



“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 – Tia K
- Ullswater – Kayden-Lee A & Theo M
- Derwentwater – Lily T & Bethan L
- Bassenthwaite – Nolah T
- Ennerdale – Penny W
- Buttermere – Billy F & Aalayah B



The St. James' Way

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

CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Archie L
- Ullswater – Sophie P & Lottie F
- Derwentwater – Lilia T
- Bassenthwaite – Mia T
- Ennerdale – All of Ennerdale
- Buttermere – Archie S



CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, our school cross-country team went to The Whitehaven Academy to run in an organised event. A massive well done to the whole cross country team. Our Yr 5 & 6 were winners and Loe was the first runner back.



THANK YOU

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



ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

DERWENTWATER

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 94.9%

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 S & Archie S.





Hello and welcome to our final newsletter of the half-term.

The first half-term is always such an important one and it has been great to see how well the six classes have settled into their new settings. It has been an extremely busy term and staff and children have all certainly 'given their all' to help set up a good foundation for the year. I hope that parents have felt involved in this process also, and came away from the termly parents evening feeling informed and supportive of our approach. This week, as is tradition we met as a whole school to celebrate the achievements of all children. Feedback from staff continues to be positive and this week there were individual certificates handed out for, producing wonderful art and fantastic effort and enthusiasm. Great to see The St James' Way in action.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term

Mr Beattie

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Whitehaven History - Unfortunately our wet autumn has hindered plans for our wishes to get about Whitehaven to see living history in our town. However, undeterred the children have engaged in their topics and today rounded off the project with all of Yr5/6 heading to The Rum Story Museum to see the exhibits and speak to the museum directors about the importance of the building in our town's history. We have such a rich historic story and it has been great to share this with the children. Special thanks also go out to Marc Goodwin, Whitehaven Town crier and Gerrard Richardson M.B.E for supporting our project and sharing a dagger believed to belong to John Paul Jones himself.

Goodbye Mrs Raby - Unbelievably after 23 years, our school cook Mrs Raby is retiring. This has been such a hard decision for Mrs Raby who has absolutely loved serving the thousands of children during her time here. Today we said an emotional goodbye and hope that between her many planned holidays that she returns to school to hopefully enjoy a meal from the other side of the hatch. As well as missing having her around the school, I'm sure the kids (and staff) will also miss her All-day breakfasts, Grasmere gingerbread or St James' crunch to name but a few of her specials. Tonight, much of the staff will meet up to give her a great send off. Goodbye Mrs Raby.

Cross Country - On Wednesday, our school cross-country team went to The Whitehaven Academy to run in an organised event. All came back with smiles and muddy knees and a few also collected individual prizes for their achievements. Thank you also to Mrs Glaister for helping us prepare for the event and Mr Tyson for getting us to and from the event on the minibus.

Halloween Helpers - When we return from half-term, we will be running our PTA Halloween Disco. This is always great fun and all funds raised goes directly into resources for the children. Recent money raised has really helped increase our library stock with new books and helped boost book numbers after many books went missing during covid school closure. If you feel that you can offer help on the evening to serve drinks and hotdogs, paint faces or add tattoos we would love to hear from you. If you can help please contact the school office. Last summer we trialled the staggering of the disco times in order to reduce the traffic problems during pick up and drop off time. The staggered times really helped and we will continue with this. Lower children can attend from 5 pm to 6.30 pm and Upper children can join the disco from 5.30 pm to 7 pm. Children in after school club will join the disco at their allotted time (and should be collected at the correct finish time) and siblings can either attend their specific slots, or will be allowed to attend together in the upper or lower slot but not both- this is up to parents, but all children will leave together at the same time. Thank you for your understanding.



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
Rum Story Visit



Saying Farewell to
Mrs Raby



Cross Country



Bassenthwaite
Retelling the story of
Abraham & Sarah

PARENT GOVERNOR

A reminder that the closing date for applications of interest for our parent governor vacancy will be Monday 30th October at 9.00 a.m.

FOOTBALL CLUB

We have been asked to share news of a football camp happening over half-term. It is run by The Football Fun Factory who support sports coaching at St James' Infants, and is keen to reach out to junior age children, both boys and girls. Details of booking are attached.

HEADLICE

We have had a few notifications of headlice in the last week. Please can we ask parents to check at home and treat if necessary. Thank you

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

From the first week back, we have a team of helpers who will be selling poppies, reflector poppies, snap bands and wrist bands. There is no set price for the items, just what people are able to donate to this fantastic charity. However suggested donations are £1 per item. Children can bring money in at breaktimes to purchase some items.



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.)- **NEW GROUP**
- ◆ STIX Percussion (collection from school @ 4.15 pm)

⇒ Thursday -

Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day

All children will continue on clubs into next half term, unless it says different above

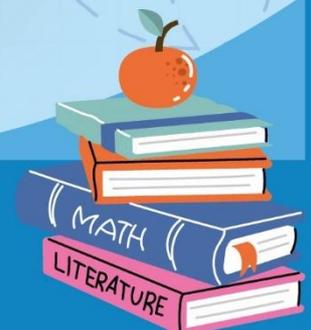
COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October – HALF TERM
- Wednesday 1st November – Halloween Disco
- **Provisional Dates**
- Year 4 Residential – Wednesday 28th February – Friday 1st March
- Year 6 Residential – Tuesday 4th June – Friday 7th June

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