



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1st May 2026



W/C 4th April Events

Monday
BANK HOLIDAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday
Classes 3 and 4
arrive in outdoor PE
kit.
CLASS 3 ROUNDERS
AT DALLAM

Wednesday
Class 2—PE

Thursday
2.50pm—Celebration
Assembly

Friday
Class 1 Forest Friday
Bring wellies.
Bag 2 School
Collection

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SUMMER TERM 1

Monday
Y3-6 Rounders 3.20-
4.30pm

Tuesday
Y3-6 Tag Rugby 3.20-
4.30pm

Wednesday
Reception—Balance
Biking 3.20—4pm.
Y3-6 Theatre Club —4-
6pm

Dear Parents and carers,

We have had such lovely weather again this week, which has been lovely. I think most parents have sent sun hats for their children and I know a lot have had sun cream applied. Please could you also remember to ensure your child has a water bottle too? We have several children who claim it's their mum's fault even when they are perfectly capable of getting their own, but please could you remind them that they need to bring one in every day?

VIKING/ SAXON WORKSHOP

The children in Class 3 enjoyed a wonderful day today at the workshop they took part in at Windermere. Events like these really bring history to life and is not something that can be easily taught by school staff in school.

The day consisted of making Anglo Saxon coins to bring home. They also learnt how to decipher Anglo Saxon rooms, create quills and dye to write their name. Finally, the children rehearsed the techniques the Anglo Saxon's used from the Vikings using the shield wall, they had great fun practising how to do it and the teachers had great fun helping them to retreat using soft toys. Everyone had a wonderful day.

TRIPS/CLUBS

We try to keep trip costs as low as possible by researching competitively priced providers and locations. FOSP have been very generous in subsidising trips from the money they raise and staff will often drive their own cars and the community bus to avoid hiring expensive coach hire if and when possible.

The money we ask from parents is a contribution towards much bigger costs. We are noticing that increasingly we find some people are unwilling to pay for trips and workshops which means that we are increasingly subsidising from school funds. Certainly it is the case that in some schools I have worked in, the children whose parents don't pay, don't go on trips that are not part of the curriculum. This is something we will never do. Other schools cancel trips if parents do not pay, which is something we may need to consider. However we may have to cancel trips if we don't get enough to cover costs and we may have to look at what we can offer in terms of excursions and workshops in future which would be a shame as the children always enjoy them and they enrich the curriculum learning.

I'm sorry to have to raise this issue, particularly as most parents do pay, but the school is currently **owed £649.75** from outstanding moneys from parents and unfortunately this is not something that we can sustain.

PUPIL PREMIUM/ FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Some families are entitled to free school meals and a clothing allowance. The school also gets some financial entitlement to support children in school if they need it. We always make sure to offer support to parents of children who are entitled to free-school meals if there is ever an issue with payment. If you are struggling financially it could be that you are also entitled to free-school meals and other benefits that come with that. You can find out more information from the Westmorland and Furness Portal:

[Search | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

BAG 2 SCHOOL, FUNDRAISING—FRIDAY, 8TH MAY

Donations of filled bags will be greatly received and can be brought to school next Friday morning. Thank you for your support.

DOGS

A polite reminder that dogs are not to be brought on to school premises.

BOOK REVIEW

This week's book review is brought to you by Mrs Bigland.

First Book Remembered

Dogger by Shirley Hughes is the first book I remember. The story follows a young boy who loses his beloved dog. I really loved the illustrations in it. The ending is another reason it stuck in my memory. Bella giving up her prize to help her brother was such a powerful moment of kindness and love. It showed me even at a young age, what it meant to care about someone else.

Favourite Children's Book

The book I always enjoyed reading to my children was, Guess How Much I Love You, it turns something as big as love into a simple, playful conversation that children can understand. The illustration in watercolour just goes so well with the text. It's a great book for sharing at bedtime, showing that love doesn't need big words to be deeply felt.

Recently Read Book

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah was the last book I read. It follows two very different sisters, Vianne and Isabelle, whose paths through the war highlight contrasting forms of courage—quiet endurance versus bold resistance. Their different journeys highlight how there is no single 'right' way to be brave in wartime. I found it moving and compelling, well worth reading for its emotional impact and perspective on wartime resilience.

Hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Kind regards,

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