

# St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School  
Kirkby Lonsdale



Nurturing creative thinkers . . .

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Dear Parents,

At St. Mary's Primary School, we place a significant emphasis on planning a series of visits that are meticulously designed to foster a range of essential skills and personal qualities in our pupils. These trips are not just casual outings; they are strategic opportunities that aim to build communication, self-confidence, teamwork, academic knowledge, socialisation, and independence among our students. Each visit is carefully selected to align with these objectives, ensuring that our students not only learn outside the classroom but also grow personally and socially. By stepping out of their comfort zones and engaging in new experiences, pupils develop a broader perspective and an enhanced sense of aspiration, which is integral to their overall development.



The dedication of our staff in organising these visits cannot be overstated. Teachers and support staff at St. Mary's Primary School invest significant time and energy, often sacrificing their own family time, to ensure the success of these trips. Their commitment is driven by a passionate belief in the transformative power of experiential learning. Our staff members understand that these experiences are critical in helping students build a strong sense of self-worth and the ability to work collaboratively. They believe that the lessons learned through these visits go beyond academic knowledge, imparting life skills that are crucial for personal and professional success in the future.



These visits are not just an addition to the curriculum but are integral to enriching the students' learning experiences and their outlook on life. At St. Mary's, we recognise that real-world experiences complement classroom learning, helping to cement friendships and fostering a sense of community among our pupils. Whether it's a trip to a historical site, a visit to an outdoor centre, or a city visit, each experience is crafted to provide students with opportunities to engage with the world around them, broadening their horizons and fostering a lifelong love of learning.



The support for these enriching activities at St. Mary's comes from a blend of fundraising, parental and charitable donations, and of course parental contributions. Our school community actively participates in fundraising events, demonstrating a collective commitment to providing these invaluable experiences for our students. Donations from local businesses and organisations further support our efforts, highlighting the broader community's belief in the importance of these trips. Your contributions also play a vital role, reflecting the shared understanding that these visits are crucial to their children's development. Together, these efforts ensure that every child at St. Mary's has the opportunity to benefit from these transformative experiences.

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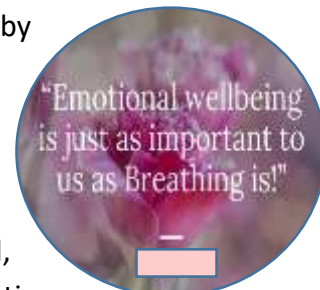
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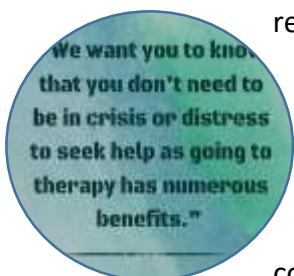
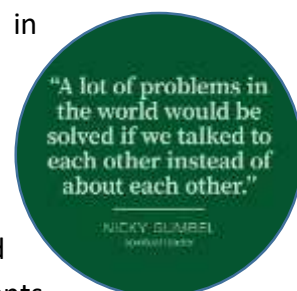
As this term draws to a close, we want to say thank you to you for making these trips a priority for your children and also to our staff for the energy and effort that goes into the planning and delivery of the visits.

## Above and beyond – supporting our pupils

Our primary school's commitment to student well-being is vividly exemplified by the exceptional impact of our school counsellor, Mrs. Anderson, who supports pupils on a weekly basis. Unlike many primary schools that often lack such dedicated resources, our school stands out by providing immediate, cost-free access to professional counselling services. This proactive approach ensures that any arising issues among students are promptly addressed, preventing potential escalation and promoting a healthy, supportive learning environment. The ability to respond to emotional and psychological challenges without the barrier of cost underscores the school's dedication to nurturing the holistic development of every child.



Mrs. Anderson's presence goes beyond the typical provisions found in primary schools, where such services are often limited or completely absent. By having a counsellor on-site, our school offers an unparalleled level of support, addressing not only academic needs but also the emotional and social well-being of our pupils. This commitment reflects an understanding that primary school years are crucial for laying the foundation for future success, both academically and personally. The availability of immediate counselling services ensures that students receive timely help, fostering resilience and positive coping strategies from an early age.



The profound impact of Mrs. Anderson's support extends beyond the students to include their families. She plays a crucial role in helping parents and pupils process and navigate various life issues, ranging from personal challenges to complex family dynamics. Her empathetic guidance and professional expertise provide a crucial support system for families, fostering an environment where children can thrive. This unique aspect of our school's support structure ensures that pupils are not only academically prepared but also emotionally resilient, capable of handling life's ups and downs with confidence.



Mrs. Anderson's influence is a testament to the school's commitment to exceeding standard educational provisions, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed in a supportive and nurturing environment. Her weekly sessions with students offer a consistent and reliable space for them to express themselves, work through their challenges, and develop essential life skills. The positive ripple effects of her work are evident in the increased emotional well-being of our students and the strengthened relationships within their families, highlighting the invaluable role she plays in our school community.

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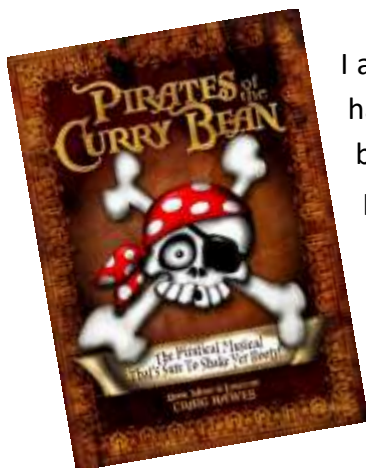
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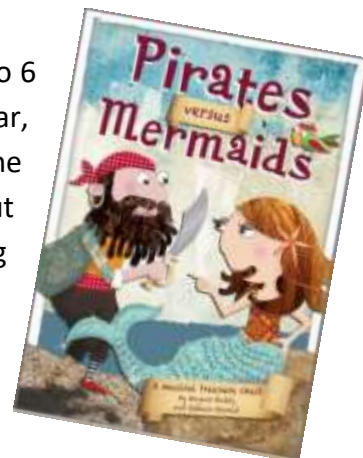


Another specialist service we have been fortunate to provide is speech therapy for those who need support. Working with the NHS, we try to support pupils. This year Mrs Rickart who has previously supported speech therapy will be leaving school. As a result, we are seeking alternative provision to support speech therapy.

## Performances 2024



I am sure you are aware that the children from Year 1 to 6 have been preparing for their performances. This year, both have a pirate theme. With not very long until the performances, we will be providing families about tickets and performances. Thank you for supporting the children as they rehearse at home and get ready, including costumes.



## PTA SUMMER FAIR

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> JULY** - MUFTY DAY to support the PTA Fair

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> JULY** – SUMMER FAIR 4pm

## Summer Music Concert

We are looking forward hosting our summer concert with various classes showcasing their progress in learning instruments and individuals performing.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 1:45pm for a 2:00pm start.

## Move up Day

Aligned with our Year 6 children visiting QES on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, our children will take part in move up morning at St Mary's. This will be the children's first introduction to their class teacher for the next academic year. It is often a lovely opportunity for the children to get to know their teacher and vice versa.

As part of our transition process, teachers are provided time to meet with one another to transfer information about each child in detail. This process ensures children make a seamless move to their next class and get off to an excellent start next year.

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## Date for Your Diary

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

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July Pupil Enterprise Afternoon

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July Music Concert 1:45pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 BBQ/Pizza Night

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July Leavers Service (am)  
*END OF TERM – 13:05*

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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 Sedburgh (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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