



“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 – Henry C

Ullswater – Hollie M

Derwentwater – Jem B & Mia T

Bassenthwaite – Archie J

Ennerdale – Charlotte M

Buttermere – Riley H'O



The St. James' Way

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

CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARD

Windermere – Conall C & Ciara C

Ullswater – Scarlett B

Derwentwater – Mr C's Maths Group

Bassenthwaite – Rudy M

Ennerdale – Rudie D

Buttermere – Charlotte M



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Overall School attendance this week is **92.76%**



ATTENDANCE WINNERS: DERWENTWATER
Had top attendance this week

Well done to the children who have achieved a Bronze award for 50 points

Jack H, Allura B, Lucas M, Riley S, Kain D, Riley H'O, Gunnar C, Seth P, Alice S, Stanley T, Farhat Z



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 Albie B & Kayden D.





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



DT



Internet Safety



Disco

As we head into the February half term, it has been another vibrant and constructive week in school. We were thrilled with the fantastic turnout for the Valentine's Disco—thank you to everyone who joined in the fun. Between the disco and the delicious heart-shaped biscuits, we raised an impressive **£350** for the school. A special thank you goes to Marcie's dad, **Mr Kennedy**, for generously giving up his time to provide an excellent DJ set.

Across school, Design Technology has taken centre stage this week. Year 3 and 4 pupils have been fully immersed in creating their own *mindful moment timers*—designing prototype casings, programming the code on iPads, and developing logos using the Sketchpad app. In their English lessons, they have been publishing their setting descriptions, showcasing great creativity and effort. Year 5 and 6 have also been busy, completing their assessments while designing and making their own steady-hand games—an excellent opportunity to combine practical DT skills with perseverance and problem-solving. The Book Fayre has been wonderfully supported, and we are delighted that Year 6 have begun their *Spellbinding* reading challenge in partnership with the School Library Service.

This half term has been a truly productive one. The children have demonstrated remarkable commitment, resilience, and a willingness to push themselves to achieve excellent learning outcomes. Next half term promises to be just as busy and exciting, with World Book Day celebrations, a range of sporting events, STEM experiences, and visits out already in the pipeline.

Wishing you all a lovely, restful half term break. Mrs Moore, Headteacher

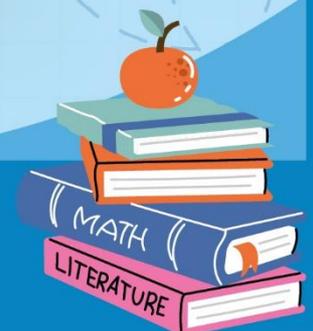
WEEKLY CLUBS

- ⇒ 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
 - ◆ Yr5 Animation Club (Collect from school @ 4.15p.m.)

COMING UP AT ST JAMES'

- 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”