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# St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School  
Kirkby Lonsdale



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term at St Mary's despite the wet start to term we will not let the weather affect our spirits and plans for this term. I hope this letter finds you well and rejuvenated after a restful break. As we embark on this new chapter, I am thrilled to share with you some of the fantastic events and activities planned for the upcoming Lent term.

### **Enterprise:**

This week has started with the children spending the first few days of this term learning about enterprise and understanding the concept of profit and loss. The children have been set a challenge over this term to grow some money and come up with a concept to understand how to make a profit from a small amount of money. The classes are recording their journey from creating an idea, understanding profit and cost of materials, promoting their product, market research and ultimately making and selling their product. This is all part of their PSHE work on understanding money and we hope you will be able to support your child in thinking and understanding this concept. Please do try to ask about what the children are doing for their project in each class.

### **Annual Spelling Bee Extravaganza:**

Prepare for a battle of words as we kick off the term with our much-anticipated Spelling Bee competition. This event not only promotes literacy and vocabulary but also encourages friendly competition and teamwork. We invite all parents to join us in supporting our budding wordsmiths and witness the excitement of language mastery. This event acts also as a motivator and catalyst for learning key words for each year group. This really boosts the children's spelling ability so please do spend time over the next few weeks preparing for this and supporting your child. Importantly, this is a good opportunity if your child finds spelling difficult, to motivate and support them in their learning.

### **Cross Country Runs:**

Strap on your running shoes as we gear up for the exhilarating area and school Cross Country Runs these always take place this term and we are looking forward to the forthcoming events. These events are not just about physical fitness but also instils values of perseverance and determination in our students. Whether your child is a natural runner or not, these are good events to represent their house and/or the school.

### **Enriching Visits and Inspiring Visitors:**

This term, we have lined up enriching field trips and inspiring guest speakers to enhance our students' learning experiences. These visits and interactions aim to broaden their horizons and provide real-world connections to the curriculum. We look forward to your continued support in ensuring these opportunities are maximized for the benefit of our students. Watch out for more details from the class teachers.

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As we embrace the fresh start of a new term, let us work together to nurture and guide our students towards success. Your involvement, encouragement, and support play a crucial role in their educational journey.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We look forward to a term filled with growth, achievement, and memorable moments.

Wishing you a wonderful and prosperous Lent term!

Sincerely,

Mr Jones

## Football Club - Monday



If you would like your child to attend Football Club and you haven't already put your child's name down, please follow the link below and put your child's name down.

<https://forms.gle/NSCKoeA4VBfm6gS68>

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## Basketball Club - Tuesday



Basketball Club is running on Tuesdays starting next week. There is no charge for this club. This club replaces the Thursday sports club we have been running for a while.

**This club is also open to Year 3 children as well as Y4-Y6 – please feel free to book in. The club takes place 3:15-4:15pm on Tuesday.**

If you would like your child to attend Basketball Club and you haven't already put your child's name down, please follow the link below and put your child's name down.

<https://forms.gle/JzyU6aPH9LWhTi9Z8>

## Change of details

If you have made any changes to your contact details, can you please let the School Office know either by calling or emailing [admin@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk)

Many thanks.

## Reception 2024 Applications

Have you remembered to apply for a school place for Sept 2024? The deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you or a friend wishes to apply you can do so by applying to the correct Local Authority.

If you live in Cumbria and wish to apply – please apply directly to Westmorland and Furness:

<https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

if you are slightly over the border living in Lancashire:

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<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

If you are slightly over the border living in Yorkshire:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

If you have been thinking that you might not get a place in September, this could be the year to apply as we have been advised that nationally and locally, there is a lower birth rate this year. This means that it is the perfect year to apply for a Reception place for 2024.

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