

Newsletter

Summer Term 2024

Week 3



End of Term

We finish for half term on Thursday 23rd May at 3:20pm, and return to school on Monday 3rd June 2024.

Residential Trips

This term we have our residential trips for all year groups. Balances must be paid via ParentPay as soon as possible as all deadlines have now passed. The dates for each residential is as follows:

Year 3 Kingswood - 7th - 8th May

Year 5 York - 15th - 17th May

Year 6 London - 20th - 23rd May

Whitehaven Music Festival

On Friday 10th May, our choir are performing at the Whitehaven Music Festival at the Marchon Club. Children will be singing at 10:30am, parents are welcome to attend, just turn up as no tickets are required.

Wellness Guide

On 19th April 2024, Ofcom released their annual Media Use and Attitudes Report, detailing the findings of several surveys and

their implications for parents, children and young people in the UK. These statistics often include plenty of thought-provoking information relating to online safety.

The report itself is extremely extensive, so instead we've provided a bespoke selection of data gathered by Ofcom about children and young people's experiences on social media, video games and the like. Check this guide for a thorough breakdown of the headline findings

Guide at the end of the newsletter

Uniform Orders for September 2024

Uniform is ordered online however if you place your order before 21st June 2024 it will be delivered FREE of CHARGE to the school for collection before the end of term. After this date you will need to have it delivered to your home which will incur a delivery charge.

Please note that orders placed to arrive at school after the 21st June will be delivered mid/late September so it is crucial that orders are placed as early as you can.

Attendance



As a school we are responsible for recording pupils' school attendance in our school registers. The school registers are legal documents, and its data is forwarded regularly to the Department for Education and the Local Authority.

As a school we want all of our pupils to attend regularly and on time. We want to support parents to meet their legal duty to ensure regular school attendance. Thank you to all of our parents who are working with us in improving the attendance of the school.



If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure you inform us as soon as possible by calling the school

office on 01900 606053 and leaving a voicemail on Option 1. You can also report this via the Scholarpack App.

KESWICK SCHOOL: YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 26th June 2024, from 5pm
We warmly invite you to an open evening at Keswick School. Find out more and book a place here:

<https://www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk/admissions/year-5-open-evening>

Pupil Achievements

If your child has any extracurricular achievements you wish for us to feature on our newsletter, please email these to admin@victoriajunior.cumbria.sch.uk with all information and a photograph. This could be anything from swimming to horse-riding, judo to fishing, and everything in between.

Do you have concerns about a child in Cumberland?



If you are worried that a child is at risk of immediate harm please contact:

**Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on
0333 240 1727**

Email: safeguarding.hub@cumberland.gov.uk
(PLEASE PASSWORD PROTECT THE EMAIL AND SEND THE PASSWORD IN A FURTHER EMAIL)

**Out of working hours – contact the
Emergency Duty Team on 0300 373 2724**

To speak to a Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for advice call
0300 303 3892
or email lado@cumbria.gov.uk

To speak to the Cumberland Early Help Team call
0300 303 3896
Or email early.help@cumberland.gov.uk

Kym Allen Safeguarding, Health and Safety Consultants Ltd.
April 2023

Team Bassenthwaite

This week team Bassenthwaite have been working as hard as ever!

In literacy and language, we have been planning a short story about a robot. We have used our picture format to support our plans and linked sentences to each one.

As mathematicians we have moved on from our 3 times table and are now looking at counting in 4s. We have been using multilink cubes in strands of 4 to support our pictorial representations.

As scientists we have been looking at how water is transported through plants. We used celery samples to carry out observational drawings of the xylem and the phloem.

As geographers we have continued our focus around the Lake District. We have been looking why the lake district is a unique environment. We used prior learning to compare the lake district to our capital city, London.

As artists this week, the intent of our lesson was to explore the use of perspective through colour by looking at the work of local artist, Sam Martin. We used wax crayons to produce some creative landscape pictures.

Another busy week, well done team!

Have a lovely long weekend!



Team Buttermere

This week, team Buttermere have been extremely busy with their learning.

As writers, we started the week reading our class story 'Smash and Grab' by John Dougherty. We have been discussing ideas and characters within this story which has helped us identify verbs, adverbs and similes.

As mathematicians, we have moved onto our new topic 'fractions' we have learned how to count in tenths, thirds and quarters.

We have been identifying fractions on diagrams and correctly writing it in words.

As scientists, we have continued with our plants topic as we have been investigating the way in which water travels through a plant.

As artists, we have been using oil pastels with the intent to create a collage of mountains.

In French, we have been learning how to pronounce animals and pets as we have been building sentences and listening to our partners.

This week, we also took our story time sessions to the outdoor classroom where we enjoyed reading Paddington at the zoo by Michael Bond and The Sheep Pig by Dick King Smith.

We are all looking forward to our residential trip to Kingswood where we will be taking part in plenty of outdoor activities such as archery and high ropes courses! Fantastic effort team Buttermere, keep up the great work!



Team Crummock

In our RWI lessons this week, we have been continuing to explore mystery writing. We have looked further into how the writer has added suspense and intrigue through their choice of words and as writers ourselves have tried to use interesting and varied vocabulary to write sentences which included adverbs.

As mathematicians this week, we have begun the next chapter in our workbooks about fractions. We have identified tenths and have made links to our past learning to help us to divide using fractions.

As geographers this week, we have carried out research to answer the questions "Why is the Lake District a unique environment?" We looked at some of the facts about the Lake District and compared them to our previous learning about London.

As scientists this week, the intent of our lesson was to understand how water and minerals are transported throughout plants. We looked at the various features which a plant has and their functions. We then created a drawing of a plant, labelling it and describing how it works.

As artists this week, the intent of our lesson was to explore the use of perspective through colour by looking at the work of local artist, Sam Martin. We used wax crayons to produce wonderful landscape pictures.

Year 4

Another busy week here in Year 4

In our English lessons we are continuing work hard learning new spellings and improving our reading and writing.

As mathematicians we are practising our times tables facts in preparation for the National check in June.

In science lessons we learned this week that sound can travel through solids, liquids and gases. We have also learned that some materials are good insulators of sound when we made our own versions of ear defenders. As a few are on the Castle Head residential those in school will be doing some fun learning activities. We have started by looking at British Values, particularly the rule of law and democracy.

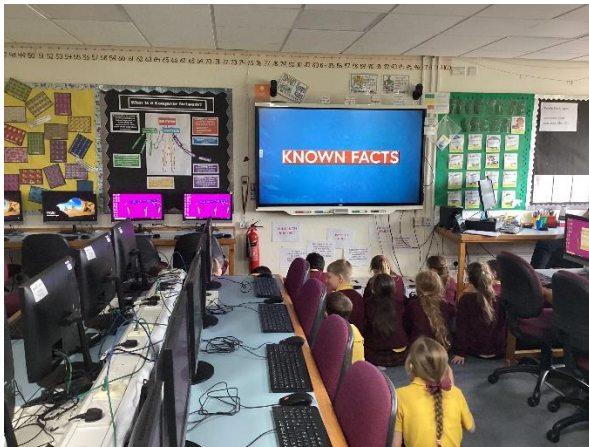
We have played some board games to improve our maths and this afternoon we have started to design our own board game using what we know about rules and fairness.

Other activities include some gardening, some cookery lessons and some Computing work. So, we will all be kept very busy.

The homework that was given out last week is to be returned to school by next

Thursday so those at Castle Head have time to complete it.

Keep practising times tables facts please.
Thank you



Team Ullswater

We've had a fantastic week of new skills, inventions and hands on experience. We began the week as Scientists, learning about the different life cycles of plants and animals. Team Ullswater are such a curious bunch that the questions and lightbulb moments were endless!

On Tuesday, we had a fantastic time learning about how to make Banana Oat Cookies. The whole class were complimented on their excellent manners and listening skills. I was also very proud when I overheard them talking about 'why buy fair trade' and the country of origin for the ingredients they used.

As Mathematicians, we are using graph paper and our knowledge of shapes to plot points using coordinates. This will be extremely beneficial for them over the next few weeks as we start to plot reflective coordinates.

As Writers, we are developing our new episode of the Chinese story we have been

studying. Identifying various adverbs and sensory details in our example really allowed the children to identify the effect of synonyms in their writing and use them more confidently.

Next week, we have a shorter week and not much time before we leave for York. Thank you to those who have brought their spending money in already, please can I remind everyone to bring in the money in three separate envelopes by the 10th May.



Team Grasmere

Team Grasmere have had another busy week.

As mathematicians, we have started our unit on Geometry. This week we have been learning about different types of angles, measuring angles using a protractor and angles on a straight line. The intent of the lesson was to understand that angles at a point on a straight line always sum to 180° .

As writers, we have started to plan and write our arguments. We have been learning how to structure a strong paragraph by using 'PEE' which stands for, point, evidence and explain.

As scientist, we have been exploring reflection. The intent of the lesson was to understand how to set up a fair test and carry it out and to understand how to draw conclusions based on findings.

As a geographer, we have been exploring the different countries which make up North America. Pupils were asked to pick an unfamiliar country and collect some research.

We have continued to enjoy our weekly Ukulele, music, dance, football and computing sessions with our specialist teachers.

Year 6 have continued working hard to revise for their SATs.

Well done Team Grasmere, keep up the great work!



Team Ennerdale

Ennerdale have had another busy week of learning.

As writers we are preparing to write a new episode involving Mai-ling defeating an unwelcome ogre in order to protect her village. The pupils had great fun acting out the important scenes from their writing.

As mathematicians we are working very hard learning to find angles on a straight line and also in a full rotation.

In PE this week we have been completing lots of football drills with Stu and with Chris we have been learning how to bat and the importance of the crease.

Massive thanks to everyone who has sent money in for the York residential. There is still plenty of time to do so. If this could be brought into school asap in three separate envelopes with your child's name on - that would be great.

Well done to Tyrion who was last week's Reading Heroes Competition winner and to Mia who was our Class Dojo Draw winner.



Team Thirlmere

Thirlmere have been very busy this week with SATs fast approaching. I have been very impressed with the amount of work and revision that has been completed.

In English, we have covered some more prediction and retrieval questions, we have revised simple and progressive tenses and also looked at 3-mark questions.

In maths, we have been learning about nets of 3D shapes, how to find the x and y coordinates, the translation and reflection of shapes and we have also looked at working out the mean and reading graphs.

In Geography, pupils had to research an area of the USA and write a fact file about it, including facts such as, which state it is in, the population and features of physical and human geography.

We enjoyed our usual music and ukulele sessions, as well as lots of PE (football, cricket and dance).

On Wednesday, our Mini Police had a visit from Cumbria Police, they were shown the police van and a variety of different types of equipment.

Please make sure to continue with revision, little and often is the best approach.

Keep up the hard work Team Thirlmere, not long to go!



Team Windermere

I have been extremely impressed with the amount of work and revision that Windermere have been able to complete this week. Y6 are very close to SATs and they are certainly ready for them, ready to show off what they can do.

In Maths, we have covered graphs, statistics, translations and reflections, lots of maths content but pupils have taken it all on board, using practice questions to use and apply their knowledge.

In English, we have been working on predictions and retrieval questions in reading and tenses in grammar lessons.

We have continued with Computing, Dance and Music.

Our mini police were visited by Cumbria Police on Wednesday afternoon, they were shown all the equipment in their vans.

In Geography, pupils had to choose an area of the USA to research and create a fact file - there were some excellent posters!

Well done everyone, another busy week in Windermere



Bedwetting - Online supportive presentation for all Parents & Carers

Public
Health
5-19

Tuesday 7th May 1.30pm-2.30pm

Is your child still wet at night?

If yes, don't worry, this is quite normal.

Many children become dry at night soon after they become dry in the day but for others it can be much later.



Join the Public Health nurses to get some top tips on getting your child dry at night.

Delivered via MS Teams

Meeting ID: **342 217 218 786** Passcode: **LfQFmS**



If you would like to have an appointment to discuss your child 1:1 with a nurse please book into our weekly E-School Nurse clinic.

To book an appointment ring

01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm

If you would like more information or be emailed the meeting link please email:
E-SchoolNurse@ncic.nhs.uk

Regular events at Workington Library

Monday - 3pm-4:30pm

Mindful Mondays

Colour yourself to calm. Join us every Monday for the soothing art of colouring.

Tuesday - 10:30am-11am

Story Tots

Fun interactive session for under 5s and their grown-ups

Tuesday - by appointment only

Databank

If you're struggling to afford an internet connection or to top up your mobile phone, then the National Databank can help you.

Tuesday - Fortnightly

Loose Ends

11:30am-1:30pm

Do you have a visual impairment or sight loss? Come along and join the group for social connection and support

Tuesday - by appointment only

Carer Support Clinic

If you care for someone who couldn't manage without your support you may be eligible for benefit payments. To book call: 01900 821976

First Wednesday - 1pm-2:30pm

Social @ the Library

Come along meet new people, make friends, chat, and have a laugh. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday - 4pm-5:30pm

Intergenerational Chess Club

Come and play chess in a friendly atmosphere. Boards and pieces are provided, and all ages 8+ and abilities welcome

Thursday - 10am-12pm

English Cafe

A friendly environment to practice your English, play games, have a coffee and explore our resources.

May

6th - Bank Holiday - School Closed

7th - 8th - Year 3 Kingswood Residential

7th - 9th - Ian Douglas Storytelling Y5

8th - Helen Haraldsen Author visit

10th - Whitehaven Music Festival

13th - 16th - Year 6 SATS Week

15th - 17th - Year 5 York Residential

15th - Helen Haraldsen Author visit

20th - 23rd - Year 6 London Residential

Half term

Friday 24th - Friday 31st May 2024

June

3rd - Reverend Powell assemblies

3rd - 5th - Year 6 Cumbrian Award

6th - Helen Haraldsen Author visit

6th - Year 4 Phunky Foods

10th - 14th - Sports Week

10th - Cricket competition 10am

11th - 12th - Excel Activities

13th - Football competition

13th - Helen Haraldsen Author visit

14th - Sports Day

17th - 19th - Ian Douglas Storyteller Y6

19th - Y6 Blackpool trip

20th - Helen Haraldsen Author visit

21st - Y5/6 Odd Socks Theatre performance

at Curwen Park

28th - Year 6 Tutor meetings at Workington Academy

July

1st - Phunky Foods Y6

2nd - 4th - Ian Douglas Storyteller Y6

2nd - Year 2 parent meeting 2pm

3rd - Year 2 transition visit

8th - Year 6 Phunky Foods

16th - Year 6 Leavers Prom

19th - Break up for summer at 1pm

Scan this QR code to book on
to our current events and see
what else is on offer



What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES



SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s



ONLINE GAMING

68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

74% played with someone they know

32% played with strangers

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

93% 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety

93% of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online

91% children found these lessons useful

78% of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps

40% admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024



ST BEES SCHOOL
WHERE WEST MEETS EAST

Year 5 & Year 6 children - please join us for...

Create your Own
Cupcakes

Friday 17 May • 3:30pm • St Bees School

September 2024 and 2025 will be here before you know it...
and choosing your Secondary School is a big step.
So come along with your grown ups to decorate a cupcake and
find out more about what St Bees can offer you!

Please RSVP to Elly by emailing: helena.opray@stbeesschool.co.uk

The Harrington Youth Club
and
A New Hope, Cumbria C.I.C
present

Youth Group
4 to 11yr old

Come and join us for a range of
activities, including;

Arts and Crafts
Games
Reading Corner
.....and more

Or just make new friends
Saturdays, 9am to 12pm
The Harrington Youth Club

Tuck Shop available (additional cost)

With thanks for funding from

CUMBRIA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

With thanks to funding and support from...

DREAMSCHEME
AND
Workington
Town Council

Join us FREE for the
Harrington Youth Club
Flower Bed Project

10am-3pm
Mon May 27th-Fri 31st

Sign-up the kids (Age 6 and up!) to learn
about nature, create flower beds, plant
fruit, plus activities, games and
Pokémon hunting.
(Packed lunch required each day)

Email jo@theharringtonyouthclub.co.uk for more info

Victoria School

Nursery, Infant and Junior Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

Starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Ends: Tuesday 19th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Starts: Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Starts: Tuesday 16th April 2024

Half Term: Friday 24th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Ends: Friday 19th July 2024

Good Friday: 29th March

Easter Sunday: 31st March

Easter Monday: 1st April

May bank holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

INSET are determined locally

Please note these may differ from Cumbria County Council term dates