



“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 – Daniel P

Ullswater – Louie H

Derwentwater – Scarlett S

Bassenthwaite – Adam P

Ennerdale – Leo M

Buttermere – Benjamin S



CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

Windermere – Martha R

Ullswater – Scarlett B

Derwentwater – Mr Carruther's Maths Class

Bassenthwaite – Wolf Rothery

Ennerdale – Liam O'N

Buttermere – Leo M



Overall School
attendance
this week is
97.76%

Winner

ATTENDANCE WINNERS:
BASSENTHWAITE
Had top attendance this week

Well done to the children who have
achieved a Bronze award for 50 points
**Ruby H, Marcie K, Edie L, Betsy O'K, Rudi T,
Oliver J, Jessie D, Lucy A, Thomas K**



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 Oliver R and Piper M.



Parent Feedback Survey Summary

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. It has been wonderful to read so many positive comments, and we are delighted that parents continue to feel so supported by our school community. Many of you highlighted the high quality of teaching and the progress your children are making, as well as the fantastic range of sporting and musical opportunities on offer. We were also pleased to see such strong appreciation for our breakfast and after-school club provision, and for the regular communication you receive through Class Dojo. Most importantly, it was lovely to read how many parents noted just how happy their child is in school, something that means a great deal to us all.

We have also taken careful note of the suggestions for improvement and wanted to share our responses so far:

- **Gritting the school path** – This has now been actioned.
- **Replacement iPad for a child whose device was missing** – Actioned immediately.
- **More photos on Facebook to showcase the school day** – Miss L Pool is now our social media manager and will be sharing weekly highlights on a regular basis.
- **More enrichment opportunities across the curriculum** – This has already been discussed in this week's staff meeting, and staff are contacting visit providers to arrange upcoming experiences.
- **Ensuring classes finish promptly at 3.15pm** – Staff have noted this and will ensure timings are consistent.
- **Diary dates provided further in advance** – This has been noted and will be improved.
- **Breakfast club opening from 7.30am** – Unfortunately, we cannot offer this at present due to staff family commitments, but we will review this again if circumstances change.
- **SEND support and IEP meetings** – Teachers will be in touch with families before half term to arrange these meetings to discuss provision.

Thank you again for your thoughtful feedback. Please continue to let us know, either in the mornings or at home time, if there is anything we can do to support you or your child. Your partnership is incredibly valued.





We have had a great week of learning and activities this week.
Check out Class Dojo for lots of updates and photos.



Music



Sports Festival



English

It has been another busy and rewarding week in school. Our children represented us admirably at the Change for Life festival at Whitehaven Academy, displaying fantastic teamwork and collaboration—especially the supportive, mentoring approach visible between Year 3 and Year 6. Throughout the week, many children have proudly visited the office to share their wonderful work, which has been a real highlight. In classrooms, learning has continued with great enthusiasm: Year 3 and 4 have been deepening their understanding of the different layers of a Rainforest, while Year 5 and 6 have been investigating how light travels in their practical science lessons, using excellent scientific vocabulary in both their predictions and conclusions.

Thank you to everyone for adjusting so smoothly to the new morning routine. As a reminder, children are welcome to play on the yard from 8:30am, when supervision begins, until the bell rings at 8:45am. The internal gates will be locked as usual at 8:55am so any late arrivals will need to continue to use the main entrance. It has been lovely to hear positive feedback from parents who have welcomed the opportunity to speak with staff at the classroom doors and explore what we have available at the back of school for the children to enjoy at playtimes and lunchtimes.



WEEKLY CLUBS

⇒ Monday

- ◆ Yr 6 Bellringing at St James Church
(Collect from church @ 4.30p.m.)

⇒ Tuesday

- ◆ STIX Drumming
(Collect from school @ 4.15p.m.)

⇒ Wednesday

- ◆ 8.00 a.m. Judo Breakfast Club
- ◆ Music Tuition (Guitar AM)
(Keyboard PM)
- ◆ Yr 5/6 Adventure Club at
Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project
(Collect from WHYP @ 4.45 p.m.)

⇒ Thursday

- ◆ Yr6 Animation Club
(Collect from school @ 4.15p.m.)

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- Monday 9th – Thursday 12th February – Book Fair
- Wednesday 11th February – Valentines Disco
- Monday 16th – Friday 20th February Half Term
- Monday 23rd – Friday 27th February Ullswater Swimming
- Friday 27th March – Easter Fayre
- Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April – Easter Holidays
- Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th May Year 4 Residential
- Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th June Year 6 Residential

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

