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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale

Friday 19.09.25



Honesty



Trust



Responsibility



Perseverance



Respect



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Personal Development	Outstanding
Leadership and Management	Outstanding
EYFS Provision	Outstanding

Hello parents and carers,

What an amazing week it has been at [School Name]! We are delighted to share some fantastic news with you all.

A Week of Celebration!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the **Primary Hub Award 2025**! This prestigious award celebrates the hard work and dedication of our staff in developing a high-quality curriculum and receiving exceptional training. It's a true testament to our commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive and access the best possible learning and enrichment experiences. We are so proud of this achievement and want to thank our incredible team for making it possible. We are also celebrating achieving Silver Games Award also demonstrating our children's engagement in sport, fitness and opportunities last year.



We would also like to extend a huge congratulations to our new **Head and Deputy Boys and Girls**! A massive well done to all the pupils who put themselves forward for the roles and showed such great leadership qualities. The children cast their votes and we are so proud of our newly elected team. We look forward to seeing the wonderful contributions they will make to our school community this year.

Embracing the "Liquid Sunshine"

As many of you know, living in the beautiful Lake District means we're no strangers to a bit of rain. It's been an unusually wet start to the term, and it looks like this "liquid sunshine" is set to continue. With this in mind, please ensure your child comes to school with a proper **waterproof coat**—not just a coat! Staying dry will make their days much more comfortable and enjoyable, whether they're in the classroom or dashing across the playground.

Key Information & Reminders

New After-School Clubs: We are excited to announce two new clubs starting next week!

- **Tag Rugby Club:** For pupils in **Years 3-6** on **Thursdays** from 3:15-4:15 pm.



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- **Outdoor Art Club:** For pupils in **Years 4-6** on **Fridays** from 3:15-4:15 pm, starting next week.

Miss Broome will be running an Outdoor Art Club on Fridays after school from 3.15-4.15pm. This will start on Friday 26th September and finish at October half term, with the last session on Friday 24th October. It will be open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The club will involve art activities linked to nature, with natural resources or taking places in the outdoors. Some art will be inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy, as well as other artists inspired by the outdoors. Activities include outdoor sculpture, printing with natural materials, wax resist and watercolour paintings, nature weaving, using natural materials as paintbrushes and making paint using natural materials. All children attending must bring wellies or other suitable shoes that can get muddy as well as a coat; we will split our time between in the classroom and within the school grounds depending on the weather and the activity. Places are limited so if your child would like to attend, please sign up as soon as possible on the Arbor app to avoid disappointment. Booking will open at 5pm on Friday 19th September. Any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Miss Broome.



You can book a spot for both clubs through **Arbor from 5 pm today**.

School Lunches & Bus:

- A quick reminder to all **Reception to Year 2** parents to book your child's school lunches. Additionally, if your child is on a school visit or residential trip, please make sure their lunch bookings are accurate. Thank you for your help with this!



- **Finally, please remember to let the school office know if there are any changes to your child's bus arrangements.**

Harry Potter Book Night: Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our upcoming Harry Potter Book Night. We can't wait to see you there!

Warm regards,

Mr Jones on behalf of the
The School Team

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MUFTI DAY FRIDAY 26th September - European Languages Day

We're excited to announce that our school will be celebrating our annual European Languages Day this has a focus on French, our chosen modern foreign language. On **Friday, September 26th**, we'll have a chance to celebrate the rich culture and diverse heritage of French-speaking countries. Our goal is to expand our understanding beyond stereotypes by exploring a range of nations where French is spoken, including **France, French**



Guiana, Côte d'Ivoire, Canada, Switzerland, and Madagascar. Learning French is more than just memorising vocabulary; it's about connecting with different cultures. While our younger pupils in Reception to Year 2 are already building a love for the language through fun songs, our formal curriculum begins in Year 3. This event is a great opportunity to deepen our exploration. To make the day even more festive, we invite all pupils to dress in the colours of the flag of their designated country:

- **Nursery:** France
- **Reception:** France
- **Year 1:** Switzerland
- **Year 2:** Madagascar
- **Year 3:** France
- **Year 4:** French Guiana
- **Year 5:** Côte d'Ivoire
- **Year 6:** Canada



Today Mr Giudici demonstrated playing Saxophone and Clarinet to Year 4 and 5, with the hope of performing to Y6 next week. Each year he hopes to inspire new musicians to take up the clarinet or saxophone. If you would like to find out about lessons, which take place on Fridays, please contact the school office.

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Domino drive

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Casterton Village Hall

Friday 3rd October at 19:00



Come along to the village hall for a family-friendly, fun evening of dominoes.

Entry costs £4 for adults & £1 for children (cash or card payments).

Nibbles will be provided. Feel free to bring your drink of choice.

Prize for the winner, plus the chance to win at the raffle.

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