stay warm this winter, see the link for the interactive map—[Warm Spots | Cumbria County Council Alpha](#)

## **0 – 19 Child and Family Support Service: Christmas support for families**

The Christmas Holidays can be a very difficult time for some people and many families may be struggling financially. The 0 – 19 Child and Family Support Service is here to help those who may need extra advice and support— [2022 Christmas Opening Hours Copeland](#)

**Period Equality for All**—This new service has launched in Cumbria. Period Equality is for everybody who needs any support with Period products - [\(3\) Period Equality for All in Cumbria | Facebook](#) for more information please see - [PEFA INFORMATION AND POSTER](#)

**Please note that there will be no afterschool club on Thursday 5th January due to essential staff training.**

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



**Nativity—Superstar**



**Pine martin Collective Worship**



**Big Sing-A-Long**



**Beamish**

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 19th December—Attendance & Homework Reward (*popcorn, hot chocolate & a movie!*) & Full Governors Meeting

⇒ Tues 20th December—Christmas Service 12.15 p.m.

## Next Term

⇒ Thurs 5th January—**After-school club cancelled for essential staff training**

⇒ Week Commencing 9th January—Bassenthwaite Swimming Block

⇒ Week Commencing 30th January—Ennerdale Swimming Block

⇒ Monday 6th February—Building & Finance Governors Meeting

⇒ Week Commencing 27th February—Ullswater Swimming Block

⇒ Wednesday 1st March—Friday 3rd March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential

⇒ Tues 7th & Wed 8th March—Parents Evening

⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting

⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting

⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre

