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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our children and families after the half term break. It has been great hearing all about what the children have been involved with over the week and we have had a positive start to the second part of the Autumn half term.

This term will be extremely busy so please do keep a note of events and dates via the dairy date overview on the back pages of the newsletter. We will keep you as updated as possible if any changes have to be made.

Sibling/individual photos

On Wednesday Heidi B the School Photographer came in and took individual and sibling photos; children have brought their cards home with a QR code on which gives you access to your child's/children's photos.

Purchasing the digital download and then getting them printed online or locally is the most popular and cost effective way to enjoy your child's individual school photos and avoids postage costs.



Heidi will be back in on 23rd November to take the school class photos.

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Celebration Assembly

On Friday 23rd October, before the half term, we had our October celebration assembly.

Congratulations to the children below! The Hoody and postcard winners, along with our Lunchtime stars joined Mrs Bell and Buzzby for a Queen Bee Lunch on Tuesday.

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

Year Group	Hoody	Postcard	Hall of Fame
Nursery	Olivia	Vina	Emmie
Reception	Zara	William	Grace B
Year 1 / 2	Reino	Naatchiyar	Martha
Year 2	Aurora	Alya	Max
Year 3 / 4	Luna C	Remi	Kylah
Year 4	Matthew	Caleb	Jude
Year 5	Amelia	Clark	Blythe
Year 6	Damian	Cohen	Darcie
Lunchtime stars	Carter	Alarni	
SRP /Learning	Teddy	Quinn	Samuel

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Halloween Discos

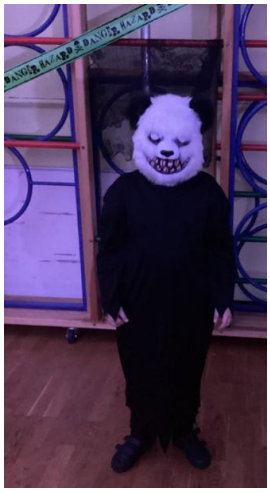
Before the half term break on Wednesday 21st October we hosted Halloween discos for Years 1-6 after school; there was a huge turnout; the children had some amazing costumes and dance moves!

The children all enjoyed a range of games and enjoyed the Halloween goodies for sale by the CPTA.

These discos helped raise over **£500** towards school funds– a BIG Thank you!

A big thank you to our CPTA for all of their help at the discos!














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Queen Bee Lunch

On Tuesday 3rd November the children who were awarded the star hoodies and postcards for October enjoyed a Queen Bee lunch with Buzzby and Mrs Bell. The children were very polite and very appreciative of their treat from Buzzby! Great work has also gone into the Hall of Fame. Very well done to all our stars!



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Whole School Wheelchair Basketball

On Thursday the children from Reception to Year 6 took part in wheelchair basketball with NP Inclusive Sports.

This allowed the children to begin to feel the experience of being in a wheelchair, the difficulties of this while also enjoying sport.

The children all really enjoyed working as a team to score points but also being able to bump into each other.











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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is a campaign held every year in October and November.

Founded in 1921, the Appeal raises funds for the Royal British Legion's vital work supporting serving personnel, veterans and their families throughout their lives with whatever the need, whenever it's needed.

Our support for those in need is made possible by the generous donations of the public and the 60,000 Poppy Appeal collectors and volunteers who dedicate their time each year to helping fundraise across the country.

The simple act of wearing a poppy sends a personal message of thanks and support for the Armed Forces community to see, and we ask the public not to underestimate the impact that wearing a poppy has on those who serve, and their families.

We have Poppy merchandise in School. There is no suggested donation amounts for these items; any donations for these items would be greatly welcomed.

Please send your child in with cash if they wish to donate and get any poppy items - they will be for sale this week and next.





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Year 1 / 2 Parent/Carer Lunch

The next Parent/Carer lunch will take place next week, on **Thursday 12th November** for the Year 1 / 2 children.

Please could parents/carers come to the Main Reception at 11.30a.m to sign in and they will be seated with their child/children and ready to eat at 11.45a.m.



Bonfire Night/Fireworks

Although bonfire night was on Thursday this week there are lots of displays planned for the weekend ahead. This week the Year 5 Mini Police have been round to all of the other classes and talked to the children about keeping safe around bonfires/fireworks



Please see the link below for Bonfire Night Safety

https://www.cumbriafire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety

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Children In Need; Friday 13th November 2026

NEXT **Friday 13th November 2026** we invite children to come into school **dressed in pj's** for Children in Need Day.

We have the following items for sale in school; they can be purchased on Arbor in the shop section:

Pudsey Pens £1



Pudsey Metal Pin Badges; Purple and Green £1



Pudsey Orange and Green Wristbands £1



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Christmas Trip; Nursery and Reception

We are excited to announce that the Early Years children in Nursery and Reception will be having their own Christmas trip.

This will be to Rookery Woods in Keswick for a festive adventure play experience!

This will be on Wednesday 2nd December 2026.

The children will come to school as normal and set off at 9.30a.m by bus and be back at school for normal finishing time.

Children who normally have school lunches will be provided with a school packed lunch. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home please can they do so for the trip.

Please can all children bring a backpack to carry their lunch in and a water bottle.

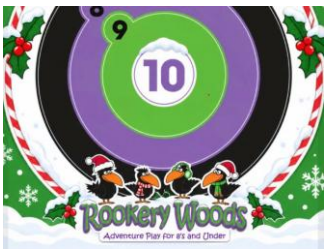
They can wear Christmas jumpers/clothing for this trip.

School has subsidised the cost of this trip and payment for the trip is on the Arbor app.

Please could this be paid for by Friday 20th November 2026.







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Christmas Trip Years 1 - 6

We have managed to secure a booking for the children to visit Walby Farm Park for the children to experience 'Father Christmas on the Farm'. This is for years 1 – 6.

The day will include the children receiving a small gift from Father Christmas, a short Panto-style Show, Snow Time, making Reindeer Food, posting a letter to Father Christmas and more festive surprises!

This will take place on **Monday 14th December 2026.**

We will be setting off at 8.30a.m so would request the children come into school at the earlier time of 8.15a.m please.

We will be back in time for normal school finishing time.

Children who normally have school lunches will be provided with a packed lunch from school. Please could children who normally bring their own packed lunch do so on this day.

Please provide your child with a backpack so that they can carry their lunch. Children should also bring their own bottle of water.

Children can wear festive clothing for the trip.

School has subsidised the cost of this trip and payment for the trip is on the app. Please could this be paid for by Friday 27th November 2026.







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Dates 26-27





Weeks commencing Mon 9th November 2026	Year 4 Swimming sessions
Thursday 12th November 2026 11.45am	Year 1 / 2 Parent/Carer Lunch
Friday 13th November 2026	Children in Need Day Wear pj's
Monday 16th – Thursday 19th November 2026	Year 5 Bikeability
Weeks commencing Mon 16th and 23rd November 2026	Year 3 / 4 Swimming Sessions
Thursday 19th November 2026	Year 6 Levels Trip
Monday 23rd November 2026	Class Photos
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Year 4 Levels trip
Tuesday 1st December 2026 11.45a.m	Year 2 Parent/Carer Lunch
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Nursery and Reception Christmas Trip Rookery Woods 1.30p.m Carol singing Keekle Mission
Monday 7th December 2026	Christmas Discos
Wednesday 9th December 2026	10a.m Choir singing at the Peddler

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Monday 7th December 2027	**Christmas Discos**
Wednesday 9th December 2026	2p.m Nursery and Reception Xmas play 5p.m year 1 / 2 and year 2 Xmas play
Thursday 10th December 2026	2p.m year 1 / 2 and year 2 Xmas play 5p.m Nursery and Reception Xmas play
Friday 11th December 2026	Christmas Dinner Day (wear Christmas jumpers)
Monday 14th December 2026	Years 1 – 6 Christmas trip Walby Farm Park Children to come in at 8.15a.m to set off at 8.30a.m
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Christmas Carol service St. James Church
Friday 18th December 2026	**Break up for Christmas 1.30p.m** **(wear Christmas jumpers)**

Tuesday 5th January 2027	**Children return to school**
Wednesday 27th January 2027	Young Voices Years 5 and 6
Thursday 4th February 2027	Year 3 / 4 and 4 Residential
Friday 12th February 2027	**Break up for Feb Half term**
Monday 22nd February 2027	**Children return to school**
Wednesday 24th February 2027	Year 4 Beacon trip
Thursday 4th March 2027	World Book Day
Wednesday 17th March 2027	UDANCE, Carnegie Theatre
Friday 19th March 2027	Red Nose Day; Comic Relief
Thursday 25th March 2027	**Break up for Easter**

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Tuesday 13th April 2027	**Children return to school**
Tuesday 13th April 2027	Year 4 levels Trip (pm)
Weds 28th – Fri 30th April 2027	Year 5 Residential - York
Thurs 29th – Fri 30th April 2027	Year 2 Residential - Hawkshead
Monday 3rd May 2027	**Bank Holiday-School Closed**
Week commencing 10th May 2027	Year 6 S.A.T's week
Friday 28th May 2027	SPORTS DAY Break up for Half Term
Monday 7th June 2027	**Children return to school**
Tues 8th – Fri 11th June 2027	Year 6 London Residential
Monday 14th June 2027 (pm)	Year 4 Levels Trip
Friday 18th June 2027	Back up Sports Day
Thursday 24th June 2027	KS2 Summer Showcase
Monday 28th June 2027	Whole School Walk
Weds 30th June 2027	Move up Day
Tuesday 6th July 2027	Year 6 S.A.T's Results Day
Monday 12th July 2027	Reports sent home
Tuesday 13th July 2027	Open Afternoon Years 1 - 5
Wednesday 14th July 2027	Year 6 Leavers Bash
Friday 16th July 2027 1.30p.m	**Break up for the Summer Holidays**

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