



# St James' Church of England Junior School

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*"With exploring minds, and faith; we grow and learn together."*

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## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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

Windermere - Charlotte B

Ullswater - Sophia R

Derwentwater- Loe R-E & Reece F

Bassenthwaite - Charlie B & Anna G

Ennerdale - Noah S

Buttermere - Hudson M



## *Welcome to this*

### Attendance winners:

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

**Overall school attendance this week is: 96.34 %**



## Homework Heroes

Windermere - Lilia T

Ullswater - Tilly S

Derwentwater - Alfie E, Millie W & Modana M

Bassenthwaite - Conall C

Ennerdale - Amy H & Rose J

Buttermere- Clara S



## Christian Value Award

Windermere – Ethan H

Ullswater - Ellis D

Derwentwater - Aiden P

Bassenthwaite - Hollie M

Ennerdale - Seth F

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 Rory W & Theo M

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, Noah L who has 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 and welcome to our last Newsletter before the half-term.

This week we welcomed Stephanie and Julia from Vincent Wildlife Trust to share some learning tasks with Buttermere and Ullswater class around the protection of pine martens in the UK. The children found the talk really interesting and it was nice to get such nice feedback in how engaged and polite the children were.

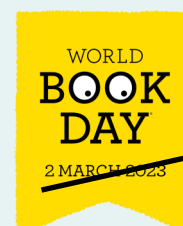
This week we also welcomed Mrs Jones into school to talk to the children about Saint Valentine and how kindness and love can be shared all year round not just on Valentine's Day. During Worship this week we have also been sharing messages around Internet safety, with the main and consistent messages being: to always talk to adults and friends about your experiences online; ways in which we can ensure that we do not share personal information with anyone; and how to be a nice online citizen. As always, I was impressed with the maturity and compassion of our students. This morning we met once again in our weekly Celebration Assembly to recognise the collective and individual achievements of our pupils. It was great to hear teachers speaking with such pride at the kindness, respect and great work ethic our children were showing with particular certificates handed out for outstanding manners and politeness, growth in confidence and huge improvements in classwork.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend and see you all on Monday 27th February.



### School Notices & Reminders—

- **Strike Information** – As it stands today, we are able to confirm that the school will be partially closed during the next planned strike date on Tuesday 28th February.  
**The classes that will remain open are Windermere, Ullswater, Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite classes.**  
**The classes that will be closed for the day will be Ennerdale and Buttermere classes.**  
It is by sharing this information now, we hope that it allows parents to plan for child care arrangements with family and employers, however I must also state that this plan is not guaranteed and is subject to change up to the date before strike action. With this in mind, we will send out a further text on Monday 27th February confirming arrangements.
- **Gymnastics & Zumba Clubs**—Both Gymnastics and Zumba Club will be **cancelled on Tuesday 28th February.**
- **Salvation Army Donation** – Major Stevens from the Salvation Army is working closely with some of the refugees housed locally and is appealing for help. Many of the men do not have suitable shoes but have quite small sized feet so it is quite difficult to source shoes. Does anyone have **men's shoes sized 6 or 7** that they could donate? They can be dropped off at school and we will ensure that they reach those in need.
- **Year 4 Robinwood Residential** – Thankyou for all who were in attendance on Monday for the Year 4 Parent Update on the upcoming Robinwood residential. We hope the information shared was useful and the kit list helps with packing. A reminder we have links to some of the information shared on our school website. [Click here to see it.](#)
- **Year 6 Shropshire Residential**—With the Year 4s off to Robinwood the first week back after half term, we will then start preparations for our traditional Year 6 residential to Shropshire, where the children get to visit Alton Towers, Chester Zoo, the Chill Factore to name a few. We understand the current pressures on families and would therefore like to offer families the opportunity to start making payments as early as possible to help spread the cost. Letters with all of the details have been sent home with the Yr 6 Children today and a payment item will be opened up on SchoolMoney to allow people to start making payments—the system will allow multiple payments, just overtype your preferred amount each time.
- **World Book Day** – World Book Day is always a fun and engaging day with children sharing their favourite authors and getting involved with different reading activities across school. The day is about reading and not about the costumes but we do know that children (and staff!) do like to dress up in fancy dress. Please see [this link](#) for creative and cost-saving ways to put together the costume for the day. Unfortunately the official World Book Day is planned for Thursday 2nd March. On this day we have almost all of Year 4 at Robinwood and Ullswater will be swimming. Therefore, so everyone can get involved and the swimming baths doesn't get clogged up with wizard wands and witches hats, we thought it best to move our World Book Day event to **Thursday 9th March.** We could rebrand it as a St James' Book day instead!
- A reminder that St James Church is providing a **food pantry** in the entrance to the church, open from 9am to 4pm. The church hope that by putting a pantry in the church entrance it might give a bit extra help and encourage people to take what they need without obligation and without judgement.



**Easter Fayre** – On Friday 31<sup>st</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 even more greatly received this year.

The non-uniform days will be: **Friday 10th March** - An Easter Egg donation for our tombola, **Friday 17th March** - A bottle donation for our bottle tombola (anything alcoholic, or toiletries or even soft drinks & cordial) and **Friday 24th March** – a coloured donation for the class hampers which are our raffle prizes.

Class colours are;

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



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



Honister Slate Mine



Bassenthwaite—Class Reflection



Windermere—Gymnastics



Ullswater—Textiles

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' -**

- ⇒ Week Commencing 20th February—Half Term
- ⇒ [\*\*Week Commencing 27th February—Ullswater Swimming Block\*\*](#)
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—'I Can't Do It...YET!) - 1/5 Family Learning Session
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st March—Friday 3rd March—Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- ⇒ Tues 7th & Wed 8th March—Parents Evening
- ⇒ Friday 10th March—Non Uniform—Egg Donation
- ⇒ Monday 13th March—Pupil Progress & Welfare Governors Meeting
- ⇒ Friday 17th March—Non Uniform—Bottle Donation
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st March—Easter Disco
- ⇒ Friday 24th March—Non Uniform—Colour Donation
- ⇒ Monday 27th March—Full Governors Meeting

- ⇒ Friday 31st March—Easter Fayre & STIX Percussion performance
- ⇒ Easter Holidays—Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April
- ⇒ Tuesday 6th—Friday 9th June—Year 6 Residential

### **Weekly Clubs & Activities—**

- ⇒ Monday—Table Tennis Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
- ⇒ Tuesday—8.00 am Zumba Breakfast Club & After School Gymnastics Club (Collected from Whitehaven Sports Centre @ 4.30 p.m.)
- ⇒ Wednesday – 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club, STIX Percussion Club (until 4.15 p.m.), Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collected from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.) & Yr 5 Textiles Club @ School (until 4.20 p.m.)

