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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 - Zaahira F

Ullswater - Nate H

Derwentwater – Mr C's Y5 English Group

Bassenthwaite - Raine P-Y

Ennerdale - Carson M & Ahtee J

Buttermere - Tait R-E

Attendance winners:

Buttermere had top attendance this week and will share an extra MUGA day.

Overall school attendance this week is: 96.23 %



Homework Heroes



Windermere - Aoife C

Ullswater - Skyler C & Aiden P

Derwentwater - Lucian K & Freya M

Bassenthwaite - Charlie B

Ennerdale - Sophie P

Buttermere - Lottie Y

Christian Value Award



Windermere – Charlotte B

Ullswater - Ullswater

Derwentwater - Bella T

Bassenthwaite - Nevaeh R

Ennerdale - Zayn C

Buttermere - Emilia A

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 Ameila D & Halle W.

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, Reece F who has won a sporting prize of their choice.



Thank you to all the Lunchtime Hall Helpers, Tuck Shop Volunteers and Craze It Crew who have helped this week!





Hello and welcome to our weekly Newsletter.

This week has been a week that has seen plenty going on at St James'. Visitors have been welcomed into school including Lucas and Lochlan, two Australian Rugby players from Whitehaven Rugby League. They worked alongside our Ullswater class in sharing some rugby skills as well as some insight into their careers and their journey to Whitehaven.

Another visitor was Janet Tringham, a SIAMS inspector who came to school on Tuesday to look at the work the school's approach to delivering RE and our messages of Christianity and how this supports our behaviours and choices. She spent time chatting to staff, parents, governors and importantly children, and left the school having had a positive experience with all groups. A clear feeling of seeing the children grow and learn together and a shared responsibility of fulfilling The St James' Way was clear in every interaction. Thank you to parents who were able to part of the inspection.

Inside the classroom the children continue to work extremely hard, our Year 6 children particularly showing a strong focus in the last couple of weeks before their SATS tests. Well done for giving your all. Our celebration assembly captured this morning and it was with great pride I handed on certificates to individuals for their homework, class work or upholding our Christian values. Have a restful weekend, Mr Beattie



School Notices & Reminders—

PE Kit – We have spoken to children this week to ask them to ensure that the correct uniform is worn every day to school. We have recently seen children coming to school in colourful trainers and leggings on non-PE days, and on PE days, some children coming to school in alternative sports kit and not our St James' kit. Please ensure that whenever possible children are coming to school in correct uniform, thank you.

Wheelchair basketball – A special thank you to Nat who joined us on Tuesday for a Wheelchair basketball workshop. He spoke really positively about how polite and hardworking the children were in getting to grips with their wheelchairs and the adjusted rules for this sport. A real eye opener for all of the children.

Soundwave Music - Soundwave club was unfortunately cancelled this week but is back on as normal next week. This club is free of charge and open to any Year 5 or 6 children who are interested in song writing, singing and instrument playing.

Judo Club—For the Summer term we will be offering our weekly Judo Club at only £1 per week to try and increase our membership and encourage participation. Weekly Judo Breakfast Club has been on the St James' cycle of enrichment clubs for many years but recently interest seems to have declined, so we hope that this reduced fee will interest some new members. Please contact the office if your child would like to attend.

Yr 6 Reminders – Information has been sent home this week about Year 6 SATS breakfast club and cycling safety workshop (Bikeability). A reminder to ensure all paper responses are returned to school as soon as possible to book a place.

Strike Update—We can confirm that on the strike day of Tuesday 2nd May Buttermere Class will be closed.

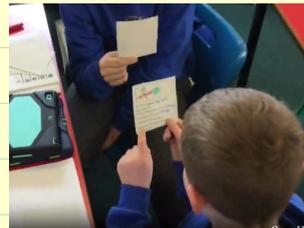
Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures) -



Ennerdale Sculptures



Ullswater Wheelchair Basketball



Derwentwater—Biology Top Trumps



Year 5 Maths Measuring Angles

Check out all 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 1st May—May Bank Holiday
- ⇒ **Tuesday 2nd May—NEU Teaching Strike Day—
Buttermere Class Closed**
- ⇒ Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday for Kings Coronation
- ⇒ Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May—SATs Week (Inc SATs breakfast club)
- ⇒ Wednesday 24th May—Year 6 Dental Survey
- ⇒ Monday 29th— Friday 2nd June—HALF TERM
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th—Friday 9th June—Year 6 Residential
- ⇒ Week Commencing 12th June—Year 6 Bikeability
- ⇒ Saturday 17th June – Uniform selling day at West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Saturday 1st July – Uniform selling day at St Benedict's School
- ⇒ Wednesday 5th July- Y6 Taster Day—Whitehaven Academy, St Benedict's & West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ Wednesday 5th July – Year 6 Parents information evening at St Benedict's & West Lakes Academy
- ⇒ End of Summer Term—Wednesday 19th July

Weekly Clubs & Activities—

- ⇒ Tuesday—After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.) & Soundwave Music Club (Collect from school at 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
 - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
 - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
 - ◆ Year 3/4 Cricket Club (Collect from school at 4.15 p.m.)
 - ◆ Year 6 English SATS Booster @ School (until 4.20 p.m.) **LAST SESSION 3/5/23**
- ⇒ Thursday—Year 6 Maths SATS Booster @ School (until 4.20 p.m.) **LAST SESSION 4/5/23**