



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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*"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."*

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## Welcome to this week's newsletter

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

The children have all been working extremely hard again this week. Here are our Pupils of the Week-

Class 1 - Bailey M

Class 2 - Jay C

Class 3 - William S, Melissa S, Matthew D

Jimi F & Zac S

Class 4 - Lewis G

Class 5 - Harry A & Freya M

Class 6 - Charlotte J & Reece F



### Attendance winners:

**Class 2 & 4 had top attendance this week .**

**Overall school attendance this week is: 88.83%**

Please note all Covid-19 isolation absence is excluded



[Click this icon to email the school office](#)

In a week where our upper bubble children have been completing the Design & Technology topic on Rollercoasters, you will excuse my obvious puns in sharing that we have been dealing with many 'ups and downs' and quite frankly in recent days my head is dizzy from the 'loop-the-loops'.

Unfortunately, Covid has robbed many of our children of an enjoyable last week/day. Today we have upwards of 40+ children who are identified close contacts or who have tested positive in recent days. Our hearts go out to these children and families and hope that, following your isolation periods, you are able to enjoy the rest of their well-deserved summer break. Can I also thank parents for the appreciative way you have all dealt with this difficult news and recognise the importance of the job we need to do in following national guidance. Despite the tiredness we all feel in dealing with these matters, I'm sure all parents will join me in crossing fingers that next academic year will be untouched by this outside influence.





I hope that you have enjoyed reading through the reports of your child's progress this week in our end of year report. Despite the equivalent of a full term out of school, the main message I get from reading all of the reports, is that our children have been able to continue to progress in their learning and have achieved well across the curriculum. As a parent of the school myself I would like to thank the hardworking staff for supporting my child during this difficult time. As a Headteacher, I would like to thank all the parents for their support and efforts in supporting children whilst at home and also during a difficult time as they returned to the routine of the classroom in March. Again all of our fingers are crossed for continuous time in school next academic year. Can I also thank parents for their comments on the annual parent survey sent via survey monkey this week. We fully appreciate that we have been unable to welcome you into school with 'open arms' in the way that we have done historically. However, it is encouraging to hear about the support you have felt from the school and the appreciation you shared towards our staff in trying to overcome obvious challenges in reaching out to you in a remote way.

**Year 6 Leavers** – Today we said goodbye to the majority of our Year 6 leavers—[click here to watch our Leavers video](#). Throughout their 4 years with us they have been a wonderful year group. They leave St James' to make their next steps in the journey of life. I am comforted in knowing that they begin their new secondary school with a solid academic foundation, a fantastic appetite for learning, and the characteristics and qualities to overcome whatever new challenges they have to face. I look forward to speaking to the Secondary Headteachers next year to find out how well they have all settled in.

Well that's all from me, thank you parents for your kindness and generosity in passing on gifts for summers, or cakes just to get us through the week. As always we are all very grateful.

It's now time to get off the rollercoaster. Enjoy your summer, keep following The St James' Way and we will see you all in September. Stay safe.

*Mr Beattie*

Useful Links -

**Cumbria County Council Reading Challenge**— Videos outlining the Summer Reading Challenge are also available on the Cumbria County Council YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ja5KNXymsN8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtGOpemWgd4>

[Cumbria County Council Holiday Activity Programme](#)

Please take a look at some of the galleries which have been uploaded this week, celebrating the last week of term!

[Rollercoasters with Class 1](#) and [Class 3](#)

[Pride of the Lions](#) by Class 2

[Leavers Video](#)

Please check out more as they are uploaded on the [gallery page here](#).



### **Latest advice from Cumbria Public Health**

#### **Social Isolation advice from 19th July**

- From Monday 19th July, everyone will still be expected to self-isolate when testing positive for COVID-19, or when contacted by NHS Test and Trace because they have been identified as a close contact (the need for close contacts of all ages to isolate will remain in place until Monday 16th August)
- Any child, young person or member of staff advised by their school or NHS Test and Trace to isolate prior to 19th July should continue to isolate for the full period of time advised if their isolation period goes beyond Sunday 18th July (they should not end their isolation period early)

#### **Social isolation advice from 16th August**

- From Monday 16th August, if you have been fully vaccinated you will be exempt from the requirement to self-isolate if you are a contact of a positive case. You will instead be advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible.
- You will also be exempt from self-isolation from 16th August if you are under 18 and a contact of a positive case. As with adults, you will be advised whether a PCR test needs to be taken. If you are 18 years old you will be treated in the same way as under 18 year olds until 4 months after your 18th birthday, to allow you the opportunity to get fully vaccinated.
- If you test positive you will still need to self-isolate regardless of your vaccination status or age.