St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School Kirkby Lonsdale



Nurturing creative thinkers . . .



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Dear Parents

As we approach the midpoint of this term, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible experiences and achievements of our busy pupils here at St Mary's CE School.

Year 5 recently embarked on a truly historic and sun-soaked adventure to York. Exploring the grandeur of the Minster, delving into the fascinating exhibitions at the Viking Museum and Castle Museum, and immersing themselves in the rich history of railways at the Railway Museum, our pupils had an enriching and unforgettable experience. Additionally, they embarked on a quest to find the grave of the notorious Dick Turpin, adding a thrilling twist to their educational journey.



Sport has been another highlight for our pupils, with recent Fridays filled with energetic days of friendly competition and teamwork. These opportunities not only promote physical well-being but also foster important values such as sportsmanship, resilience, and teamwork.



This week, Year 2 and 4 had the privilege of visiting St Mary's Church, where they gained a deeper understanding of its history and significance. Exploring the different aspects of the church, they were able to appreciate its architectural beauty and cultural importance, enhancing their knowledge and understanding of our heritage.



Looking ahead, our adventurous pupils in Year 3 and 4 are eagerly anticipating their upcoming trip to Waddecar Scout Camp just before the half-term break. This promises to be a thrilling and educational experience, providing our pupils with opportunities for outdoor learning, team building, and personal growth in a very picturesque setting.



We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience demonstrated by all our pupils in their various endeavours. These experiences not only enrich their learning but also contribute to their personal development and growth as confident, well-rounded individuals. I was very impressed to see our Year 4 pupils collecting litter on their return from church to school. It is always good to contribute to our community and make a small difference.



Thank you for your continued support in enabling our pupils to seize every opportunity for learning and adventure.

I should also mention the impressive way in which our Year 6 children have approached SATS week. Being confident is key to having a positive approach and the children have commented on how the revision and calm, but essential preparation, has helped them turn the SATS into















a more positive experience. These assessments also really help prepare the children for the workload ready for secondary school and the academic challenges ahead.

Throughout this year, we have benefited from the amazing experience and skills of Mrs Fawcett who has worked with a range of children and classes this year. Mrs Fawcett will be taking up a new role after half term and we would like to extend our appreciation and best wishes as she rises to the new challenges of a new post. Our school will certainly not be the same without her and I hope you will join with me in wishing her every success in the future.

Sports Day will be coming up a few weeks after half term break. On this day Nursery – Year 2 have their sports in the morning and Juniors in the afternoon. We hope the weather will be kind to us. Class teachers will keep parents up to date with what kit is required for the day.

We will be changing Basketball Club to Athletics Club for junior pupils and a link will be coming out for this next week.

Mindful that there are various residential and day visits coming up, could parents please check if they have paid in full prior to the visit to enable your child to attend.

Nursery Change to Provision:

We are now able to welcome children when they are 3 but it is chargeable until the term after their birthday. £10 per 3-hour session and £4 lunch club. So £24 for a full day. There are some places this term and we are encouraging families to begin booking for September to guarantee the days/options you require.

Below is a significant amount of publicity about various events taking place or valuable information you may need. Please read on to discover more...

















Dates for your Diary:

Friday	17 th May	Home Projects Day
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Wednesday 22nd May Waddecar residential – Year 3 and 4

Thursday 23rd May Year 1 Haverthwaite Railway Trip

Friday 24th May Governor Day

End of Half Term

Monday 3rd June Start of Half Term

Tuesday 4th June Reception Class - Wedding Trip to Church

Wednesday 5th June Hawse End Visit - Year 6

Thursday 6th June Year 2 Visit to Blackpool

Mon/Tues 10th/11th June School Photographer in school

Monday 10th June Bendrigg Lodge Visit – Reception Class

Wednesday 12th June SPORTS DAY (am for Nursery-Y2, pm for Y3-6)

Thursday 13th June London Parliament Visit (Y6)

Tuesday 18th June Nursery Visit to Dalton Zoo

Thursday 24th Jun Y6 Kendal Fire Station

Thursday 27th June Year 4 Rivers Trip

Year 5 Farm Visit

Friday 28th June Year 1 Woodland Visit

Monday 1st July Move Up day – New Classes and QES Visit (Y6)

Tuesday 2nd July Year 1 and 2 Performance (afternoon and evening only)

Tues/Wed 9th/10th July Junior Performances

Friday 12th July SUMMER FAIR

Thursday 18th July Year 6 BBQ/Pizza Night

Friday 19th July Leavers Service (am)

END OF TERM – 13:05



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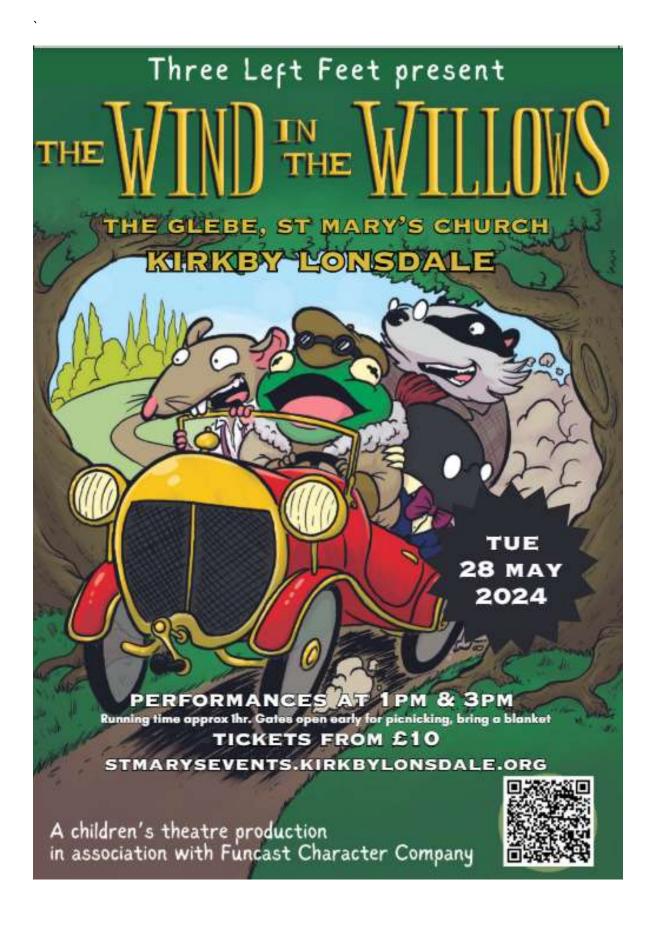






































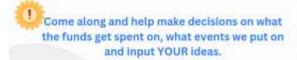






Meetings once a term, totally optional, and we always keep it to less than 2 hours.

- Social evenings where we just relax and have a good evening, there's usually a pub involved here!
- Want to help but dont want to
 'join' the PTA? No problem! We
 are setting up a WhatsApp
 group for those who want to
 help at events, even if it's just
 an hour on a stall, without
 having to be 'ON' the PTA
- Super friendly team, we have a variety of personalities, hobbies, interests, and ideas between us. We gel together really well and welcome anyone and everyone with open arms!





£7,879.16 Spent to benefit the pupils of

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Computer Screen £100 Musical	Y4 Online "Ask	KS1 Storage Shed	Y1 & Y3 Imagining History Workshop	Christmas	VS Climbing Wall Trip £231 Minibus
E349	Archaeologist"	£554.17	£220	Gifts YN-Y6 £240	E1,000
V4 Trip to Sedbergh (in summer) £120	- Contraction	Hardship Fund Donation £500	YN-Y6 Yearly Contribution £1,600	Y2 & Y5 Antarctic Explorer Talk £80	Y1 Carnival Catwalk Workshop £300
	spike				
	Lego Sets £2,190		Nursery Shelving £334.99		

We use each others strengths to build the team, there's so many ways you can help, there's no commitment and we really are just grateful for whatever time you can spare

If you would like to chat to one of us please contact:

Jacqui Waller (y4)
Emma Birkbeck (y5, y3)
Lauren Ireland (y5, y3, yR)
David Neal (y3)
James Jupp (y2)
Rachel Metcalfe (y1, nursery)
Emma Lewis (yR)



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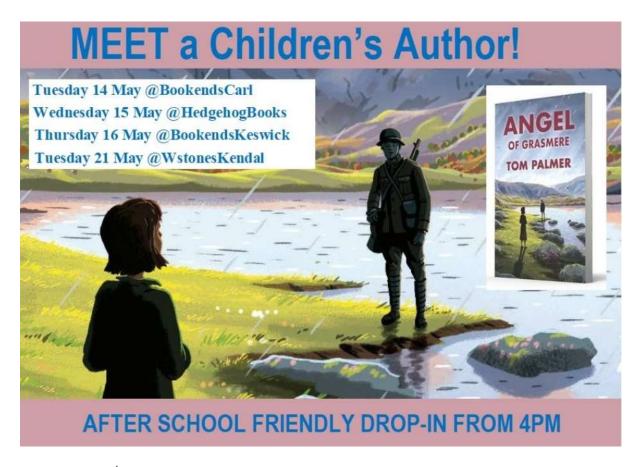










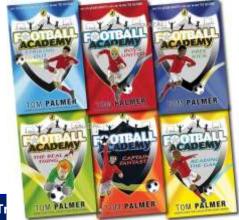


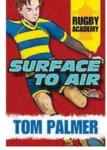
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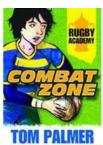
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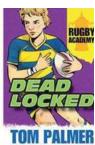
- Angel of Grasmere: from Dunkirk to the Fells (published May 2024). A story of life in wartime Westmorland. Discover more and a cover prediction activity here. www.tompalmer.co.uk/angel-of-grasmere/
- After the War: from Auschwitz to Ambleside. About 300 child concentration camp survivors who came to the Lake District (known as the Windermere Boys). www.tompalmer.co.uk/after-the-war/
- **Armistice Runner.** Lily is a 13 year old fell runner, inspired by her Lakeland great-great grandfather's **First World War** trench-running diary. www.tompalmer.co.uk/armistice-runner/

Tom also writes about football and rugby:









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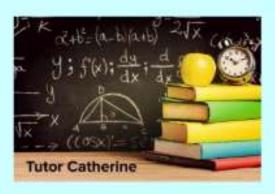






She was so nice and it was really fun. She explained everything really well... Thank you for helping me with my maths. You've been se helpful and good to get along with...

I know she is enjoying working with you, so please keep doing what you're doing



Experienced teacher and tutor, specialising in Maths and Science/Physics, with students in Years 3 to 13

I can help to improve your child's confidence and enjoyment, as well to help them prepare for SATs, GCSEs or A Levels

Drop me a message and we can have a chat to see how I can help you and your child - 07764 756766

Oh my goodness...he loves you! Thank you so much. Apparently you explain everything really clearly, you're really nice and he wouldn't be worried about telling you if he didn't understand something. He smiled all the way home. So relieved – THANK YOU!!!

Catherine has been very good at engaging my son, who finds communication with adults quite awkward. She is friendly, leads the sessions at a great pace and has a good way of explaining things. She is very encouraging and has done a lot to improve Jake's confidence.

Thank you for your hard work and patience with Max over the recent months. He has enjoyed the sessions with you which have really helped him keep the knowledge needed in science to achieve the best results...



















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Have you got the App?



You will have received a message to enable you to download the Arbor App and your personal email and password.

This will give you access to our new communication system which we are gradually converting to.

Go to **Google Play or Apple** and download the parent arbor app. You will have a code to login for the first time.

<u>At half term we will be transferring all payments to Arbor</u> so that we can put all of our systems into one app – hopefully making life a little bit simpler. (Thank you to Year 6 parents for your understanding even though you have a term to go).

We have moved over to Arbor in the financial year not school year and we are making a steady transition to move all of our systems to the one app. If you have any outstanding debts or payments to make, these will need to be paid in full by half term to make a better transition for you and us. Please can you download the app and login to receive information about your child(ren) all in one app. This will soon be the place to receive messages from school, the weekly newsletter and other information about your child. Eventually, we will also be sending your assessment information and reporting to you via the app. It will also eventually be where you can give permission for trips, pay for trips and much more.



























