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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Honesty



Trust



Responsibility



Perseverance



Respect



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 Remembrance	12	13	14	15 Children in Need
18	19	20	21 Y3 Stone Age Day	22 PTA MUFTI DAY Year 1 Opera Visit
25 Bowling Competition PTA AGM	26	27	28	29 Christmas Fair

A Journey of remembrance . . .

I have had the interesting opportunity to visit Normandy which was a profoundly moving experience. Standing on Omaha Beach, the site of one of the bloodiest battles of D-Day, was a sobering moment. The vast expanse of sand and the imposing cliffs above it paint a vivid picture of the bravery and sacrifice of those who stormed the beaches.



Wandering through the various war cemeteries, each headstone told a unique story of a life lost. The American, British, German, and Native American cemeteries were particularly poignant. The English Memorial, a towering white structure overlooking the English Channel, stands as a tribute to the fallen of the British Commonwealth.

It is important to remember the sacrifices made by so many, and to share these stories with younger generations. Parents and older family members can play a vital role in this by discussing the significance of Remembrance Day with their children. By sharing personal stories, historical facts, and family anecdotes, they can help children understand the importance of honouring the past.



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As we approach Remembrance Day, we encourage all children to participate in our school's Remembrance activities. This week, we will be selling poppies and other Remembrance items each day. By making a donation or purchasing an item, children can contribute to a worthy cause and show their respect for those who have served. At a time of continuing wars throughout our world remembrance is so crucial and vital.



I really appreciate our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls representing our school at the Remembrance Service in Kirkby Lonsdale. As many of us take part in Remembrance in our villages and other towns in the area, I hope this time is a great time for reflection and an opportunity for our children to understand remembrance.

Whilst at the cemeteries, to honour the fallen, I have gathered leaves from the war cemeteries in Normandy to create a Remembrance wreath. Each leaf carries a piece of history, a symbol of the sacrifices made. This wreath will be a poignant reminder of the importance of remembrance and a tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom.



As we approach the Christmas and Winter period, we often turn to giving and how we can support others locally and further afield. There are various opportunities explored below that our community are seeking to support others, nearby and on the border of Ukraine.

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Judo Experience (Nursery – Year 6) - Nov 8th

Address

DNA JUDO – CRAVEN JUDO ACADEMY
THE I CENTRE, BACK GATE, INGLETON
CARNFORTH
LA6 3BT

Email – support@cravenjudo.co.uk

Telephone – 07804819203

You will be aware that we are trying to provide experiences, throughout the year, that children would not always explore and this Friday we have our second special day which will be Judo. **This is taking place on Friday so all pupils will need PE Kit on Friday.**



Christmas is coming...

It is **50 days** until **Christmas Day**. That means we have 19 school days until Christmas Fair and **34 school days until the end of term**. Every day will count as we move to the end of term. There are many events, experiences and visits taking place before the end of term and we will be sharing our December Calendar of events very soon. I hope that you will be able to join us at our music concert, carol singing and Christmas Craft and especially our PTA Christmas Fair.

You will see that the next few Fridays are very busy. The **15th November is Children in Need day**, the **following Friday is Mufti Day** for the Christmas Fair and then we actually have the **Christmas Fair**.

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As a result, we will be supporting and promoting **Children in Need** but asking parents to **donate online** or in their own way. We are then asking families to **bring items for the PTA Christmas Fair in the following Friday (more information soon).**

Support in our Area



Hello, Jess Livock is collecting selection boxes for Morecambe food bank and new toys for Morecambe Salvation Army.

We know money is tight for everyone at the moment, but if anyone could spare either a selection box for the food bank or a new toy for Salvation Army, we will deliver them on behalf of everyone at school so they can be handed out to families who need them in time for Christmas in the Morecambe area.

Please note Salvation Army are only able to accept brand new, unused toys in their original packaging, any chocolate selection boxes will be gladly received by food bank :)

If you are able to donate we would be so grateful, please leave your item with the school office by 3pm on Friday 29th November for us to deliver the following week.

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Support in Ukraine and Macedonia

A Call for Kindness: Supporting Ukrainian Families



As the conflict in Ukraine continues, many families have been forced to flee their homes, leaving behind their belongings and seeking safety elsewhere. To support these displaced families, we are collecting essential items to provide comfort and warmth during these challenging times.

Items needed:

- Warm clothing: Coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves
- Footwear: Boots, shoes, slippers
- Survival: Sleeping bags, blankets, camping crockery and cutlery

All donation can be passed on via the school office and will be sent very soon in time for the winter season.

Deadline for School Applications

The deadline for applications for **Reception Places** in January 15th although it is important to ensure you get your application completed and try not to leave it to the last minute in case of technical issues.

If you live in Cumbria:

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools/apply-reception-place>

If you live in Yorkshire:

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

If you live in Lancashire:

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

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BONFIRE & FIREWORKS NIGHT

Tuesday 5th November

Bar open from 4.30pm, Fireworks at 6.30pm

All Tickets Online

£25 per car, Pedestrian adult £5

Children under 14 FREE

On the gate adult price £5 cash

Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club
Underley Park, LA6 2DS

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