



St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale

Monday 29.09.25

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Looking Beyond Kirkby Lonsdale: Our New School Project!

As a community here in Kirkby Lonsdale, we are committed to looking out for one another, and this year, we are extending that spirit of support far beyond our local area! We are reaching out to two schools one in Uganda and one in Kenya.

We are incredibly excited to launch a project supporting KISA Family Development, a charity dedicated to making a sustainable difference for families and children in the **Nakaseke region of rural Uganda**. We want our pupils to think about the world beyond our community and consider the daily challenges that many others face. This week, we will have a special presentation from a team from Kirkby Lonsdale who will be travelling to Uganda later this month. Our immediate goal is to help them provide fresh, clean, drinkable water in the classrooms of a primary school in Nakaseke—with each life-changing water filter costing £60! Over the coming weeks, we will be considering how we can support the KISA team, as we aim to build a long-term relationship to help bring health and education to these communities. We are encouraging all our school community to get involved in this vital project as we join hands with KISA to truly make a difference in the world of one person.

We also hope to build links with a school in Kenya in the future to further share and support one another.



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While we recognise that some families in our local area of Kirkby Lonsdale face their own real challenges, we also highly value the importance of thinking beyond ourselves and considering ways to support others in considerably different contexts. Shifting our focus to those in need elsewhere, such as the communities in Uganda supported by KISA Family Development, provides a vital perspective for our children. As the great humanitarian Albert Schweitzer once said, ***"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others,"*** reminding us that by extending our hand to those facing harsher struggles, we enrich our own lives and community spirit.

We've successfully launched into the new term and it's wonderful to see the school buzzing with activity again! As we settle in, we'd like to reach out and ask our families to consider giving a little of their time to support our school community in two vital ways. Your support is invaluable, and we currently have opportunities to get involved with the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), which organises essential fundraising and fun community events, or to serve on our Governing Body, which plays a crucial role in the strategic direction and overall effectiveness of the school. If you have a few hours to spare and a desire to help shape your child's educational experience, please read on to find out more about these rewarding roles.

Can you help with our PTA?



We'd love to invite all parents and carers—both new and familiar faces—to join us for our **PTA Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 1st October at 6:30pm**. It's a great chance to meet our amazing PTA members, hear about the fantastic work they do, and discover how you can get involved. Whether you have lots of time to give or just a little, every bit of support makes a difference in helping us raise funds and create opportunities that directly benefit our children. Together, we can share ideas, strengthen our school community, and make this year even more exciting for our kids—so please do come along and be part of it!

Can you help be a member of our Board of Governors?



We are looking for **parents** who would like to join our **Board of Governors** and help shape the future of our school. Whether you have previous experience or not, this is a wonderful opportunity to play an active role in delivering our vision, improving provision, and inspiring high-quality teaching and learning for all our children. **To stand, you'll need two fellow parents to nominate you and provide short supporting statements.** If more than one candidate is nominated, we will hold an election. Being a governor is a rewarding way to make a real difference, and the commitment is a minimum of six meetings per year. We warmly encourage you to consider stepping forward for this important role in our school community. Please contact Mr Jones if you would like to know anymore or nominate yourself – admin@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk.

Warmest regards, Mr Jones on behalf of the The School Team

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Tuesday – Stone Age Day – Year 3 Visit to St Catherine’s Wood, Windermere

Wednesday – Year 2 Leyland Transport Museum

Thursday – Casterton Invitational Swimming Gala

Friday – Worship time - Certificates and trophies gained over the past few weeks outwith of school.



Your Family Hubs
Tell us what you think

Help us to shape the future of services for families, children and young people in your community

As a thank you for taking part, we are offering the chance to be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

Please scan the QR code to access our online survey.



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Domino drive
at
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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