



# St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3)

<p><b>Reception</b></p>	<p>We have had a busy start to the Summer Term in school, we can't believe that the children are in the final term of their first year! In Maths we have been looking at time (o'clock and half past), the children have been using timers and challenging themselves to do activities quickly, they have had a lot of fun. Time is a topic in school that really requires your support at home, so please could you encourage your child to help you read the time at home – just o'clock and half past! In Literacy and the rest of our curriculum we have started learning the story of the Gingerbread Man. The children are enjoying this story, especially making their own actions up! Thank you for sending in your child's PE kit and reading bags on Monday! I hope you have a lovely long weekend! (Phonics: REVISION OF PHASE 3: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ch, sh, ng, th, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er</p>	<p>VIP ZOE THOMPSON</p>
<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<p>We have had a really busy start back to the Summer Term. We have started the term with looking at the story of Handa's Surprise. The children enjoyed trying the different fruits and creating some beautiful paintings which we have displayed on the wall. The children have written some great riddles about the animals too. Well done; next week we will be looking at the story of the Gigantic Turnip. In maths we have finished subtraction and will start looking at numbers to 50, comparing and finding the difference between two given numbers. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school and reading bags are brought every day. In phonics we have recapped phase 3 and phase 5 sounds. Have a lovely long weekend!</p>	<p>VIP OSCAR RAWSTHORNE</p>
<p><b>Year 2</b></p>	<p>We have had a good first week back and started all our new work. In maths we are revising some of our maths objectives which needed more practice after our recent class assessments. In Literacy we are looking at a new text and have been writing reports this week which are linked to some of the content. In RE we are completing parts of the Mass. I have sent some maths revision work for homework linked to our class work. Have a great weekend and please keep reading every day!</p>	<p>VIP JACK PATTON MOLLY CAIRNS</p>
<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p>We have had a good week back at school. We have started a unit on persuasive writing in Literacy and in Maths we have continued to look at working with money, looking at adding money and now moving onto subtracting amounts. We had a great day starting our Viking unit with Charlie Lupton. The children built a great Viking long ship. For homework, children have been asked to research the Vikings and complete a poster using facts and drawings. Have a lovely weekend.</p>	<p>VIP SARAH BLASTOCK LEXIE SHARPLES</p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p>It has been a lovely first week back at school after the Easter holidays! The children have come back refreshed and ready to work. In maths, we have been continuing with our work on decimals. This week we have been looking at ordering and comparing before we move on to rounding decimals to the nearest whole number next week. In literacy, we have started a new unit of work on explanation texts and have been focusing our work around a piece of writing called 'Why Dinosaurs Became Extinct'. We were very lucky to have a visit from Charlie Lupton on Wednesday who came in to work with us on our new topic; The Ancient Egyptians. The children had a brilliant time and are really eager to begin learning more about this period in history. This term we are back to tennis on Tuesday afternoons as well as swimming on Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct kits in school for both of these days. Thank you to all those parents who listened to their child read over Easter. It really is such a big help and any reading that you can do with your child throughout the week is greatly appreciated; it really does make a difference. I hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend</p>	<p>VIP SHARONA HORNBY</p>
<p><b>Year 5</b></p>	<p>WE have made a great start back to school after the holidays, and the children have worked really hard. In Maths, we have been thinking about percentages and how they link to fractions and decimals. This coming week, we will be finding out about how to find percentages of numbers and solving problems relating to this. Perhaps have a little go of this at home; e.g. 50% of £1 or 10% of 32. In Literacy, we have begun to plan our own persuasive leaflet about a weekend school and this week we will be writing them – I'm not sure that the children were really convinced about this idea! Have a great weekend!</p>	<p>VIP RHYS NICHOLAS</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p>	<p>It's been lovely to see all the children after the Easter holiday. As you are aware, SATs are fast approaching and so this week we have reviewed areas of the curriculum that the children have found tricky. We will continue with this next week and the final meeting of SATs club will be next Thursday. I know some of the children are getting worried about SATs week; you can help by keeping things as normal as possible at home and ensuring the children get plenty of sleep. We have been selected to complete the NFER maths papers this year. These tests are used to inform SATs papers in the future. They will be administered next Tuesday, and will be great practice for the children. We will not find out their scores and they are not reported to parents, so the children should not worry about them at all. I hope you have a great Bank holiday weekend!</p>	<p>VIP NIKKI TEELEY ERIN JAKUBOWSKI</p>

<p><b><u>ATTENDANCE AWARD WEEK ENDING 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017</u></b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> – Year: 3 (97.9%)  2<sup>nd</sup> – Year: 6 (97.2%)  3<sup>rd</sup> – Year: 5 (96.4%)  4<sup>th</sup> – Year: 2 &amp; Reception (94%)  5<sup>th</sup> Year: 4 (93.6%)  6<sup>th</sup> – Year: 1 (93.3%)</p> <p>Well done to our Year 3 winners of the Attendance Trophy. And a very big WELL DONE to all of the children who received a 100% attendance certificate.</p>	<p><b><u>BIRTHDAYS 24/4/2017 TO 30/4/2017:</u></b></p> <p>Gwyneth Peck, Ellie Young, Madison Thompson, Rylee Pattinson, Callan Woodburn</p> <p><b><u>PARENTS GUILD DISCO DATES:</u></b></p> <p>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May  Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>KS1 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm  KS2 – 7.00pm – 8.15pm</p> <p><i>If you would like to help out at any of our school discos, please contact a member of our Parents Guild. Your help would be very much appreciated.</i></p>
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**NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE**

Welcome back everyone; we hope you had a happy and peaceful Easter holiday.

**What's been happening?** Year 5 and 6 started their cricket sessions on Monday afternoon and the after school club looks set to be a great success too. Thank you to Millom Cricket Club for providing this for us. Year 5 had a tag rugby training session on Tuesday with Russell Gainford in preparation for next week's Tag Rugby Tournament. Year 4 enjoyed their Egyptian workshop with Charlie Lupton on Wednesday and if you came in at the end of the day I'm sure you'll agree that they pyramid was amazing! Well done to our Tennis teams from year 3 and 4 who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Millom Area Tennis Competition on Wednesday. Our first team will go on to the Copeland final! Charlie Lupton gave year 3 a Viking experience on Thursday. The Longboat they build was brilliant and the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Year 4 girls attended a Team Up Festival at St Bees on Thursday; they enjoyed a range of MultiSkills consisting of Cricket, Netball and Hockey.

**Week Commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Don't forget it is Bank Holiday on Monday so we will not be at school ☺ Our school governors will be meeting on Wednesday evening. On Friday our year 5 Tag Rugby team will be taking part in the festival at St Bees. We hope they all enjoy the experience and we know they will do their best as always. On Friday afternoon we welcome the Mayor of Millom, Councillor Doug Wilson, to our school assembly. He will be presenting our school choir with the Millom Town Bursary which they were awarded at the Ulverston Musical Festival.

**Ulverston Musical Festival:** Well done to our choral speaking group and school choirs who did exceptionally well at the Ulverston Musical Festival at the end of last term. They came back with 4 Trophies! Our choirs won the Hazel Park Trophy, Josephine Sutcliffe Trophy, Adams Shield and the Forge Europa Bursary Trophy. They were awarded the Millom Town Bursary of £100 too! Our Choral Speaking Group won the Choral Speaking Cup, which was brilliant as it was the first time we have entered the choral speaking for many years! In fact some of the children's parents were actually pupils in the group we had last time! We are really proud of you all and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication in the run up to the festival. Thank you also to all of the parents and staff who have supported the choir and choral speakers too. Our choir have several engagements throughout the rest of the term and have bookings for two weddings in the holidays! A big thank you must go to Mrs Date who is always ready to come down to play the piano even at very short notice, what would we do without her! A big pat on the back for Mrs Nicholas and Mrs Carter for all of their hard work which really did pay off. Well done everyone involved ☺

**HEAD LICE:** Please could we ask you to check your child's head regularly – we recommend that you look once a week. There are various lotions available at the local chemists, and the pharmacists are always available for advice and recommendations.

**SWIMMING:** Children from 1<sup>st</sup> years 3 & 4 will be swimming again on Wednesday afternoons. Please be aware that Swimming is a curriculum subject and it is mandatory for all of the children to attend and so parents should always send swimming kit to school for their child. If your child is not able to go swimming please could parents send in a signed note in the morning.

**SWIMMING COSTUME(S):** If any parents have a swimming costume (especially girl's swimming costumes) that their child no longer uses, we would be very grateful if they could bring them to school, so that we can put them in our spare kit box. We do have some towels and one or two pairs of boy's shorts, but we have no girl's costumes at all. We would be very grateful for any help that you can give us.

**SUNDAY MASS:** We have started to attend Mass on Sunday mornings every other week; Children will be doing the readings and the offertory as well as joining in with the singing. Mrs Nicholas will be checking which children would like to and are able to attend beforehand so that readings can be given out in good time. It is lovely that the children have begun to attend Mass and it is nice that parents come along to support them too. It does mean a lot to our parish community to have the children at Mass so thank you for your support.

**EDUCATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER:** We now have a School Educational Welfare Officer, she is Mrs Sue Mallinson and she works for the Furness Catholic Schools, which we are part of. As you know we monitor our school attendance constantly and unfortunately lots of children are falling below our school target of 95%. We do understand that there may be legitimate reasons for the absence such as illness but we do have a duty to promote and pursue good attendance for all pupils. We will contact you to let you know if your child's attendance is between 90 – 95% and will monitor it more closely in the future. Parents of children whose attendance falls below 90% will receive letters from Mrs Mallinson inviting them to meet with her. We do have a legal responsibility to inform parents when their child's attendance drops below 90%, which is the threshold set by the local authority. Please do contact me if you wish to speak about your child's attendance.

**INHALERS:** Please can parents ensure that children have their inhalers at school if required. We have had incidences recently where children who use inhalers do not have one available. Please can you ensure that your child has a current prescription if necessary. Thank you.

**RESIDENTIAL TRIP PAYMENTS:** Could parents of children in years 5 and year 6 please pay the remainder of the money for their trips this week. If you have not returned your child's medical Form C, please could you do this on Monday as we do have lots of paperwork to complete and we need the information urgently. Thank you.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** During the holidays we were very saddened to hear of the passing of former councillor, Ray Cole. Ray was a much loved and respected member of our community and was a great supporter of our school and our staff. Ray worked with our

school council and was always ready to give advice or help to us all. He will be a great loss to our community and we have lost a dear friend we could always count on. We ask our Blessed Lady to comfort Nadine and their family and we send them all of our love and deepest sympathy. We ask God to welcome Ray into His Kingdom. Please join us as we pray especially for Ray – *Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

(If you have any prayer intentions or would like us to remember sick people, please hand them in to our school office and we will include them on the newsletter)

**FACEBOOK:** We have made some changes to our school Facebook site. Each class now has a closed page where photos and other information will be posted by staff. Our main school page will be used to post information, reminders, links to newsletter etc. There will be no photos on here. If you are a parent and would like to be added to your child's group please search for the following:-

<b>KS1</b>	<b>KS2</b>
Reception St James 2016/2017 Y1 St James 2016/2017 Y2 St James 2016/2017	Y3 St James 2016/2017 Y4 St James 2016/2017 Y5 St James 2016/2017 St James Y6 Class of 2017

**ILLNESS:** Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness. Please could we remind parents of the advice concerning sickness and diarrhoea. **Please do not send your child in to school if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea. They need to be kept at home for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.** Could you also remember to contact school to let us know that your child is ill. Many thanks for your help.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Our Breakfast Club runs every week day when we are at school from **8am** and costs £1 per child per day, which is payable daily or weekly / termly in advance please. Children are able to choose from a wide range of cereals, drinks and toast. They can play games, read and socialise with the other 'breakfast clubbers' before going in to class or they can take the opportunity to do their homework. Breakfast club is open to children from any class. (If your child does not usually come to breakfast club, please let our school office know that they will be coming - just so that our staff have an idea of how many children to expect. Thank you).

**SCHOOL MEALS:** Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by **9.00am each morning!** You can also order meals **the night before or 3 weeks in advance.** The website address is: [www.lunchshop.co.uk](http://www.lunchshop.co.uk)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**MAY 2017**

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday**

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival – St Bees  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs week  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Tempest Photography – Individual & Family Photos  
 Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 & 6 Football competition at Ewood Park, Blackburn (one team only)  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – May Procession at 10am in Church  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Lockerbie Trip  
 Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Life Education Bus  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Our Lady & St James RC Church (in school at 7pm)  
 Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – Copeland Tennis Finals (Y4 team)  
 Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – School Disco  
 Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Athlete in school all day.  
**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Break up from school for half term at 3.15pm**  
 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – First Communion for Y3 Catholic Children

**JUNE 2017**

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Start back at School  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Yrs. 5 & 6 Kwik Cricket competition at Barrow  
 Wed 7<sup>th</sup> – Choir Concert in School at 6pm  
 Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Wed 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 London Trip  
 Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin & Millom Schools

**JULY 2017**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 5 Taster Day at Millom School  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Transition Day at John Ruskin, Coniston  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – School Performance 2pm & 6pm  
 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Ancient Greek Workshop with Charlie Lupton  
 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – School Performance 6pm  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – School Disco  
 Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Break up at 1.30pm

**TERM DATES 2016-2017**

Spring Term 2017: Thursday 5 Jan. 2017 – Friday 7 April 2017  
 Half Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
 Summer Term 2017: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.  
 Bank Holiday: Monday 1 May 2017  
 Half Term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2017**

Year 4 Castlerigg – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
 Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
 Year 6 London – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 You can start to pay for the 2017 trips now – please call in to our school office for details!

**RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATE 2018**

Year 5 Lockerbie Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm  
 Monday: Cricket y5&6 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
 Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall  
 Tuesday: KS2 Drama – 3.15pm – 4.15pm (for the performers only)  
 Wednesday: KS2 Multi Skills – 3.15pm to 4.15pm.  
 Wednesday: Board Games for Year 4 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
 Thursday: KS1 Multi Skills – 3.15pm to 4.15pm.  
 Thursday: Athletics – 3.15pm to 4.00pm.  
 Friday: Athletics – 3.15 to 4.00pm.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION**

We do not distribute paper copies of our school newsletter but parents can specifically request to be sent one each week. All newsletters will be sent via e-mail, they will also be put on our school website and a link to this will be put on our school Facebook page. The address for our School Website is: [www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk)

**LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP**

Little Jimmy's Toddler Group is a friendly group who meet in our school hall on Fridays from **9.15am to 11.00am**. We always welcome new parents and toddlers/babies and it is a nice way to make new friends. All welcome ☺

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Just a reminder of our official school uniform which should be worn by all pupils. All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.

**GIRLS UNIFORM**

Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers. Blue polo shirt. Maroon jumper or cardigan with school logo. Black flat-heeled shoes (not trainers) or White socks or grey tights. Summer Uniform is pink school dress with white socks, white sandals may be worn.

**BOYS UNIFORM**

Grey trousers or Shorts. Blue polo shirt. Maroon jumper with school logo. Black shoes (not trainers) or sandals. Grey socks.

All shoes worn to school should be sensible and appropriate for the weather.  
NO TRAINERS to be worn to school. Thank you.

**PE KIT**

White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps.

**SWIMMING KIT** Girls should wear a one piece swimming costume and boy's swimming trunks or shorts. Long hair should be tied back or plaited. Children will need towels for drying off after swimming and they can bring their goggles if they wish to wear them during the lesson.

**PE KITS & EARRINGS**

All children should have a PE kit and a pair of pumps in school at all times. Please check and ensure that your child has the correct uniform. Please remove your child's earrings on PE days. And also on Swimming days. Our school policy is that staff does not remove earrings for the children and that a plaster covering the earring is not sufficient. Your child may not be allowed to take part in PE and other sports activities if they do not have the appropriate sports kit or they are wearing earrings which they cannot remove themselves. Thank you.

**MASS TIMES**

Our Lady & St James RC Church, Millom

Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am  
Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am

Sacred Heart RC Church, Coniston

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6pm  
Confessions are held on Saturday evening from 5.30pm – 5.55pm

You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673

For details and information please visit the website

[www.saintfranciscumbria.com](http://www.saintfranciscumbria.com)

**CLASS MASSES**

**SCHOOL SUNDAY MASSES – 10.30am in Church**

Parents, family, friends and parishioners are very welcome to join us at any of our Masses in Church. It is always lovely to see you.

**SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION**

Safeguarding and Child Protection is very much in the news at the moment and very much at the heart of our school life. We would like to make you aware that if you do have any concerns or issues, these can be discussed in confidence with Mrs Nicholas, who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead. She can be contacted through the school office. If anybody has any concerns about any child either in school or outside of school please call the County Triage Team in confidence on 0333 2401727. There is a website which has lots of useful information which we would recommend you have a look at, the address is: [www.cumbrialscb.com](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) a link to this is on our school website.

**MOORE ARTS:MILLOM @ The Beggar's Theatre Youth Theatre Programme**

Wednesdays: 12noon – 1pm Little Tots - Age 2 – 4 Years 4pm – 6pm

Beggar's Youth Theatre – School Year 4 +

Thursdays: 3.30pm – 5pm Reception – School Year 3. We will take children up to the theatre from school and you can collect them there at 5pm. 5.30pm – 7.30pm Project Shadow – Young people with additional learning needs – Age 10 – Adults

All clubs Cost £40 per 10 week term.

**WHAT'S ON AT THE BEGGAR'S THEATRE**

[www.beggarstheatre.co.uk](http://www.beggarstheatre.co.uk)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 'The Noise Next Door – Uproar' 8pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – 'The Six Sided Man' 7.30pm

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 'Three Half Pints – The Three Musketeers' 2pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Dave Johns 8pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 'Burton' 8pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sean Kelly 'Sold Your Way' 8pm

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – The Music of John Denver 8pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Tom Stace: I Swear 8pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – The Thinking Drinkers Live 8pm

775677 or call in at the theatre to book your tickets.

Tickets are available on the door.

**KD SCHOOL OF DANCE (Classes held in St James' School Hall)**

**Monday:**

4.30 – 5.00pm Nursery Class

5.00 – 5.30pm Grade 1 Ballet Class

5.30 – 6.00pm Junior Hiphop

6.00 – 6.30pm ACRO class for all ages

6.30 – 7.00pm Boys Class

7.00 – 8.00pm Senior Class

**Friday:**

4.30 – 5.00pm Reception Class

5.00 – 5.30pm Year 1 Class

5.30 – 6.00pm Year 2 Class

6.00 – 6.45pm Junior Class

6.45 – 7.15pm Senior Stretch Class

7.15 – 8.00pm Senior Ballet Grade Class

8.00 – 8.30pm Pointe Class (Invite Only)

Contact Danielle Carter via Facebook or phone 01229 774466

**RECYCLE with ST JAMES SCHOOL (& MICHAELI)**

If you have any clothing or shoes that you no longer wear these can be put in the big green clothing bin at the main office entrance to school. This collection is for the Salvation Army and we get a donation towards school fund when the items are collected by them.

There are recycling bags available from school if you have any items that you would like to put in the recycling collection.

**LEEDS v BARROW RUGBY TRIP**

Martin is running a trip to watch Leeds v Barrow on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The price is £43 per person, which includes the bus, a meal before the game, a standing ticket for the match, then meet the players in the Long Bar after the game. If you are interested please get in touch with Martin Cairns on 01229 770396.