



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th June 2026



Children we celebrated this week

Sola Booth, Elodie Kitching and Ruby Davis	C1	For taking part in Balance as part of Cycling in Schools
Elsie Nelson	C1	Getting first prize in 'Bake a Cake' at the Country Fest and for being awarded the 'Judges Special prize!'

EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday

Class 3 - arrive in PE kits

Class 4—EDINBURGH.

Meet at Oxenholme train station @ 08:10

Tuesday

Class 3 arrive in outdoor PE kit.

Wednesday

All children to arrive in PE kits

Class 4 Return—collect Oxenholme @ 14:12—updates with ETA via the whatsapp channel

Thursday

Sports' Day Reserve
Please arrive no earlier than 12:45pm. Sports to start at 1pm.

Friday

Class 1 Forest Friday
Bring wellies.

3.30pm Fathers Day Crafts P.T.O.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2

Monday

No clubs

Tuesday

Mr Blair's Y1/Y2 Outdoor Fun Club 3.15-4pm

Wednesday

No Clubs

Dear Parents,

We have had yet another week of unsettled weather, which made yesterday's decision not to hold sports day quite difficult to make early on in the week.

Even if it had turned out better yesterday, Andrew who puts down the markings we need on the grass, has been unable to find a period where the grass has been dry enough to come in to do it. Mrs Towe has added her thoughts below about next week.

PLAYGROUND PROMS

We had the most amazing session this week when the Playground Proms Quartet came into school for their performance. All the children, from across the school were invited to come in to listen. They were captivated throughout the whole hour, from the youngest child in pre-school to our oldest year 6 children. The staff and I said afterwards that it was probably the best visit we have ever had in school.

The musicians introduced each string instrument they played and got the children to take part in each piece by clapping, doing actions and singing. It was amazing to see how much they enjoyed it –it brought a tear to my eye! I will certainly see if there is a possibility of them coming back to school next year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM MRS TOWE

Muscles Matter Colour Mission

The information for this exciting event on the Thursday 9th July went out a few weeks ago. The deadline to return consent forms has now passed. If any more children would like to be involved then we will extend the deadline until next Wednesday 17th June. It is essential that we have forms back if you would like your child to be involved.

Sports Day

It was a shame that the weather was not on our side this week for Sports Day. The reserve date is next Thursday 18th June. The forecast is still looking unreliable for this date but it is also so difficult to predict accurately so far in advance. We will let parents know by next Tuesday if it is going to be postponed again.

After School Clubs next week

Mrs Towe is on the Edinburgh residential with C4 next week so there will be no Monday Outdoor Fun Club (15th) or Wednesday Theatre Club (17th) next week. Mr Blair's Y1/Y2 Outdoor Fun Club will be running as usual.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS THIS WEEK

There have been two national assessments this week, these are the times tables check for year 4 and the phonics screening check for children in class 2. The children all tried really hard and did their very best. Results will be reported in the end of year reports. The links below will give you further information.

[Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

[Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

SETTLING ACCOUNTS

Please can you ensure all Arbor/Schoolgrid debts are paid off by the end of June and that all accounts are up to date by the end of term. Mrs Winterburn will be checking any outstanding balances and handing over to the new Business Manager, Mrs Hansen, when she starts in her new role on the 6th July.

GOODBYE'S and COLLECTIONS

As you are all aware, Mrs Braithwaite will be leaving us at the end of term. She has been in the school office at St Patrick's for an amazing 24 years! In her time here, she has built strong relationships with the whole community, including staff, governors, parents and all who visit our school and is highly regarded by all. I know she will be very much missed.

Mrs Winterburn has not been with the school very long, but she too will be missed. Parents will have seen how helpful and supportive she has been when they have needed to get to grips with the new systems we have had to put in place and we have been grateful too for her expertise and support. I'm not sure many people could have got us up and running with all this as quickly and efficiently as she has.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Blair, who has been teaching some of the PE sessions over the past few years. His skills have added to the huge range of opportunities the children within school have had in sport.

I am also very sad to note that Mr Dewsbury has also informed me that he is retiring from the music service and so will no longer be teaching guitar to our pupils. He has been teaching children guitar here for several years now and the progress they have made has been amazing. Parents in the past who may have attended the performances at the Brewery where all schools performed, will have seen just how advanced our pupils were in their ability to play.

In talking to Mr Dewsbury this week, we were both really hopeful that we had been able to give the children the ability to pick up a guitar in the future and take it further. We will miss his expertise greatly but also wish him the very best in his plans for the future.

We are currently organising collections within school from staff, but if any parent or family would like to contribute, then please hand the money in a clearly marked envelope for the person you would like to donate to clearly marked and hand it to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

BOOKINGS

Unfortunately we still have some parents who are not booking breakfast and afterschool clubs and lunches on the system. This is causing issues for us, so please could all parents make sure children are booked in. We don't ever want to be in a position to refuse children into clubs but we are extremely busy and need to know the numbers we have to ensure we have the correct staffing levels.

Kind regards.

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Head Teacher

