



Newsletter



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St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

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newsletter



Dear Parents and families in our school community,

We have had such a wonderful and busy week starting with sports day and culminating on Thursday with PSHE day. It was lovely to see the competition and friendliness of the races and activities on sports day. I was bowled over to see friends cheering each other as well as engaging in the races. Thank you to those family members able to attend and create a lovely atmosphere throughout the day.

We are very close to the final half term of the academic year. With 35 school days left until the end of term we always endeavour to ensure these are productive and ensuring the children are ready for the next stage of their educational journey.

Already our staff are planning for the various school performances, educational visits and sporting opportunities that are typical of our summer term calendar.

I would like to thank the PTA as well. This term has seen a whole host of events and of course the summer fair will hopefully be a great event once again. The 'Nearly New Sale' raised £335 and took a lot of planning and preparation – thank you to everyone concerned for organising the event. This week also raised £128 with your generous donation of clothes for 'Bag 2 School'. Many thanks for your contribution.

Although a tad random, we will be placing a reminder each week in the newsletter for items for the foodbank in Kendal which will be providing packages for families with children over the summer. More details later in the newsletter, please if you feel you can, help with this support for families struggling in Cumbria.

We all hope that the children have a lovely break and return rested and ready for the exciting half term ahead.

Mr Jones

Helping Families - Food Bank Summer Parcels



We have been asked to help provide various items for the Food Bank in Kendal running up to the summer break. There are many families that struggle over the summer holidays to support their children and the food bank deliver food parcels to support the families. With this in mind they have asked supporters of the food bank to bring something each week to enable them to make up summer packages. Each week we will advertise on the newsletter an item you might consider popping into your shopping basket and donating. This week is packs or tins of custard. The food bank tub is in the corridor near the school office.

Year 6 Hawse End

The visit will take place in the first week back after the half term break. I hope the children are taking responsibility for their own packing in anticipation of their residential visit. At this stage it is always good to see them being more independent and for preparing for the visit, Let's hope the weather will be kind to them – the weather is typically varied in June but the experience is always memorable.

Half Term Topics

The term should be exciting with the children exploring the following topics after half term.

Year 1	Land of Dinosaurs
Year 2	The Seaside
Year 3	Roman Britain
Year 4	History of Kirkby Lonsdale
Year 5	Vikings and then the Environment
Year 6	Lake District Adventures

Country Fest

I was very impressed with the wonderful contribution that Nursery has made to this year's Country Fest School entry. The children created a wonderful shopping trolley design. Thank you to the Nursery staff taking part to make this possible.



Country
Fest
CROOKLANDS

New play area in EYFS

During the half term a new slide and climbing area has been installed in the Nursery/Reception area outside of the classrooms. We hope this will be a fantastic new addition to the learning space in EYFS and the children will have a great time exploring the space.

Sports Day



Well done to Ingleborough who won both the Infant and Junior sports day

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
OUTSTANDING

events this year. We had great conditions for both events which made for a fantastic day – thank you to those able to support the day.

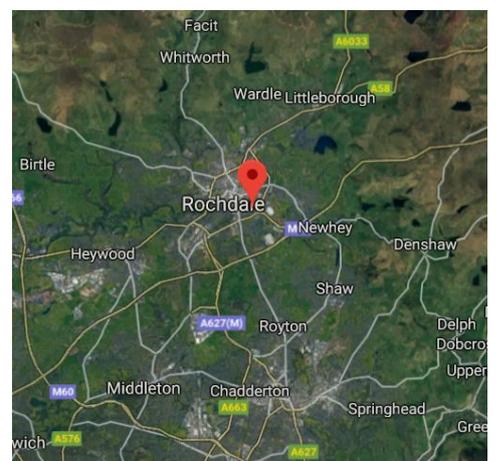
Football Festival

Congratulations to our Football team who entered the Settlebeck Football Festival. The children had a superb afternoon and managed to win their matches. Thanks also to Mr Watson for taking and preparing the children.



Partner School – St Peters CE Primary School

You may be aware that we are very fortunate to maintain a valuable relationship with St Peter's Primary School. The school is situated in Rochdale which provides the children with a good contrast to our very rural setting. It is a two-form entry Church of England school. It is more culturally diverse compared to our school which provides our children with a great opportunity to make new friends of differing backgrounds. Our Year 4 children have a wonderful visit to Manchester and Rochdale this term visiting the Neeli Mosque and art galleries as well as the school. Later in the term we will also be hosting the Year 4 children at St Mary's. Very exciting!



Dates for the Diary

June	4 th	Boys Year 5/6 Cricket
June	5 th	Hawse End - Year 6 Residential
June	11 th	Ethos Group – Rydall Hall
June	11 th	Blackpool Zoo visit (Y1)
June	12 th	Rochdale Residential (Y4)
June	14 th	PTA FILM NIGHT
June	18 th	Nursery/Reception New Parents Evening
June	19 th	Casterton Athletics
June	20 th	Football Match – Lindale Primary School
June	24 th	EYFS Leighton Moss Visit
June	27 th	MUFTY DAY – Grey and Pink, Pig Dressing Up day for Noah Initiative (Kenyan Visitors joining us in school)
July	1 st /2 nd	Infants and EYFS Production
July	9 th	Y2 to Silverdale
July	15 th /16 th	Junior Productions