



WEEKLY SNIPPETS

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final Snippets of this term. We hope you find it a useful way of keeping up to date with what's on in school.

This week, as you can imagine, we have been super-busy in school.

The **KS1 Nativity** was a joyful experience. The children performed so well and it was lovely to see so many people in the audience. Thank you to the parents and staff who helped to make this happen. There are photos further down.

On Wednesday morning, Mr Maher hosted a **Christmas Quiz**. It was lots of festive fun! In reception class this week I have seen some lovely Christmas crowns and some very sparkly Christmas decorations. The children were having a lovely time.

Well done to our **SJB choir**. They sang in the Market Place and in Elmhurst Nursing Home.

Please see the slide below for reminders about school uniform. **School shoes** should be completely plain black. Please contact Mrs Fletcher or Miss Robinson if you are experiencing difficulties.

We are very excited for the new term; **Mr Reddy** will join us as our new headteacher. I will return to my role as deputy and do more teaching in Y6.

Thank you to all those families who have supported us throughout the last term. We really appreciate those kind comments and helping hands - from walking the children to an activity, to a cheery smile at the gates.

At SJB we know that no matter how much we are looking forward to a holiday, it can also be a stressful time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you after the holidays.

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas
Mrs Fletcher and the SJB Team

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After what seems like an incredibly long wait, I am delighted to be joining the school community of SJB in January!

As you may already know, staff will be in school on Tuesday 6th January preparing for the new term and the new opportunities this will bring for the children in their learning. We will be ready to welcome all the children back to school on **Wednesday 7th January**.

I will be spending a lot of my time in the first few weeks directly with the children in their classrooms, finding out about them, what their strengths and talents are and also how we can help them further...

As I have said previously, I am very much looking forward to joining a strong and dedicated team here at SJB and I am expecting to be very busy alongside them, ensuring that all children are **S**ucceeding, **e**njoying and **B**elonging in our busy and exciting school.

So please say 'Hello!', introduce yourselves and tell me a little bit about yourselves when you see me in and around school!

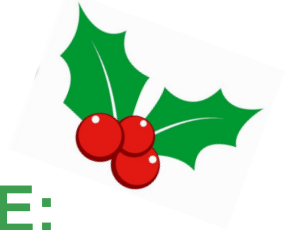
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

David Reddy

(Headteacher)

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THIS WEEK'S PLAY UPDATE:

We've been making transport like Santa's sleigh this week connecting our go-karts! We can't wait to have more fun together in the new year with even more improvements to our ground.

The Golden Welly award
this week goes to...

Year 5 & 6!

The Golden Welly celebrates respectful and kind behaviour at playtimes.



Table Tennis, Gravel or Bark chippings?

Do you have any of the above that you'd be happy to donate to school. Please contact the office.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM - January 2026

Please can we remind parent/carers to ensure children have the correct, full school uniform for January 2026.

We have plenty of spare uniform - please ask before you spend! **There is also a supply of SJB uniform at Ulverston Food Project on the Ellers.**

Black Shoes or trainers only please (no coloured/white stripes/ lines/logos). See images for some examples.

Please DO NOT let your children persuade you they can have any shoe (or trainer if wearing it as a school shoe) that is not completely black. **This did slip for some children at the end of the summer term and staff will be reinforcing the uniform policy in January.**

If your child has had their ears pierced, please practise taking the earrings in and out so they can do it for PE. We are not allowed to do it.

There is more information about uniform on the school website.

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School uniform:

Dark blue sweatshirt or cardigan with SJB logo

White or navy blue polo shirt with or without the SJB logo

Dark blue, grey or black trousers/skirt

Suitable plain black footwear (see prev. page)

(These can be trainers if **completely plain** black and can be used for P.E)

Pale blue checked dress or dark blue, grey or black tailored shorts in summer

We are also allow completely plain dark blue, grey or black jogging trousers/leggings as we encourage outdoor teaching and daily adventure play.

The school does **not** permit children to have haircuts, styles or hair colour that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes shaved hair patterns.

P.E Uniform

Yellow, green, blue or red t-shirt according to the child's allocated 'House'.

(Please note children are allocated the same 'House' as any siblings attending the school)

Navy shorts

Pumps/trainers

Completely plain dark blue, grey or black jogging trousers are recommended for outdoor P.E./activities when the weather is colder. Children can bring their own waterproof clothing but this can also be provided by school.

As part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project we like children to be outside at playtime Children should bring a coat to school every day.

We go out in all weathers.

We believe at SJB that policies can/should be influenced/ guided by parent/carers but once they are in place they should be followed by all. We really value your support in maintaining high standards across our school.



Dates for Diaries

Lots more to follow, please keep checking.

Wednesday 7th January - School starts again

19th - 21st January 2026 - Y5 Robinwood trip

13th February - Choir Young Voices

4th - 6th March 2026 Y6 London trip

17-18th March Y4 Liverpool

11th - 14th May 2026 KS2 SATS



The Christmas Fair
raised a total of

£994.20
for the school!

A big thank you
to all who helped
and attended!

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We have spaces for **parent governors**. This is an ideal opportunity to have an input into how SJB moves forward.

Please speak to Mr Reddy or Mrs Fletcher if you would like to know more. You will be very welcome.

Please can you help us by putting the cones out at 3:00pm? We are all busy with your children at that time so it would be great if parents could put them across the road. It will keep you safe too!



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Does your child receive means-tested Free School Meals?

Did you know they can enjoy free, fun-packed activities and nutritious meals during the Easter, Summer, and Winter holidays through the HAF Programme? For more information, please visit our website by scanning the QR Code below.

What is the HAF Programme?

Funded by the Department for Education (DfE), the HAF Programme supports eligible children and families during school holidays. Holidays can be tough — HAF steps in with free, enriching activities, A healthy, tasty meal every day and opportunities to learn, play, and connect with others.

Attendance:

- Up to 4 days at Easter
- 16 days in Summer
- Up to 4 days in Winter

Note: The programme does not run during half-term holidays.

Please scan the code to the right to visit our website for more information.



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**THURSDAYS
(TERM TIME)**

4-5PM



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BOYS' FOOTBALL SESSIONS

TUESDAYS

5-6PM

GLAXO SPORTS HALL

(FOR AGES 4-7)

**THESE SESSIONS ARE NON-COMPETITIVE AND
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