



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th May 2026



THIS WEEK'S STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO:



Catherine Akinde	C1	Fantastic maths work!
Class 2	C2	Trying hard in all their assessments
Mollie Wilman-Scales	C3	Fantastic effort in writing
Year 6	C4	Amazing attitude to SATs!
PE Superstars	C4	Lucy Croskell and Lucy Jaundrell

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday

Class 3 & 4 - arrive in PE kits.

Tuesday

Classes 3 and 4
arrive in outdoor PE kit.

Wednesday

Class 1 - arrive in PE kits.
Class 2- arrive in PE kits.

Thursday

2.50pm—Celebration
Assembly

CLASS 4—SCHOOL NURSE TALK

Friday

MUFTI DAY £1

Class 1 Forest Friday
Bring wellies.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SUMMER TERM 1

Monday

Y3-6 Rounders 3.20-4.30pm

Tues

Y3-6 Tag Rugby 3.20-4.30pm

Weds

Reception—Balance Biking
3.20—4pm.

Y3-6 Theatre Club —4-6pm

Dear Parents,

A delicate matter!

This week you may have been aware that we had a major issue with blocked toilets, which nearly resulted in us having to send children home. As headteacher it was my personal responsibility to work with the person who came to unblock them by observing via the manhole cover the cause of the blockage! Needless to say, the main culprit was the huge amount of toilet paper that had overwhelmed the system.

Sadly our cleaner Sarah has broken her toe and has been absent for a couple of weeks. The staff and I are covering the cleaning as best we can, and I have been doing the toilets. On my rounds I have noticed that some children are using excessive amounts of toilet paper in all our toilet blocks and not just in the younger children's toilets. So much so, that on some occasions the bowl is literally filled with toilet roll and I've had to fish it out! I have also had to pick used toilet paper up that has been thrown on the floor. As this is rather a delicate matter, one which we are trying to address at school, could I possibly ask you to speak to your own children just to check if they understand about the quantity they should use and how to use it?

Classes 1 and 2 Lowther Trip

Reminder to log on to Arbor and pay and please send lunch options if not already done so.

School uniform

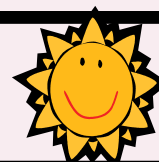
There are a number of pupils increasingly coming to school in different clothes instead of the correct school uniform. Please could you ensure your child is sent to school in the correct uniform, including proper footwear i.e. not trainers unless it is a PE day. Thank you for your support.

- Black/dark grey skirt or trousers
- White shirt or blouse
- Red sweater or cardigan
- Red dress or black/grey shorts (Summer)
- White / red polo or sports shirt

Comfortable plain white t-shirt and black P.E. shorts are required by all pupils for P.E., as well as a black track suit and trainers. Children are required to come to school in their track suits and trainers on PE days.



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD:
Year 6—for coming to school with such a positive attitude and trying their best in their national assessment tests.



Snacks

We are trying to enforce healthy habits, as part of our 'Healthy Schools' status. Please can children be sent with fruit and **not** chocolate biscuits for break time.

IMPORTANT Government INFORMATION- Contaminated Play Sand

We have been made aware of a developing situation regarding cases of play sand contaminated with asbestos. The Health and Safety Executive and Office of Product Safety and Standards are monitoring the situation and we are awaiting further information and guidance. We are not aware of any cases within Westmorland and Furness at this time.

Schools have been advised to:

“take a precautionary approach by ensuring play sand is covered (or removed if not disruptive and practically possible) and, importantly, not disturbed to minimise any potential risk. Larger areas such as playgrounds with play sand may need to be cordoned off temporarily.”

I wanted to reassure you that until we have an update, we have removed access to any sand in both Pre-school and class 1.

Mufti Day

Don't forget, Friends of St Patrick's School have organised a mufti day on Friday, 22nd May with the 'fine' of £1 for wearing mufti.

Pupil Council Project

Mrs Stones, who runs the school's Pupil Council, has been working with the children to make improvements to the school grounds. Last week they started by purchasing some items from the garden centre, using the voucher which was donated by our Year 6 parents last year. They have begun by developing an outdoor creative activity area for the children to use outdoors. It sounds like a very exciting project which the children will enjoy.

Bag2 School

We collected 360kg which is amazing! Thank you.

Free sausage butties!

Saturday, 6th June 10am-12 noon.

Please help! Now that we have better weather, the school grounds have flourished— and not in a good way! As you can see from the photo, we need some serious help. Bring your gardening gloves (and little helpers!) and join a working party tidying up the school grounds— weeding, sweeping, power washing etc. We will provide the tea/coffee/juice and a sausage butty! (Veggie sausages available).

Kind regards.

S Edmondson
Head Teacher



We need help!