

St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Honesty



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Perseverance



Respect



OUTSTANDING

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just want to thank you for your support this week during our Ofsted inspection. Your comments, letters and meetings with the inspectors on the yard, contributed valuably to the inspection and the outcome. Our children were as they always are, wonderfully polite, articulate and considered. To manage expectations, due to the Ofsted process we will not be able to see or share the inspection until after the half term holiday. The minute we are able to share the report, we will.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be doing various activities throughout the week, however on **Friday 7th Feb**, we will be a **non-uniform day - dressing up** in clothes to express your personality. Basically, we will allow the children to dress up and express themselves – we look forward to see what happens! This will reinforce the theme of being yourself and being confident to be yourself.

Thursday 6th Feb will be **Home Learning Projects** and **House Winter Run (YR-6)**. (Please bring spare clothes/footwear) Our annual chance to have a mini running race representing your house. This is not like the Elf run as we run in classes not as a whole school. (There should be a lot less mud!)

Please remember to support the children in practising their spellings to secure as many new words as they possibly can ready for next week's Spelling Bee.



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PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING SOMEONE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please ask the children who they would like to vote for.

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, Business 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.
- **Business Hero:** A local business that is making a huge difference in our local area and contributing to community.



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!

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Anne Frank Trust



It was lovely to see so many people able to join us and see the Anne Frank Trust Exhibition guided by our Year 5 children. As you will have seen from our Instagram post, it was both moving and informative and such a valuable experience for our children as well as the community.

Child Mental Health Week – Non Uniform Day

Celebrating Children’s Mental Health Week at primary school next week is a wonderful opportunity to nurture our pupils’ well-being and encourage them to explore their feelings, identity, and self-expression. This year our children will recognise the importance of speaking up, being heard, and valuing their own thoughts and emotions.

Through engaging activities, discussions, and creative expression, we will help children develop confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging. To conclude the week, **Friday** will be a **non-uniform day**, giving children the chance to express who they are through their clothing choices, reinforcing the message that every child is unique and valued. Let’s make this week a meaningful celebration of mental well-being, self-expression, and the power of young voices!

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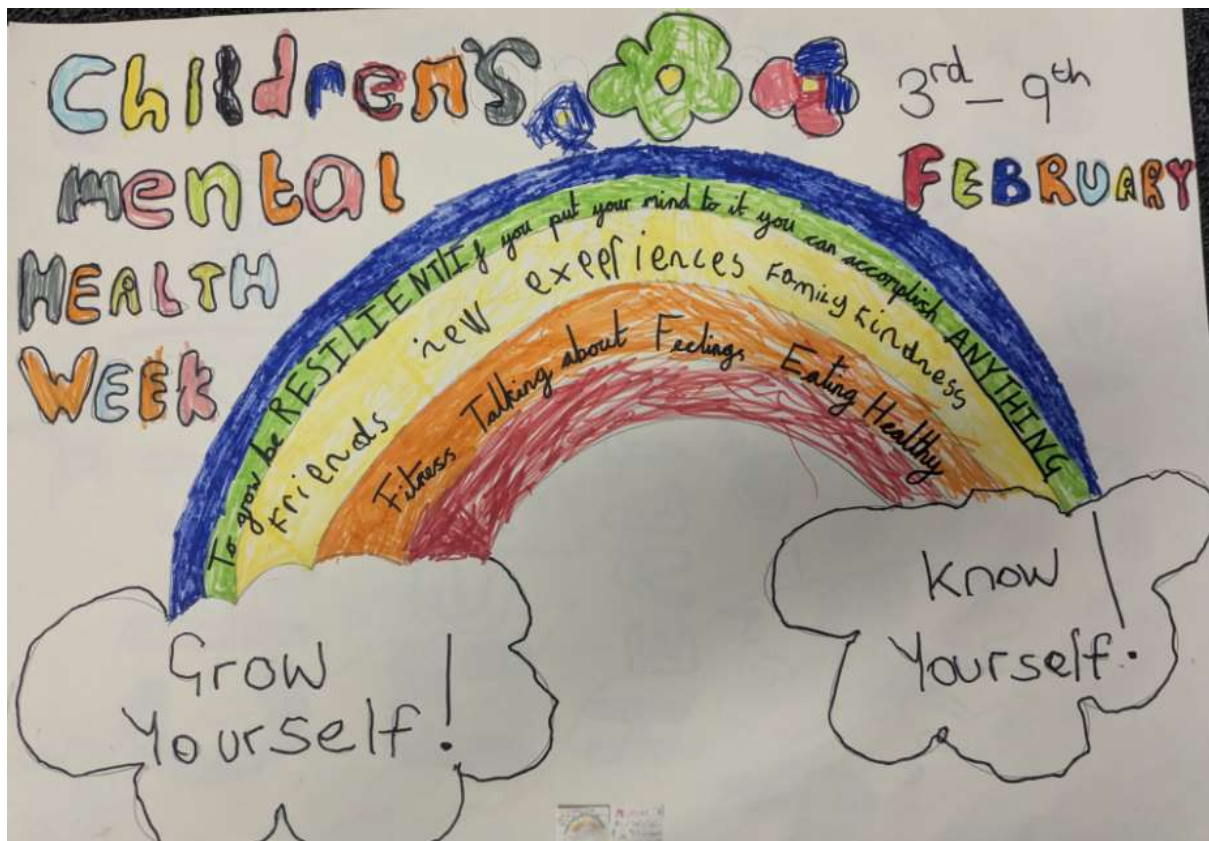


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Finley - Fundraising



Well done to Finley who has run a 5km run to support the Kirkby Lonsdale Fire Impact Support Fund. If you would like to donate and support him please donate using the link below. We are very proud of his effort – well done.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ryan-mason-1?>

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor for various days and we are hoping members of the school community or wider community might apply for this position. Please contact our school office for further details.

<https://www.stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk/vacancies-2/>

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School Phone System – Breakfast and After School Club

There will be a change to our school phone system which means that if you call our school phone there will be a new option to go directly through to breakfast club or after school club during their hours of working. We will be installing a phone in the hall that will mean you can contact them during club working hours. We hope this will help in emergencies or if you need access to Breakfast and After School Club staff during the sessions.



Is your child aged 4-18....if so they may qualify for extra funding for their school and for you!

Applying NOW for Free School Meals funding means you also get:

- Vouchers for clothing
- Help towards schools trips
- Free holiday clubs!

Even if your child gets free universal school meals in Key Stage One, you **STILL NEED** to apply for the **EXTRA** help for clothing etc!

You should apply if you receive:

- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Income support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

We want to hear from you.

If you have any questions or need support to apply, get in touch with our friendly team by:
ringing **0300 373 3300** and choose option 2 or email:
FSM.ClothingGrants@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



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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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ST MARY'S PTA



Wine Evening

ENJOY A CHILD FREE EVENING WHILST SUPPORTING ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

SIX WINES, NIBBLES & AN EASY GOING QUIZ TO IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE



TUES 18TH FEB 7PM
AVANTI, KIRKBY LONSDALE
£25 PER TICKET NON-REFUNDABLE

TICKETS LIMITED SO BE QUICK!
PURCHASE FROM AVANTI
OR
VIA JACQUI WALLER: 07980952870



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