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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Anne Frank.

The Anne Frank Trust UK

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a hive of activity at St Mary's Primary School, with our young learners embracing a variety of exciting opportunities.

Our **Year 5 pupils** are currently embarking on a two-day immersive training program with the **Anne Frank Trust**. This invaluable experience will equip them with the knowledge and confidence to share a poignant and thought-provoking exhibition with the wider school community. Keep an eye out for further announcements regarding the exhibition launch – it promises to be a truly enriching and memorable event.



Meanwhile, the energy levels have been soaring as Year 3 welcomed the **Wigan Warriors** for an afternoon of exhilarating coaching sessions. The children have been honing their rugby skills with infectious enthusiasm, demonstrating impressive teamwork and sportsmanship.



The **Year 4s** have also taken a refreshing dip into a new adventure, commencing their swimming lessons this week. The pool has been a hub of splashing fun and eager learning as our young swimmers build their confidence and develop essential aquatic skills. We are encouraging all families Year 4 and others, to consider ensuring all children have swimming lessons outwith of school to build on their lessons in school time. This is where the teaching has the biggest impact.

Spelling Bee Buzz - Get ready to sharpen those pencils and unleash your inner wordsmith! The annual Spelling Bee is just around the corner, and we'll be sending out the official spelling lists very soon. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to immerse themselves in the wonderful world of words and hone their spelling prowess throughout January. The



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Spelling Bee will take place in early February, so start practicing those tricky words!

Celebrating Our Community Heroes - We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Community Awards! This initiative provides a wonderful platform for our community to recognise and celebrate the inspiring individuals who make Kirkby Lonsdale such a special place. We invite you to nominate your local heroes in categories such as *Fundraising Hero, Healthcare Hero, Brave Hero, and Ultimate Hero.*

Here are a few individuals who I believe deserve recognition:

- **Fundraising Hero:** Volunteer or Organisation - for their tireless efforts in raising funds. Their dedication has made a significant difference to our community.
- **Healthcare Hero:** Healthcare professional, for their compassionate care and commitment to the well-being of our community. Their tireless efforts have brought comfort and healing to countless individuals.
- **Brave Hero:** Local individual who has overcome adversity, for their incredible strength and resilience in the face of challenges. Their inspiring story serves as a beacon of hope and courage for others.
- **Ultimate Hero:** A local hero who has made a huge difference in our community for their dedication to making Kirkby Lonsdale a better place. Their selfless service has enriched the lives of many.

Please follow the nomination link to share your nominations.

<https://eu.jotform.com/form/250145255364352>

Our School Council will carefully review each nomination and select the worthy recipients of these prestigious awards. We are excited to celebrate the remarkable individuals who make our community shine!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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School Council - Community Awards Launch

Kirkby Lonsdale Community Awards

Nominate someone in the community for our
Inaugural Community Awards

St Mary's CE School wants to celebrate our
amazing community heroes who make a
difference in our local area.

Help us by nominating people in our
community.

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House Captain's reports. . .

Despite the bitterly cold winter weather and the difficult terrain, some juniors participated in a spectacular cross-country race at Sedbergh Prep in Casterton, cheering on by friends and family at the finish line. People who went through it said it was fantastic, enjoyable, exhausting, but well worth it. It was a great opportunity to represent the school, and the children, staff, and parents all had a great time at the event. We are grateful to Mr. Yates, Mrs. Green, and parents

from Tiger and Wolf House Captains



Learning French – Across the World

In school we use 'Language Angels' to support our teaching of French from Year 3-6. However, we have also made the conscious decision to explore where French is spoken around the world. In Year 3, our children will learn French in the context of France, Year 4 will be French Guiana, Year 5 Cote D'Ivoire and Year 6, Canada. We really hope this will give our children a wider perspective on French Speaking, reduce stereotypes and broaden understanding of the world and various cultures.



Lunches and After School/Breakfast Club

Please can you ensure you book your child into Breakfast Club or After School Club on Arbor. To ensure we plan the appropriate staffing and ensure you have paid, parents should not drop children off without booking.

Please note parents should ensure they top up their lunch account prior to ordering and not be in debt.

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LITTLE GRIPPERS

We would like to invite you and your toddler to our mats for some fun judo activities!

5 WEEK COURSE JUST £30

Starts Tuesday 14th January 2025
10:15 - 10:45am

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK ON](#)

HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN OUR CLASSES:

Build your child's fundamental motor skills ✓

Physical play in a safe environment ✓

Great fun! ✓

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One Minute Maths / Doodle Maths / T T Rockstars

Participating in these three apps on a regular basis can be directly linked to your child's progress in maths and being ready for Year 7. Whether exploring The One Minute maths app in Nursery to Year 5, the app provides internet free access to developing your child's mental maths skills. Doodle Maths, responds to your child's needs and supports and motivates them whilst accessing the games and maths learning needed throughout primary school. T T Rockstars is used from Year 3-6 and focuses on timetables, either speeding up your responses or actually learning the times tables up to

Please can you monitor your child's weekly engagement on these and check how well they are doing? Your support will make a really big difference in the consistency of their learning in maths.

Attendance

We have had our half termly attendance review this week, with our Local Authority Officer, reviewing attendance, monitoring our registers and looking to monitor patterns of absence, lateness, with a view to supporting families if necessary. Parents can always check their child's attendance on the Arbor App. Please note that we aim for attendance to be 95% or above and any attendance under 90% is being actively reviewed by the Local Authority and ourselves.



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%





E-School Nurse Video Clinics (By appointment only)



Twice weekly online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.

Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using [Attend Anywhere](#). The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient.

In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic** Please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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Pilates Group Sessions For Pregnant Women

Are you pregnant?

Want to stay fit in a safe way throughout your pregnancy? Want to improve your body awareness so you're in tune with your body and growing baby? Want some help managing lower back pain and other aches and pains that come with pregnancy? Want to learn and practice techniques for breathing, relaxation and pelvic floor control to help prepare you for labour?

If this is you, join our weekly Pilates exercise group session designed for pregnant women; starting January 23rd. We will meet on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Lunesdale Hall, access from Bective Road. The sessions are open to all regardless of prior experience with Pilates.

Come for a free taster session; thereafter each session is £10. To book your place and for more information, contact me, Linnea (certified Pilates instructor with qualifications to work with pre-and post-natal women) at linnea.mills@gmail.com or 07530 939985.



Children and young people SEND survey

This is Westmorland and Furness's survey for children and young people that have special educational needs, disabilities or both (SEND), and how to get involved in shaping our services.

Local young people and our SEND Partnership team have worked together to design and produce this survey. We want to know what is important to you. The survey will help us to listen to children and young people's voices and understand what their priorities are. This will help us to develop and put the right support in place for people in the future.

How to complete the survey

Survey responses will be anonymous, and you can skip questions if you wish.

There are two versions of the survey. One version has words only. The other version has widget symbols too, to help people understand the words. This might be helpful for some people.

It won't take too long to fill in the survey and we encourage adult support if needed.

[Children and young people SEND survey | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

SEND Children and Young People Survey - Widget Symbols



SEND Children and Young People Survey - Word version



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Family

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Come along to our information stand at
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between 12pm and 1pm and speak to
our friendly team and foster carers.

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