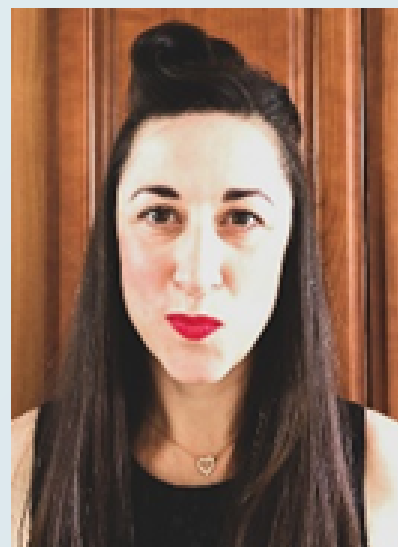


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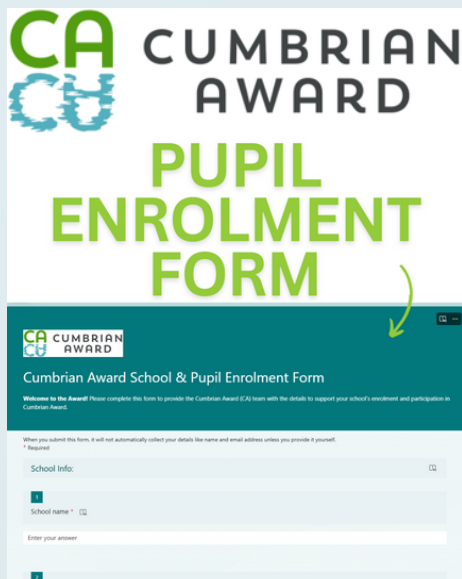
What a year! Thank you so much for sharing your Cumbrian Award journeys with us.

A message from **Cumbrian Award Development Officer, Beth:**

“It has been a hugely rich and rewarding experience to keep in touch with all your Cumbrian Award journeys. Thank you to all those who have also welcomed us into your schools. In each visit, I have been blown away by all the effort made, but most of all, the creativity, innovation and motivation of the pupils has been incredible! Those I met showed strong ability to clearly articulate understanding and awareness of community and belonging in Cumbria in lots of different ways. The future is bright!”



SCHOOL ENROLMENT FORM 2025/26



The screenshot shows the 'Cumbrian Award School & Pupil Enrolment Form'. It includes a header with the Cumbrian Award logo and the title 'PUPIL ENROLMENT FORM'. Below the header, there is a section for 'School Info' with a dropdown menu for 'School name' and a text input field for 'Enter your answer'. A green arrow points to the 'School name' dropdown.

We are looking forward to your continued participation in Cumbrian Award and welcoming your new cohorts of pupils to the award from September.

Please could we kindly ask **all current and new Cumbrian Award schools** to **complete the [Cumbrian Award Enrolment Form](#)** (10 minutes completion time), by **Friday 26th September**.

The form will allow schools to both **onboard new Year 5s and/or Year 7s** and **continue current (Y5,7 & 8) pupils participation** in the award in 2025/26.

There is also a section within the form to order resources (passports/strand booklets), to support your pupils' participation.

CONGRATULATIONS CUMBRIAN AWARDERS! 🙌

A huge well done to all our schools that have participated in the award this year, **over 1200 pupils participated in the award**. For some of you, this was your first year joining the award and for some the third or fourth. **Each school has made great progress.**

Over **250 pupils** successfully achieved the full Cumbrian Sether/ Dovera Award, or completed strands of the award. This achievement would not have been possible without your commitment and shared passion of the award. **Thank you.**

Please find a summary of a few of our schools' successes below:



BRANSTY PRIMARY SCHOOL



During Bransty's first year of the award, their **Year 5 and 6 pupils** visited **Whitehaven locations**, such as: The Rum Story, The Beacon and further afield to Carlisle Castle as part of their strand Quality Experiences. Pupils followed the lives of wartime Cumbrians and got into character with costumes and research.

During Pupil Voice reflections, their pupils **shared their amazement** at **how much there was in Cumbria** and that **the award inspired them** to want to stay and **contribute more to the local area**. Pupils also recognised how their **teamwork** and **leadership skills** had improved through the **Adventure strand** and that it was a fun activity to use the CA booklets and reflection activities to remember all they had done.

Well done to Bransty School!

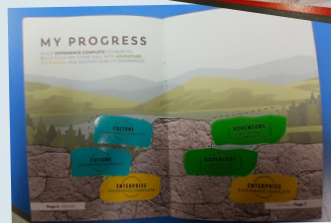
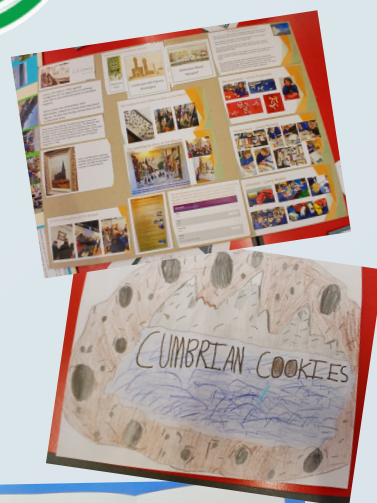


ST JAMES' JUNIOR SCHOOL

St James' Junior School undertook some exciting studies into the **local environment** and explored **how to improve it**, by carrying out field research into **pollution in Whitehaven town centre**. They showed great pride in the beauty of Cumbria and how they had **learned to be safe** in this environment, especially through water safety with help from the **Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project** and trying out **wild swimming** in a range of Cumbrian locations.

Pupils used their **skills, talents** and **project ideas** to raise important funds for local and worldwide charities, such as planning and carrying out a **sponsored walk** in aid of various **Mountain rescue charities**. Pupils also showed how they had worked with The Beacon to **increase ticket sales** to the Lowry Exhibition through an **Enterprising plan**, where they displayed their own spectacular and impressive Lowry interpretations alongside the real thing, and attracted more visitors.

Congratulations St James' Junior Cumbrian Awarders!



THE WHITEHAVEN ACADEMY

During our visit, pupils gave nuanced and detailed perspectives on how the **Cumbrian Award** has developed them as people.

An example of a **Cultural** performance at the **multi school Forge Festival** showed how they had **gained confidence** both performing in front of others on stage, and sharing support back to other schools on the day. Pupils further shared how working towards a dance performance like this involved many skill sets, such as **adapting, planning, and creativity**.

Adventure experiences included all the **planning** and **preparation** needed for expeditions and walks to Cumbrian places, like the **Rydal Caves** and **Grasmere Fell**. Working with the **Rivers Trust** from a scientific point of view gave their many adventures deeper meaning and purpose. For **Enterprise**, pupils shared examples of products they had designed, such as a cushion cover shared by one pupil that captured pride in Whitehaven perfectly through its artistic design.

Brilliant work Whitehaven Academy!



NETWORK MEETINGS 2025/26 ^{JUL 17}

We are looking forward to **seeing you all again** in the new academic year and **welcoming new schools** to the **Cumbrian Award community**.

Please find the **Cumbrian Award School Leaders Network Meeting Dates** below.

Meeting invites for each of the sessions will be sent out before the end of term. We hope you will be able to join us, to collaborate and and share practice with our other amazing Cumbrian Award Leaders.

Cumbrian Award School Leader Network Meetings:

Autumn Term: Wednesday 15th October 2025 15:45-16:45, Online

[Join the meeting now](#)

Spring Term: Wednesday 4th February 2026 15:45-16:45, Online

[Join the meeting now](#)

Summer Term: Wednesday 10th June 2026 15:45-16:45, Online

[Join the meeting now](#)

Each meeting will be recorded and posted on the **Cumbrian Award Exchange Padlet** if it is not possible to be there live. Please use password **Ace2025** to access the padlet [HERE](#).

The **Cumbrian Award Exchange Padlet** is a collaborative space for leaders to find a range of useful resources and notices, as well as having the opportunity to post yourself too.



Thank you for all you do, have a great Summer.

BElong, BElieve, BEcome