

Newsletter - Easter 2026

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It has been a short, but busy, half term where we have seen the **January intake of nursery children** settle well and we are **now ready for the Easter Nursery intake** to join us after the holiday.

Play sessions have been held for them where they joined our current nursery - exploring everything we have to offer, from building blocks and Lego to our dressing-up corner. Whether they are splashing in the water, digging in the sand, or playing outdoors, they are constantly learning. These fun activities help them develop problem-solving skills, improve their physical co-ordination, and build confidence in talking and playing with their new friends.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Y5 spent a week at Ullswater Outward Bound where they enjoyed a wealth of outdoor pursuits. The children had so much fun pushing their limits and learning how to take care of themselves and truly believe in what they can do! They tackled all sorts of adventures, from hiking up fells and exploring tunnels to scrambling through streams. They also tried their hand at rowing and tackled a tricky obstacle course where they had to trust their team-mates while blindfolded. To top it all off, they loved the thrill of a fast speedboat ride.

Y2 visited a local church to explore the building and see the stone font where baptisms take place. A mock christening ceremony took place where they learned how families welcome new members into the church.

To celebrate World Book Day, Year 3 had a lovely trip to **Waterstones Book Shop**. Where the children had a great time going on a scavenger hunt to find their favourite book characters. Since Mother's Day was coming up, they also spent some time picking out books they thought their mums would love as a gift.

After a tasty juice and biscuit break, everyone got creative by designing their own book covers and bookmarks or tackling a fun wordsearch. To wrap up the visit, our **Most Improved Readers** got to choose a special book to keep, while everyone else used their **World Book Day tokens** to pick out a brand-new book from the World Book Day range to take home.

Year 6: Fun on the Farm

Our Year 6 class enjoyed a wonderful visit to **Miller's Farm**. They spent the day meeting the pigs, piglets, sheep, and lambs, and were amazed watching the sheepdogs work. The children also got a behind-the-scenes look at the egg-packing shed and even tried packing some eggs themselves! To top it off, everyone was given six fresh eggs to take home to their families to enjoy.

Our Year 3 pupils headed to Tullie House for a fascinating Egyptian Workshop! Led by an enthusiastic museum teacher, the children got hands-on with authentic Ancient Egyptian artefacts. They even learned the secrets of how to mummify a pharaoh and practiced decoding hieroglyphics. It was a brilliant way to bring their history lessons to life!



Celebrating Success

The Mr Potter Award for Resilience was awarded to **Georgi A in Y3 Marni D in Y2 & Malia O in Rec**

The Avril Barker Award for Good Citizenship was awarded to **Rayan (Rec), Rogan Y1, Danica Y2, Malvin Y3, LJ Y4, Imogen Y5, Pavlin Y6**.

The **most improved readers**, who will visit Waterstones book shop next half term to choose a book to keep, are **Sameer Rec, Jake Y1, Matteo Y2, Loredana Y3, Gurleen Y4, Elijah Y5, Anil Y6**.



Well done to all of you - you have made yourself and everyone you know very proud.

A huge **thank you** to our wonderful friend and former pupil, **Mr Potter**, who attended Brook Street back in the 1930s!

Thanks to another incredibly kind donation, we've been able to put this towards buying an **Easter treat** for every single child in the school. We are so grateful for your continued support and generosity, Mr Potter—you've certainly put a smile on everyone's face!

To help celebrate **Easter**, every child has been given a **special chocolate egg** to take home. We hope they all enjoy their tasty treat!



For all of our families who have just celebrated EID, we would like to say a **Belated Eid Mubarak**. We hope you and your family had a wonderful celebration".

We had a fantastic day celebrating **World Book Day**. Once again we put our own twist on it and instead of coming as their favourite characters, we asked the children to come dressed as an adjective (a describing word). We were blown away by the creative costumes—we saw everything from "Sparkly" and "Magical" to "Sporty" and "Brave"! It was tough to choose, but a prize was given for the best costume in each class as follows: **Y6 Sura, Y5 Skyla, Y4 Unni, Y3 Minsas, Y2 Sophia, Y1 Deea, Rec Alessia**.

To help us celebrate, **Carlisle United's mascot, Olga the Fox**, paid us a surprise visit! She was joined by one of our very own ex-pupils, **Dillan**, who delighted the children on the playground at break time. They handed out fun quizzes and even donated some fantastic prizes for World Book Day. It was lovely to see a familiar face back at school!

Fundraising for Red Nose Day. The children had a great time dressing up in red to fundraise for this appeal. We saw everything from red outfits and red noses to some very bright red hair. Well done to **Pola in Y4** who won the Y4 'Draw Your Own Nose' competition.

Thanks to your kind donations, we raised a fantastic **£80.80** which has now been sent off to help the cause.

School Reports were available for parents to read then share your thoughts with us! Once the comments have been added, a copy will be made and sent home for you to keep. If you would like to chat about the report with your child's teacher or the Headteacher, please just get in touch with the school office to book an appointment.



Visitors into School

Eden Valley Hospice: We were delighted to welcome a representative from **Eden Valley Hospice** to collect a cheque for **£180**. This fantastic amount was raised by our hardworking **School Council**—well done to everyone involved!

(Upcoming Fundraiser: Get ready for our next event! We will be hosting a Crazy Hair Day at the end of the next half-term. Keep an eye out for more details soon).

Vicar Tudor's Visit: It was wonderful to have **Vicar Tudor** back in school this week. He spent time in our classrooms answering all of the brilliant "Ask Tudor" questions our children have been curious about.

In **Reception**, the children have been learning all about **'People Who Help Us.'** They were lucky enough to have **special visits from Police Constable James Hardy and Nurse Deborah Ivinson** who shared what it's like to do their important jobs. We think there might be a big queue for the police and nurse outfits in our dressing-up area this term!

Sarah Watt from **Pyjama Drama** came in to deliver an **interactive road safety session**. Using drama and imaginative role-play, Sarah turned the **Green Cross Code** into an exciting adventure for our KS1 children. This educational workshop was a fantastic way to teach vital safety skills in a fun, memorable way



We finish for the Easter holiday on **FRIDAY 27TH MARCH AT 1.30pm**

and return on

MONDAY 13TH APRIL

We wish you all a happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday.

Our **After School Club** is still running every night from the end of school until **5:45 pm**. It costs just **£5 per session**, but please remember to book your child's spot by **2:30 pm** on the day you need it. Keep an eye out for our **special themed nights** coming up soon, including **Movie Nights, Craft Nights** and **Discos**—they are always a huge hit with the children!



GREGGS We want to say a massive **THANK YOU** to **Greggs the Bakers!** For many years, they have been a wonderful support to our school and our families.

As well as helping with our **Breakfast Club in the past**, Greggs has stepped in to help families with essentials like beds, cookers, and food vouchers. They've also been very generous with treats, donating **Pudsey biscuits** and cookies for our fundraisers. This half term, their donations have made a visible difference! **Our gymnasts are delighted to be wearing stunning new leotards**, which they are wearing with pride. Furthermore, this financial support helps us provide **FREE extracurricular clubs and daily snacks at our After School Club**, ensuring we can maintain our exceptionally low costs for parents.

Our **fantastic library** remains a firm favourite, with children loving the chance to pick out and dive into a great book every lunchtime. A massive **thank you to Ms Mellor** for all her hard work in making the library such a welcoming and special place for our pupils to enjoy!



Attendance and Holidays

Being in school every day and on time is so important for your child's learning. We can only teach them when they are here, and arriving late can be upsetting for children as they miss out on the day's instructions and extra help. To help make mornings easier, why not use our **free Breakfast Club**? It's a great way for them to eat with friends and be ready to learn as soon as school starts.



Important Rules on Term-Time Holidays

Please remember that the government now enforces strict rules regarding holidays during term time. If a child is taken out of school for an unauthorised holiday or trip abroad, a **Fixed Penalty Notice** will be issued: The fine is **£160 per parent, per child** if paid within 28 days. This is reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days (for the first instance only). Fines are capped at two within a three-year period. After this, the government may consider further legal action or prosecution.

Sickness and Lateness

We know children get poorly sometimes! If your child is too unwell for school, please call us by **9:15 am** to let us know. Just a reminder: if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they must stay home for **48 hours** after the last episode to keep everyone healthy.

Sporting activities have included:

- **Bowling:** A huge well done to the six Year 6 pupils who represented our school at the recent Bowling Competition where they won their heat, and have officially secured a place in the finals!
 - **Gymnastics:** Our gymnastics team performed brilliantly at the Key Steps Gymnastics competition. Looking fantastic in their brand-new leotards, the group secured a solid 6th-place finish. We are very proud of your hard work!
- Girls' Football:** To celebrate International Women's Day, a group of our girls headed to RRCA for a morning of football. They picked up some great new skills, tackled new activities, and enjoyed some friendly matches against other local schools.

Our FREE after-school activities this half term have included:

*Year 1s had a great time at **Miss Liddle's Funky Fingers club** this half term! To help boost those all-important fine motor skills, the children used tweezers to fill test tubes, designed colourful hama-bead patterns, and got stuck into some squishy slime manipulation. They even practiced their drawing skills whilst laying on their back!

*Miss Mellor's Maths Club has been a hit with selected students! The group has been sharpening their multiplication skills using popular online tools like **Times Table Rockstars** and **Hit the Button**. To keep things extra fun, they've also been diving into competitive number games like **Bingo** to build their confidence.

*Year 1s had some fantastic afternoon dance workshops this half term with the experts from **Carlisle United in the Community!** The energy continued after school for those who stayed for the extra dance class. It's been wonderful to see the children building their confidence and coordination with such talented coaches.

Ms Tyrrell's Choir has been a hit! The children have had a wonderful time learning and performing a selection of their favourite songs together. It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they fill the school with music.

Support and resources for our families

Fare Share: Every Wednesday from roughly 2.55pm, we offer mixed grocery bags for just £1. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Huge thanks to the

Cumberland Building Society for their generous donations toward this service.

Pastoral Support: Mrs Park is here to help! Whether you need advice on your child's health, sleep, or behaviour, or support with housing, mental health, or finances, please reach out to her.

Dental Care: We know finding a dentist can be tough. If you or your child are struggling with toothache, please let us know—we may be able to help you access care.

School Grants: If you need help applying for **Free School Meals, clothing grants, or holiday food vouchers**, the office team is happy to assist with the registration process.

Holiday Activities: For those entitled to **Free School Meals**, keep an eye out for details on the free **Holiday Activity Fund (HAF)**.

Financial Help: Please don't struggle in silence. If you are unwell and unable to work and have no access to public funds, we can help arrange local food bank support where needed.

If you have no recourse to public funds, you will only be eligible for 15 free hours (every morning Monday - Friday). However, there is also the option to pay for the afternoon session at a cost of £10 per afternoon (12 noon - 3.10pm). If you would like further details, please ask at the school office.

Start the day with a smile! Our **FREE Breakfast Club** is open every morning from **8:00 am**. There's no need to book—children can just pop in to enjoy a healthy feast of cereal, toast, yoghurts, and fruit. We even have special treats like crumpets, pancakes, or waffles on certain days! It's a wonderful way for them to fuel up and catch up with friends

