



“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 – Lucian K & Jorja N
- Ullswater – Zayn C & Sophia R
- Derwentwater – William M
- Bassenthwaite – Emily B, Jakob S & Halle W
- Ennerdale – Penny W
- Buttermere – Billy F



CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

- Windermere – Raine P-Y
- Ullswater – Mrs Foye's Y6 English Group
- Derwentwater – All of Derwentwater
- Bassenthwaite – Jem B & Charlotte R
- Ennerdale – Chloe N
- Buttermere – George J



CATCH ME CARDS WINNER

Well done to this week's Catch Me Card winner Logan R, 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:

WINDERMERE

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

Overall school attendance this week is: 93.46%

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 Lottie Y & Tyler T.





Hello and welcome to our final newsletter of this half term. This week has been Internet Safety week, the children have worked on various related activities and enjoyed a talk by Police Officer Schofield. Ironically our internet was cut off on Thursday morning giving the children a free history lesson of what education might have looked like in the 1980s. Thankfully it returned and we got back on with business as usual. The children have continued to work hard and make great progress this week. It was nice to host a celebration assembly myself this morning after a 4-week football hiatus, and it was wonderful to hand out certificates for super attention to detail, incredible artwork and excellent assessments.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend and look forward to starting next week with renewed energy, Mr Beattie

School Messages, Notices & Reminders

Internet Safety Week - This week we have been looking at internet safety during our daily worships. It was nice to share how technology has changed over time. The children got to see some outdated technology such as old landline phones, arcade machines, and vinyl LP players. We talked about the advantages and disadvantages of modern technology and how exposure to influencers, gamers, notifications and social media can influence our lives in positive and negative ways. I was really impressed with how children contributed to these discussions, and the understanding they have in keeping themselves safe online.

School Visit - In keeping with Internet Safety Week we welcomed Police Officer Schofield into school to speak to our Year 5 & 6 children about internet safety. As part of her role she works with young children in primary and secondary schools, sharing awareness of criminal activity and promoting social behaviours in young people. The children were really responsive to this initiative that touched upon social media, age appropriate materials, county lines criminal behaviour and grooming. The children asked great questions and got a lot from the sessions. Thank you Rox for coming into school to share these messages.

Robinwood Update - I hope that the drop-in session this week was useful for parents and children to get an insight into what to expect for our Year 4 residential at Robinwood from Wednesday 28th February to Friday 1st March. We have sent out a copy of the presentation and menus shared by Robinwood. If any parent would like to speak to staff attending about any particular issue please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Athletics - In January the Year 5 & 6 athletics team attended The Whitehaven Academy to take part in an inter-school athletics competition with other local schools. They competed fantastically finishing overall in second place. Well done everyone.

Swimming Blocks - Information has been sent home today informing parents of Windermere, Ullswater and Derwentwater of their swimming blocks after half term. The letter has full details and just another reminder that children will require a full swimming kit with them every day during their swimming week.

Price Increases - An email was sent out at the beginning of the week informing of prices increases to school dinners and EBASC services which will come in from Monday 19th February.



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.



Ennerdale
Art: Tints & Shades



Ullswater
Art: Making My Voice Heard



Bassenthwaite
Art: Painting Techniques & Textures



Derwentwater
Art: Drawing Mayan Style



INTERNET SAFETY POSTERS

I would just like to draw your attention to the weekly posters we have been sharing each week. These posters created by Unity College are a great resource for parents and give clear strategies and tips to promote safety with very common games and apps such as Tiktok, Snapchat, and Whatsapp. [Click here to view the posters.](#)

VACANCY

We have an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic, skilled, 30 hour per week teaching assistant, to support pupils with Special Educational Needs. The post will be fixed term from 1st September 2024 until 31st August 2025. If you are interested or know anyone who would be, please [click here](#)

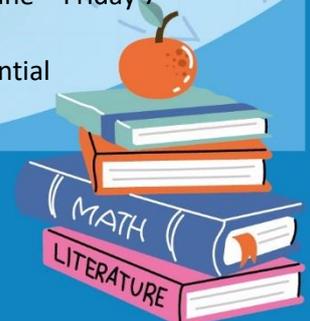


WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ 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
 - ◆ Adventure Club (Yr 5/6) at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project (collect from Swingpump Lane @ 4.45 p.m.)
 - ◆ STIX Percussion (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)
- ⇒ Thursday -
 - ◆ Music (Guitar/Keyboard) Tuition throughout the school day
- ⇒ Friday -
 - ◆ Church Singing Club (collect from school @ 4.15 pm)

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- **Monday 12th – Friday 16th February- Half Term**
- from Monday 26th February - Book Fair– days and times TBC
- w/c 19th February – Swimming Windermere
- w/c 26th February - Swimming Ullswater
- w/c 18th March – Swimming Derwentwater
- 5th & 6th March Parents Evening
- Wednesday 28th February – Friday 1st March - Year 4 Residential
- Tuesday 4th June – Friday 7th June Year 6 Residential



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