

Friday 27th March 2026



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Happy Easter everyone!

As we reach the end of what has been a short but incredibly busy spring term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved across our school.

Despite the shorter term, it has been packed with rich learning opportunities and progress for our pupils. Recent assessments and data drops show clear progress across year groups. It has been a pleasure to share these successes with you and to see the strong foundations being built as we move towards the final term of the academic year.

Beyond the classroom, our pupils have continued to thrive. We have celebrated successes in sport, produced some fantastic work in art, and seen great enthusiasm across the wider curriculum. These experiences are such an important part of school life, helping to develop confidence, creativity, and teamwork. Our newsletters show the immense offer here at school and it is wonderful to see so many of our pupils flourish beyond their classroom.

Looking ahead, the summer term looks to be another exciting and productive time. We have a range of activities planned, continued focus on strengthening learning, and opportunities to celebrate achievements across the school. In particular, we look forward to marking a special milestone for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their journey, with celebrations of their learning and time with us. Do check the attached term dates and we will continue to add to those if other opportunities become available.

We would like to wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school, refreshed and ready for the summer term, on April 13th.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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Celebration Assembly

Today we had our celebration assembly for March.

Congratulations to the children below! The Hoody and postcard winners, along with our Lunchtime stars will join Mrs Fearon and Buzzby for a Queen Bee Lunch on **Thursday 16th April** after we return from the Easter Break.

Our Hall of Fame winners received a free pass to the snack shack and a treat bag. Excellent everyone—our Very Important Bees!

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Hoody</u>	<u>Postcard</u>	<u>Hall of Fame</u>
Nursery	Axel	Cora	Zara
Reception	Maisie	Mitzi	Martha
Year 1	Ivy	Millie	Teddy
Year 2	Elijah	Oma	Naayaki
Year 3	Ada	Caleb	Eliz
Year 4	Blythe	Amelia	Hudson
Year 5	Stevie	Lilly	Aria
Year 6	Lottie G	Georgia	Lottie C
Lunchtime stars	Arthur (Yr 1)	Zoe M (Yr 4)	

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Easter Disco's

On Monday we hosted Christmas discos for Years 1-6 after school.

There was an AMAZING turnout and the children had some fabulous party outfits and dance moves!

The children all enjoyed a range of games and had the chance to visit the Easter Tuck shop ran by our fantastic CPTA!

A big thank you to our CPTA and staff members who helped– these discos and the tuck shop raised an amazing **£488.74!!!**



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Decorate an Egg Competition

On Wednesday the annual 'decorate an egg' competition was judged. Each year group had a winner and a runner up.

There was a **STAGGERING** number of amazing entries; a HUGE well done to everyone who entered! Our Governor's judged this year's eggs and decided on the Winners and runners up (see table below).

ALL of the children got a little sweet treat for their hard work; the standard was SO high!!

<u>Yr Group</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Additional Prize</u>	<u>Theme</u>
NURS	Emmie N	Tele-tubbies	Caiden C	Sea	Cora S	Unicorn
REC	Freddie S	Eggbert's Allotment	Reino F	Hair Salon	Aspen M	Frog
Year 1	Jules W	Ratatouille	Ivy S	Shelley the Tortoise	Max S	Shark/Turtle
Year 1/2	Eliza T	Beehive Rope	Juno G	Fox Family	Luna F	MyHappyMind
Year 3	Matthew O'C	Pandas	Elsie-Jo	Marra Travels	Aliens Toy Story	Luca Mc
Year 4	Isabelle L	Bransty Rangers	Zoe M	Ticket-Wonka	McDonald's	Clark W
Year 5	Brody G	Racing Car F1	Darcie S	Seasons	Matilda M	Sephora
Year 6	Lottie C	Egg Sheeran	Petula B	Dinosaurs Meteor	Denver C	Rockin Robins

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Swimming Gala

On Tuesday children from year 5 and 6 took part in a swimming competition against other local schools. They swam a variety of events and relays together and finished an amazing 3rd place, only 1 point behind 2nd.

Well done to all swimmers for having a good go at something new!



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Year 5/6 Art Exhibition



On Thursday evening Year 5 and 6 hosted an Art Exhibition in the Main Hall as part of their work towards the Cumbria Award.

They showcased art work inspired by a variety of Cumbrian based artists who take their inspiration from our beautiful County.

Beth Loughran-Layton from the Cumbrian Award and one of the Local Artists the children were inspired by; Chloe Pennington, attended the evening and were blown away by the children's incredible talent and creativity!

Chloe set up **Chloe's Chateau** when she was just 12 years old; she is now studying for her A Levels and juggles her schoolwork with her Art Business– she sells her products online and through various Local Businesses across Cumbria including Bakes by Gina, Paw Prints 3D, Florence Mine, Facebook and more!

The evening was a great success; parents/carers all enjoyed viewing the artwork and some light refreshments and the evening raised nearly **£350!**



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School Lunch Increase

A letter was sent out on Monday regarding the price review for school meals provided to children within school.

The cost of a child's lunch will increase from **£3.38 to £3.40 per day**; this is for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive Universal Free School meals, as will those pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

Nursery children's meals will increase from **£3.16 to £3.18** per day.

This is due to take effect from **Monday 13th April 2026**, following our return from our Easter break. School Hub will be updated for our return.

	Nursery	Nursery	Years 3- 6	Years 3-6
Currently	£3.16	£15.80	£3.38	£16.90
From 13th April 2026	£3.18	£15.90	£3.40	£17.00
Total increase	2p per meal	10p per week	2p per meal	10p per week

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact the school main office where we will gladly help.



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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

<https://eequ.org/book/access-freedom-experiences-cic-with-access-freedom-experiences-cic-21585>

INNOV HUB

SUITABLE FOR AGES 7-14
SEND-SUPPORTIVE | MEAL
3D PRINT - DRONES - FOOD

VR, DRONES & 3D PRINT
FREE SPRING STEM WORKSHOP FOR HAF-ELIGIBLE KIDS!

HANDS-ON ADVENTURE 3D PRINTING, CAD DESIGN, AND CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING! EXPLORE TECH, BUILD PROTOTYPES, AND BRING YOUR IDEAS TO LIFE IN A FULLY ACCESSIBLE, INCLUSIVE SPACE.

EASTER

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- ✓ AUTISM-AWARE ENVIRONMENT
- ✓ QUIET SENSORY SPACES
- ✓ DBS-CHECKED MENTORS

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WHITEHAVEN RLFC

EASTER BINGO

Sunday 29th March

Doors Open: 2:00pm
Eyes Down: 3:00pm

Fantastic Prizes to be Won!

Huge Tombola!

Delicious Cake Stall!

Bring your friends & family for a fun-filled Easter afternoon of bingo, prizes and treats!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

The poster features a vibrant background with a blue sky, white clouds, and a green field with colorful flowers. Two white rabbits are prominently featured: one on the left holding a large yellow Easter egg, and one on the right holding a basket of smaller colorful eggs. In the center, a wooden sign reads 'CHILDREN ARE WELCOME'. Above the sign, a banner advertises 'Delicious Cake Stall!' with an image of a cake. Above that, another banner says 'Huge Tombola!' with an image of a stack of money. A red banner below that says 'Fantastic Prizes to be Won!' with a gift icon. The event details 'Doors Open: 2:00pm' and 'Eyes Down: 3:00pm' are displayed on a wooden plank. The main title 'EASTER BINGO' is in large, colorful, bubbly letters. At the top, 'WHITEHAVEN RLFC' is written in bold yellow letters with a football icon on either side. The entire poster is framed by a thick yellow border.

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Dates 25-26

SUMMER 1

<u>Monday 13th April 2026</u> Monday 13th April-Wednesday 15th	<u>Children return to school</u> Year 5 York Residential
Wednesday 29th April to Friday 1st May 2026	Year 4 Residential to Coniston
<u>Monday 4th May 2026</u>	<u>May Bank Holiday- school closed</u>
Week commencing 11th May 2026	Year 6 S.A.T'S
<u>Friday 22nd May 2026</u>	SPORTS DAY <u>Break up for May Half term</u>

SUMMER 2

<u>Monday 1st June 2026</u>	<u>Children return to school</u>
Wednesday 3rd June p.m	Rainbow Dash/Colour Run
Friday 5th June 2026	Whole School Walk
Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th June 2026	Year 6 Residential to London
Friday 19th June 2026	Back up Sports Day
Thursday 25th June 2026	Civic Hall Extravaganza (Years 3-6)
Wednesday 1st July 2026	Move up / Transition Day
Thursday 2nd July 2026	Back up Whole School Walk
Friday 3rd July 2026	Nursery Sports Day/Teddy Bears Picnic Summer Fair
Wednesday 8th July 2026 11.45a.m	Year 6 Parent / Carer lunch
Wednesday 15th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Bash
<u>Friday 17th July 2026</u>	<u>Break up for Summer 1.30p.m</u>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND
MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**