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## St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School  
Kirkby Lonsdale



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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

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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...

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### Dates for your Diary:

Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Home Projects Day
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Waddecar residential – Year 3 and 4
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 1 Haverthwaite Railway Trip
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Governor Day <i>End of Half Term</i>
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Half Term
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class - Wedding Trip to Church
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Hawse End Visit - Year 6
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Visit to Blackpool
Mon/Tues	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photographer in school
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> June	Bendrigg Lodge Visit – Reception Class
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY (am for Nursery-Y2, pm for Y3-6)
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> June	London Parliament Visit (Y6)
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Visit to Dalton Zoo
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Y6 Kendal Fire Station
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Rivers Trip Year 5 Farm Visit
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Woodland Visit
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Move Up day – New Classes and QES Visit (Y6)
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 and 2 Performance (afternoon and evening only)
Tues/Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior Performances
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> July	SUMMER FAIR
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 BBQ/Pizza Night
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service (am) <i>END OF TERM – 13:05</i>

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# THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

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28 MAY  
2024**

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# JOIN THE PTA



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 don't 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!



Come along and help make decisions on what the funds get spent on, what events we put on and input YOUR ideas.



Without our volunteers, THIS would never be able to happen



Autumn & Spring Terms 2023/2024

Your School Lottery £1,300	Bag 2 School £270	Christmas Fair £3,636.58
Film Night £508.71		£450

Together we raised a massive **£6,165.29**

£7,879.16 Spent to benefit the pupils of



Computer Screen £100	Y4 Online "Ask an Archaeologist" £60	KS1 Storage Shed £554.17	Y1 & Y3 Imagining History Workshop £220	Christmas Gifts YN-Y6 £240	Y5 Climbing Wall Trip £231
Musical Instruments £349	Y4 Trip to Sedbergh (in summer) £120	Hardship Fund Donation £500	YN-Y6 Yearly Contribution £1,600	Y2 & Y5 Antarctic Explorer Talk £80	Minibus Contribution £1,000
	Lego Sets £2,190	Nursery Shelving £334.99		Y1 Carnival Catwalk Workshop £300	



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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# MEET a Children's Author!

Tuesday 14 May @BookendsCarl  
Wednesday 15 May @HedgehogBooks  
Thursday 16 May @BookendsKeswick  
Tuesday 21 May @WstonesKendal



AFTER SCHOOL FRIENDLY DROP-IN FROM 4PM

This is my 62<sup>nd</sup> book and my third children's novels set in Cumbria.

The three books are:

- **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/](http://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/](http://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/](http://www.tompalmer.co.uk/armistice-runner/)

Tom also writes about football and rugby:



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## Sponsored Bike ride

At the end of May I will be cycling 8 miles to raise money for ServantHood Orphanage in Pakistan.

Any donations welcome.



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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 so 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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23 JUNE**  
11AM - 12PM EVERY SUNDAY  
THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER TERM



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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.

**At half term we will be transferring all payments to Arbor** 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.

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