



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

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# Newsletter

## Well Done

### The St. James' Way

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

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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

**Windermere – Loe R-E & Wilf P**  
**Ullswater – Aaron H, Chloe T & Harlow T**  
**Derwentwater – Maddie C**  
**Bassenthwaite – Alex T & Lottie Y**  
**Ennerdale – Edie L**  
**Buttermere – Jack S**



### CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

**Windermere – All of Windermere**  
**Ullswater – India H**  
**Derwentwater – Y3 MUGA legends**  
**Bassenthwaite – Evie S & Ahtee J**  
**Ennerdale – Jack M**  
**Buttermere – Sam G**



### CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner David D, who has won a prize of their choice for being spotted by one of the Midday Team doing something extra special around school during lunchtime.



### THANK YOU

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



ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

## ULLSWATER

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

## Overall school attendance this week is: 97.3%

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 Jack H & Carson M.





Hello and welcome back to the first newsletter of the half term. Students and staff have returned refreshed from their week off, and have been busy restarting their learning together. This week has seen a return to some much-loved activities with Windermere class being the first class of the year taking their intensive week-long swimming block. Miss Pool and the staff at Workington Leisure Centre have been hugely impressed with the abilities and efforts and the amazing progress made throughout the week – well done Windermere class.

Next week sees the start of some SATS boosters with children invited to join in for additional revision in preparation for the tests in May. Year 6 continue to set the standards in behaviour and work ethic with them giving their all every day.

This morning we met for our weekly celebration assembly and handed out individual certificates for being an exemplary swimmer, working collaboratively and for giving excellent ideas in class.

Great to see The St James' Way back in action. *Wishing everyone a restful weekend, Mr Beattie*

## School Messages, Notices & Reminders

**Clubs & School Activities** – Following on from Windermere's swimming this week, next week will see Ullswater have their swimming sessions and reminders to bring swimming kit everyday. In other school activities we have returned this week to our weekly Forest School sessions with the children enjoying meeting back up with Emma to re-explore the forest environment. Other Clubs are also continuing with good involvement for table tennis, gymnastics, judo, percussion, guitar, keyboard, church singing and a special Year 4 block of Adventure Club. It's great to see so many getting involved in extra-curricular activities.

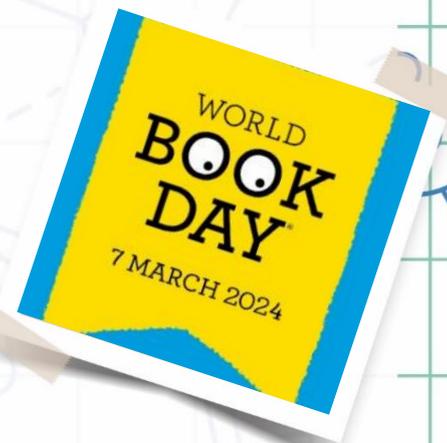
*Please note that due the Robinwood residential next week; judo, adventure club and STIX have been cancelled.*

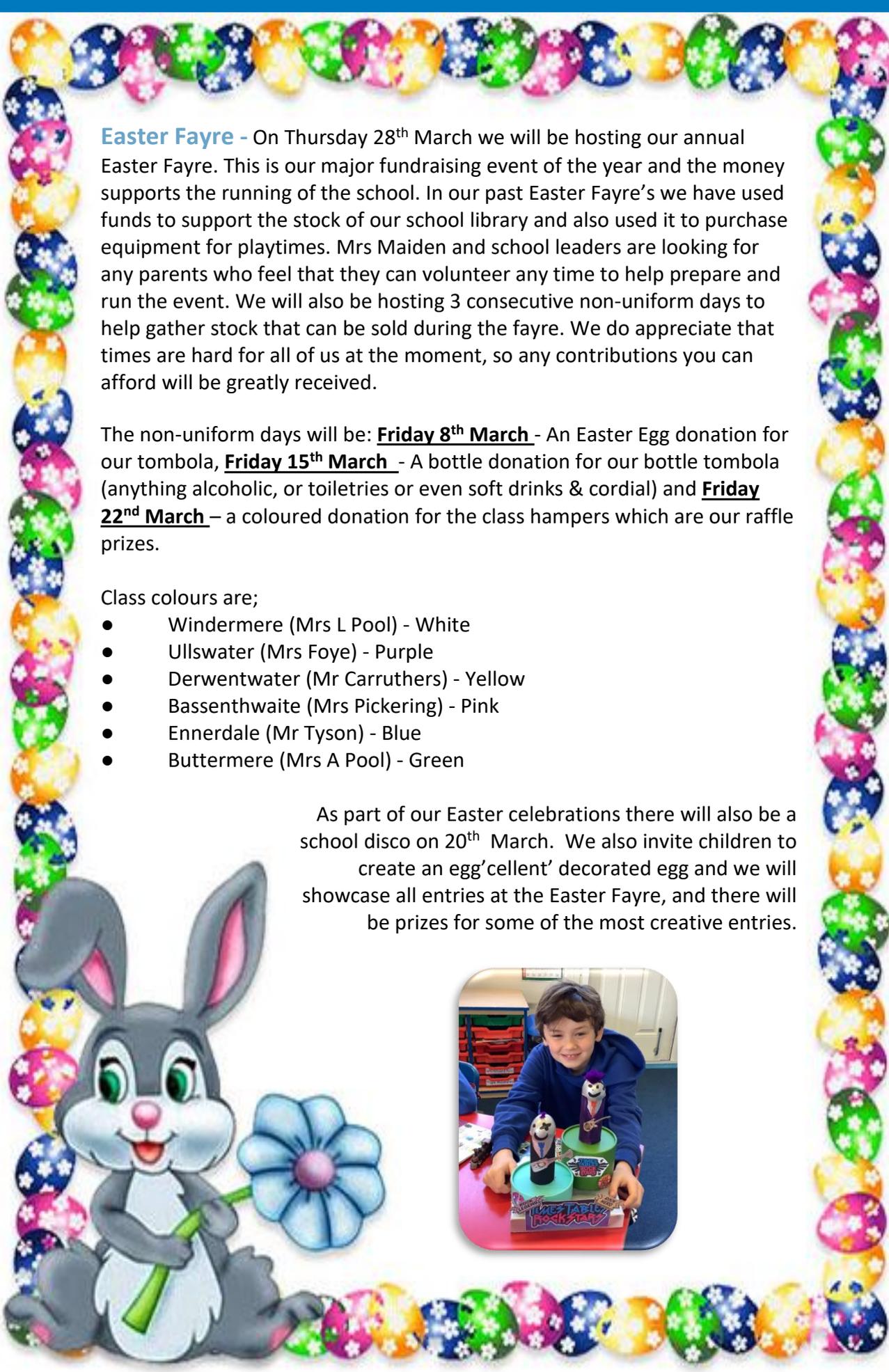
**World Book Day** – This year's World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. This is always something that the children enjoy, with the day dedicated to looking at books, and children and staff coming into school dressed as their favourite characters. The internet is full of creative ways of putting together simple costumes at little cost – costume ideas.

**Book Fair** - Next week we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Children and parents are invited to come into the hall after school to have a browse at what's on offer and potentially pick up some interesting new books. Payment for items can be made in cash, or we can raise a payment item on SchoolMoney if this is more convenient. Scholastic offer the school a % of each sale and in the past, we have raised a good amount of money which helps us bolster our library stock, so we are appreciative to all who support this. The fair will be open Mon – Thurs from 3.20 – 3.50 p.m. with a team of Year 6 children helping to run the fair.

**School Lunchtimes** – Recently we have become increasingly aware of numerous children throwing near-full plates of food directly into the bin at lunchtime so they can go out and play more quickly. Whilst we want children to have sufficient time to play, we are also mindful that parents will want children to have enough to eat. We have therefore introduced a new routine in the lunch hall where children will be encouraged to wait for others to finish school meals and packed lunches, before raising their hands as a collective table, to grant permission to tidy their plates before going out. We have trialled this routine this week and found a significant drop in food waste and with the cost of meals unfortunately going up, hopefully parents will be reassured they are getting better value for money. Slow eaters have been reassured that it doesn't mean that they have to rush, but hopefully ensures some of our hasty children do get something proper to eat.

**Governor Meetings** - This week we had visits from four school governors: Mr Spencer, Rev Alison, Mrs Lunn and Mrs McGrane who met with key staff about key areas of the school improvement plan. They came away with a really positive outlook about how hard staff are working and the progress the school continue to make in these key areas. Thank you, governors, for your time and support.





**Easter Fayre** - On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting our annual Easter Fayre. This is our major fundraising event of the year and the money supports the running of the school. In our past Easter Fayre's we have used funds to support the stock of our school library and also used it to purchase equipment for playtimes. Mrs Maiden and school leaders are looking for any parents who feel that they can volunteer any time to help prepare and run the event. We will also be hosting 3 consecutive non-uniform days to help gather stock that can be sold during the fayre. We do appreciate that times are hard for all of us at the moment, so any contributions you can afford will be greatly received.

The non-uniform days will be: **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - An Easter Egg donation for our tombola, **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - A bottle donation for our bottle tombola (anything alcoholic, or toiletries or even soft drinks & cordial) and **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - a coloured donation for the class hampers which are our raffle prizes.

Class colours are;

- Windermere (Mrs L Pool) - White
- Ullswater (Mrs Foye) - Purple
- Derwentwater (Mr Carruthers) - Yellow
- Bassenthwaite (Mrs Pickering) - Pink
- Ennerdale (Mr Tyson) - Blue
- Buttermere (Mrs A Pool) - Green

As part of our Easter celebrations there will also be a school disco on 20<sup>th</sup> March. We also invite children to create an egg'cellent' decorated egg and we will showcase all entries at the Easter Fayre, and there will be prizes for some of the most creative entries.



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.



**Ullswater  
Computing: Intro to  
Logo**



**Sensory Group  
Food Tasting**



**Ullswater  
Geography: Hot Desert  
Biomes**



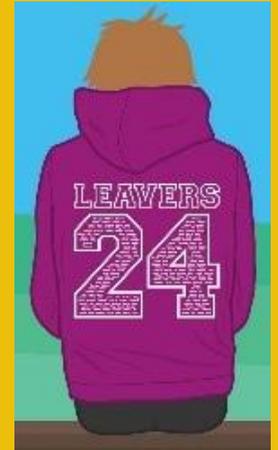
**Forest School**

## ROBINWOOD

Next Wednesday we say 'bon voyage' to many of our Year 4 children and staff as they set off for their 3-day residential at Robinwood. We look forward to seeing them return on Friday with tales of the great time they had and the many challenges they will have faced and conquered.  
Enjoy the trip Year 4.

## LEAVERS HOODIES -

For the Year 6 leavers of 2024 you can now order a leavers hoodie through our online shop. Each hoodie will have the school logo embroidered on the front and the number 24 on the back filled with names of all the Yr 6 pupils. Closing date for orders is 19<sup>th</sup> April and these will arrive towards the end of May. Children traditionally then wear them to school for the rest of the school year, and we look forward to seeing the rainbow of colours they have chosen!  
The hoodies are priced at £21.38 each. *There are hoodie examples in two sizes in the school office for anyone unsure of sizing.* Here is the link to Schools unique link to the online shop.  
<https://www.hartlandhoodies.com/school-leavers-hoodies/st-james-c-of-e-junior-school-leavers-hoodies>

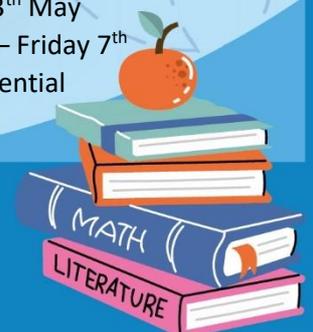


## WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ Monday—
  - ◆ After School Table Tennis Club at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collect from Swingpump Lane @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Tuesday—
  - ◆ After School Gymnastics Club (Collect from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday –
  - ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club (**Cancelled 28/2**)
  - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (**Cancelled 28/2**)
  - ◆ STIX Percussion (collect from school @ 4.15 pm) (**Cancelled 28/2**)
- ⇒ Thursday -
  - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day
- ⇒ Friday -
  - ◆ Church Singing Club (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)

## COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- w/c 26<sup>th</sup> February - Swimming Ullswater
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Year 4 Residential
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening
- w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March – Swimming Derwentwater
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Disco
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Fayre
- **Easter Holidays Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term begins
- 19<sup>th</sup> April – Deadline for ordering Yr6 hoodies
- SATS week w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Residential



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