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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



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As we continue to draw near to the end of a busy and productive term, I am delighted to share some wonderful updates and achievements from our school community.

Nursery's Exciting Safari Adventure!

Our Nursery children had an unforgettable adventure at South Lakes Safari this week! The visit was a fantastic opportunity for them to discover a whole host of creatures, from powerful rhinos and graceful giraffes to cheeky monkeys and colourful birds. Their curiosity and excitement were contagious, and it was heart-warming to see their faces light up with each new discovery. A big thank you to the staff who made this enriching experience possible.



Staff Achievements: Congratulations Mrs. Greenbank and Miss Kinghorn!

I am immensely proud to announce that Mrs. Greenbank and Miss Kinghorn have both achieved First-Class Honours in their degrees. This remarkable achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for education. Balancing their studies with their roles at St. Mary's Primary School is no small feat, and their success is an inspiration to us all. Well done, Mrs. Greenbank and Miss Kinghorn!

Welcoming New Faces and Announcing Next Year's Teachers

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Steel to our team for the next academic year. She brings a wealth of experience and a passion for nurturing young minds, and we are excited for her to join our St. Mary's family.

Next year's class teachers are as follows:

- **Nursery:** Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs Hutchinson
- **Reception:** Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Day
- **Year 1:** Mrs Gaunt
- **Year 2:** Mrs Steel
- **Year 3:** Mr Yates
- **Year 4:** Mrs Arnold
- **Year 5:** Mrs Hackett
- **Year 6:** Mr Bromley

Miss Broome and Miss Cook will also be teaching in various classes alongside some of the above staff.

We are confident that each of these teachers will continue to foster a positive and engaging learning environment for our students. Pupils will meet their new teachers on move up morning at the beginning of July.

Year 6's Fashion Extravaganza!

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 students for their outstanding fashion show featuring garments made from recycled fabrics and repurposed clothing! The creativity and effort they put into designing and presenting their outfits were truly impressive. It was inspiring to



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see their commitment to sustainability and environmental awareness. Well done, Year 6, for making a bold statement with your fantastic fashion sense!

Junior Athletes Shine at Sedbergh Prep

This week, our Junior children participated in an athletics event at Sedbergh Prep, and they made us proud with their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. From sprints to long jumps, their performances were commendable, and their teamwork was exemplary. A special shout out to all the participants for their hard work and dedication to representing St. Mary's so well!

School Transport Deadline

Message from Westmorland and Furness Council:

Free Home to School Transport is available to pupils who attend their catchment or nearest qualifying school and live more than two miles away (up to 8 years old) or three miles away (aged 8 years and over).

The application deadline to guarantee transport for September has now passed, but applications submitted after this date will still be assessed. However, the team cannot guarantee that any applications made after the 31st May deadline will have transport in place for the beginning of September. You'll find the [overview here](#)

[School Transport full details here](#)

Summer Programme

Summer Holiday Activity and Food programme launched

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Summer Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. The programme provides fully funded activities and nourishing meals for eligible young people during the school holidays.

The Holiday Activity and Food programme provides a wide range of activities during the school holidays and young people attending receive a warm nutritious meal each day they attend. Please share with your parents and carers

Learn more about the scheme and eligibility criteria below:

[Find out more about HAF here](#)

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As your child is due to start primary school this September we want to do everything we can to ensure that support is in place to make sure your child has a safe and successful transition into school life.

The transition from nursery school to primary school is an exciting time, but also a big and sometimes daunting step for both children and parents/carers. In order to ensure that the most appropriate health and community services are in place we are asking you to complete an anonymous questionnaire that will provide Cumberland County Council, Westmorland & Furness County Council and North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust (NCIC) with vital information about the health and development of children aged 3- 4 years old living in Cumbria.

The link below will take you to the survey which begins with details about how the data will be used and stored before continuing to questions about your child's health & development, nutrition, emotional health and digital well being. Alternatively you can use the QR code to access the survey.

<https://www.oc-meridian.com/CumbriaPartnership/survey/SchoolReadinessQuestionnaire>

The questionnaire is anonymous but if you would like any health advice or support for your child we have provided details on completion of the survey on how to request an appointment with a School Public Health Nurse.

e-school nurse clinic booking – Telephone 01228 603973 Monday to Friday 9-4pm

On completion of all the surveys the data will be assessed by the Public Health 5-19 Nursing Service and used to help ensure that not only our nurses, but schools and other Children and Family services are providing the best support they can. Where additional staff training or additional services are needed we will share this information with both County Councils and NCIC to support changes and development of future services. More information about NCIC 5-19 health services can be found [here](#)

Thank you for completing our survey and we send our very best wishes to you and your family for smooth transition and a happy school year ahead.

Kind regards

The Public Health 5-19 Nursing Service

North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust.

[Public Health 5 to 19 :: North Cumbria Integrated Care \(ncic.nhs.uk\)](https://www.ncic.nhs.uk)



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Have you checked your child's Doodle maths status?

Have you asked and checked if your child is on **Green** on Doodle Maths?



We are encouraging everyone to maintain their green status and see if they can build up a streak if they have not already done so. Please try to go on to Doodle maths with your child this week or check in with them and get them to show you how well they are doing.

We are looking to reward new pupils this week who have made an extra effort to explore Doodle maths. Thank you for your support – pupils who access Doodle maths regularly definitely make better progress in their maths fluency and reasoning.

Have you see this Year 3 and 4 Football Challenge?

Year 3 and 4 have been given a challenge (in book bags) to try and compare their Studio Scores with various footballers and bring these back into school next week. I am sure the children will all have a go and try to beat the scores below:



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Whole School Photos

You will be aware that we had class photos taken recently. The forms for the photos will be given out on Thurs/Fri of this week. Please type in the code on the sheet when you go to pics4schools.com. You can then choose the photo you would like and the prints. Order as soon as you can to guarantee orders arrive before the summer holidays.

These prove to be great memories and we hope you enjoy these photos.

Example:



Thank you for your understanding ...Arbor

When we moved to Arbor at Easter, we knew that we needed to pace the transition and inevitably there may be a few glitches on the way. We just wanted to say thank you for your understanding as occasionally there are a few glitches. We are sure that in September, both we and you will be more confident in using the App. Stick with us as we keep learning and ensuring the system runs smoothly.

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