



“With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together”

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# Newsletter

## Well Done

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard this week.

Here are our Pupils of the Week

- Windermere – Jamie F & Madison C
- Ullswater – Zayne M & India H
- Derwentwater – Zaahira F & Joseph M
- Bassenthwaite – Velvet P-Y & Tait R-E
- Ennerdale – Raven Q
- Buttermere – Susie L



### The St. James' Way

- ✓ Be Kind
- ✓ Be Respectful
- ✓ Give Your All

### CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Jules F
- Ullswater – Riven H
- Derwentwater – Eden E
- Bassenthwaite – Evie S & Chloe N
- Ennerdale – Betsy O
- Buttermere – Sam G, Grayson P-Y & Noah S



### USEFUL LEARNING LINKS



### THANK YOU

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



ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

## BASSENTHWAITE

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

## Overall school attendance this week is: 96.38%

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 Scarlett B & Velvet P-Y.





Welcome to this week's newsletter. It's been a further busy week that has seen staff and students work hard in preparation for Parent's Evenings. It was lovely to see so many families in school proudly looking through books and seeing the effort and progress already made this year. This week I have visited the remaining English classes and have been really pleased to see how hard children are working and the kindness and respect evident in every classroom. During my time in English lessons, I've even picked up a few tips about subject verb agreements and punctuating independent clauses – every day's an opportunity for new learning!! This week we again joined together for our weekly Celebration Assembly and it was great to celebrate and applaud the achievements of certificate winners for being fantastic role models, showing endurance and determination as well as academic achievement. Enjoy a restful weekend everyone, *Mr Beattie*

## School Messages, Notices & Reminders

**Parents Evening** - It was great meeting many new parents and welcoming families into school for our Autumn Parent's Evenings this week. I'm hoping that parents went away having enjoyed these initial chats with class teachers to share how the children have settled and how you can support your child and their learning this year. In addition to this, parents were given a letter calling for help from either parents/grandparents/family members who may be able to offer some time to listen to children read or even join our already established team of helpers for upcoming fundraising events throughout the year. If you think you can help, please contact the school office. As always, we are really grateful of the help we receive from our St James' families.



**Rev Alison** - This week we welcomed our new Rector, Rev Alison Dorell, into school to meet the children and take part in one of our Daily Collective Worship, where the children discussed the meaning of 'strength' and how effort and practice can help build our strengths and talents in the future. Next week we look forward to meeting with Rev Alison in a special service on Monday when the Year 3 children and newly welcomed children from other schools receive their school bible. Tuesday sees us visit St James' Church once again for a worship held by Rev Alison and then Friday we will attend the church for a combined Harvest Festival Service with St James' Infants. Parents are invited to join us for the service, Friday 13th October, 9.30 a.m.. A reminder that we are accepting donations for our Harvest Collection with all foods being donated to a local Foodbank. Items that can be accepted are provided on the attachment with this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your generous offers.



**Out and About** - Thanks go out to Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project for supporting our delivery of our plastic pollution topic. Ennerdale class visited Whitehaven Harbour this week for a discussion in how Sea Bins are being used around the harbour to capture unwanted plastic and helping preserve marine life along our coasts. Mr Tyson was very impressed with how well the children engaged in discussions and the passion they have for looking after our seas and waterways. Bassenthwaite and Buttermere class will attend in the coming weeks.



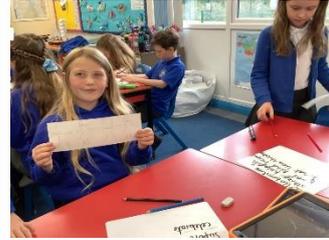
Here are links to some activities which have been happening in school this week (click on pictures).  
Check out all of the other [galleries](#) showing the children learning and exploring a range of different topics.  
Check out your child's [class page](#) here.



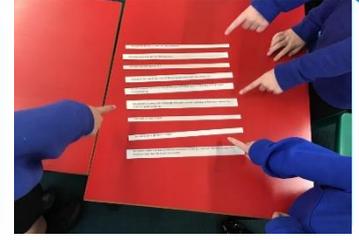
Cross Country



Ennerdale Sea Bins



Bassenthwaite Class  
Worship



Year 5 English VIPERS

## PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have a vacancy on the schools Governing Body for a parent governor. To help explain the role of a governor and how you can directly support the leadership and running of the school, please read the additional information attached. If you would like to find out more about the role, please call into school and we would be more than happy to discuss the role further. If there is more than one candidate then a parent governor election will take place. The closing date for applications of interest will be Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00 a.m.

## ATOM PRIME

Thank you to parents who drew our attention to an email they received from Atom Prime recently. Existing parents will know that we trialled the use of Atom Prime across the school to support homework last year. We will not be using Atom Prime again this year and would ask parents to ignore email requests for children sit Atom Prime tests. We have spoken to Atom and unsubscribed from their services and deleted personal data.

## RESIDENTIALS

We have sent an email to parents of children in Year 4 and Year 6 about upcoming residential in this academic year and a savings scheme which can be utilised on SchoolMoney, if this would be beneficial. Provisional dates for the residentials have been added to the calendar below.

## WEEKLY CLUBS

⇒ Tuesday—

- ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 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.)
- ◆ STIX Percussion (collection from school @ 4.15 pm)

⇒ Thursday -

Music (Guitar/Keyboard)  
Tuition throughout the school day

## COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival Service at St James' Church at 10.30am
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Buildings & Finance Governors Meeting
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>— Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October—HALF TERM
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Halloween Disco
- **Provisional Dates**
- Year 4 Residential – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Year 6 Residential – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June



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“Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105”