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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Nurturing creative thinkers . . .

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End of Term Letter from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of another fulfilling term at St Mary's, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our students, staff, and parents for their constant support and commitment to our school community.

One of the hallmarks of our school is our continuous effort to listen and respond to the valuable feedback provided by our parents. We understand the importance of effective communication in fostering a strong partnership between home and school. With this in mind, I am delighted to announce some forthcoming changes to our communications based on your feedback. Following careful consideration and reflection on the comments received, we will be implementing a new system to enhance communication channels between the school and parents. This will be detailed soon so please look out for the important information.

Additionally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in the recent Experience Easter event at St Mary's Church. It was heart-warming to see our entire school community come together to celebrate this special occasion and deepen our understanding of the significance of Easter.

Looking ahead, I am excited to inform you that next week marks the launch of Bob Sutcliffe's Art exhibition at Levens Hall. This presents a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with the local art community and explore their creativity.

Furthermore, Year 3 students have recently embarked on a captivating visit to the Wildlife Oasis to delve into the fascinating world of rainforest animals. Such hands-on experiences outside the classroom play a vital role in enriching our curriculum and igniting a passion for learning. Reception Class is eagerly anticipating their upcoming trip to the farm next week.

As we approach the end of term, let us reflect on the achievements and growth of our students over the past few months. I am immensely proud of each and every one of them and am confident that they will continue to thrive in their academic and personal endeavours.

Thank you once again for your continued support and dedication to our school community. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting term ahead.

Mr Jones

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Easter Week

As we look to next week there are various events taking place:

On **Wednesday 27th March** we will be having our annual egg activities where we roll eggs and take part in egg throwing in the juniors.

Option 1:

Bring in a hard-boiled egg of your hero or a famous person (prizes awarded per class) (can also be used for egg rolling/throwing later in the day)

Option 2:

Just bring a hard-boiled egg to roll /throw

Option 3:

Bring both a decorated egg and a hard-boiled egg.

Thursday 28th March



Easter Music Concert 10-11am



Parent and Family Class Visit 11-12noon

- A chance to see your child's work and talk to them in class about their learning. Parents and Family all welcome.
- During the Parent Visit (11am-12noon), Year 6 parents will also have an opportunity to hear about SATS which take place after Easter.

End of Term (1pm)



Please note we have an INSET day on Monday 15th April

Summer term starts on Tuesday 16th April.



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Easter Events



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Spring walks and forest fun!

Tues 2nd April, Kendal Serpentine woods, LA9 4PH

Thurs 4th April, Ulverston, Ford Park, LA12 7JP

Thurs 11th April, Windermere, Footprint, LA23 1NH

Come and join outdoors for fun themed crafts and adventures in the forest.
Open to all children accompanied by an adult. Appropriate clothing recommended.
10:00-11:30am

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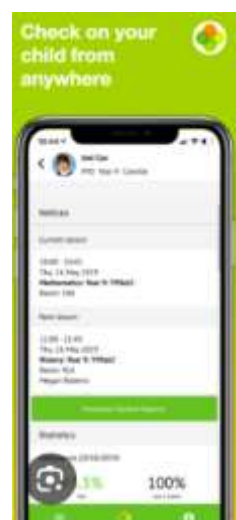
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Moving from Scholarpack to Arbor

We are doing what we can to make life simpler and ensure parents can communicate easily with school and have up to date information about your child. We are excited to announce that we will be moving our MIS to Arbor in Summer Term and this will take place during the Easter break. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system.

We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

Very soon we will be giving you information about the Arbor App which will be live on our return ready for Tuesday 16th April. We will be sending all messages, newsletters, pupil information, permissions etc. on the Arbor App.



[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#). We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register when we return after Easter break, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted. We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are! If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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By Half term (May) you will be able to pay for all school events/payments via the app and by the end of the year we will be reporting on the app and providing assessment information.

We hope that this will make things a lot easier for everyone, but this will just take a small change – to use the Arbor app online or use the Parent Portal App on your phone.

You may notice that this system is also being used by other local schools as well who are moving from Scholarpack to Arbor as well.

Year 6 – School transport for Year 7

School Transport for 24/25 Academic Year

As secondary school places for the 24/25 academic year have now been confirmed, we would be extremely gratefully if a push for parents/carers to apply for Home to School Transport could be actioned by yourselves. As some secondary schools situated within Westmorland and Furness Council are expecting a large intake of year 7 students, we really want to avoid any issues or disappointment come the start of the Autumn Term 2024.

Please can parents/carers be notified that the deadline for applications is the **31st May 2024**. For any applications submitted after this date, transport may not be in place for the beginning of the Autumn Term; usually due to the lack of available seats on vehicles.

Parents/carers can apply for transport using the following link:

[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/citizen-portal/sign-in)

If parents are unable to use the Citizen Portal, they can complete and return the attached application form to us via email or post – however we would prefer applications submitted via the Citizen Portal.

Furthermore, the policy for the 24/25 academic year is available to view here:

[School Transport | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

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Parent Support – Please take a look at these supportive video clips

Parents often require support to help them respond well to their children's behaviours, issues or needs. There is a really good website which provides mini clips to support parents. I have captured a few of the topics covered below, but please do explore the huge array of helpful support materials.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Building listening skills for parents 2 min video 6 min read Read now	My child doesn't want to go to school 7 min read Read now	I'm going through a break up and want to support my child 7 min read Read now
Healthy habits for parenting 2 min video 6 min read Read now	How can I support my child after a traumatic event? 5 min read Read now	De-escalation techniques with children 2 min video 10 min read Read now
The importance of limits and consequences for children 2 min video 5 min read Read now	How to ignore irritating behaviours effectively 2 min video 5 min read Read now	My child keeps getting angry and lashing out 6 min read Read now
My child is anxious 2 min video 8 min read Read now	Helping your child develop a positive body image 7 min read Read now	Playing with my child 2 min video 6 min read Read now
Supporting healthy gaming habits for children 2 min video 10 min read Read now	My child has friendship issues 2 min video 5 min read Read now	Helping your child develop talents 2 min video 6 min read Read now

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Understanding shyness in children

2 min video
8 min read

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My child says "I hate you!"

2 min video
5 min read

Read now

My child has trouble going to sleep

2 min video
8 min read

Read now

How do I get my child to listen?

2 min video
4 min read

Read now

Talking to my child about race and discrimination

2 min video
5 min read

Read now

Helping your child understand cultural identity

2 min video
4 min read

Read now

Helping children develop positive gender identity

8 min read

Read now

Helping your child prepare for Secondary or High School

10 min read

Read now

My child is struggling with peer pressure

6 min read

Read now

My child is being bullied. What can I do?

2 min video
6 min read

Read now

My child has meltdowns

2 min video
8 min read

Read now

Using praise and reward with children

2 min video
6 min read

Read now

My child might have bullied someone

2 min video
8 min read

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My child and I keep getting into arguments

2 min video
6 min read

Read now

My child just says no to everything

2 min video
6 min read

Read now



Year 6 Parents – SATS Support

The children in Year 6 are working hard and their engagement in our usual weekly booster groups along with our normal lessons is proving to be valuable. Mr Yates will be sharing about the SATS process in the parents visit at the end of term. Importantly, parental support during this time is valuable in continuing our approach, of working hard but staying relaxed and not being stressed. There is no reason to be anxious as the children are familiar with the curriculum, however your ongoing encouragement, helping where your child has gaps and keeping good routines all contributes to positive outcomes for your child.

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