



Newsletter

Lowther Endowed School & Little VIPs Day Care
Friday, 6th June 2025



School values: 'Achieving, Caring, Enjoying'

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Celebrations

It was lovely to see everyone on Monday after the May half term. Everyone has settled back into school quickly and there has been lots of hard work this week! Well done everyone!



PE lessons with Carlisle FC – this week we started are football lessons with coaches from Carlisle FC.

Edinburgh – Mrs Douthwaite and Mrs Steadman visited Edinburgh earlier this week and are busy finalising the Edinburgh residential.



Forthcoming Events:

Please take a look the diary dates below and make note of them in your family calendar! We have set dates for sports day, leavers assembly etc – we hope you can join us!

Dynamos Cricket Festival – on Tuesday, 10th June Badgers and two Year 4 pupils are representing the school at the EVSP cricket festival at Penrith Cricket Club. They will be transported by minibus (Mrs Thwaites and Mrs Cook) and in Mrs Steadman's car. Please ensure all the children have a packed lunch and refillable water bottle (unless order through school).



Ankoma Dreamers 2025 – on Thursday, 12th June we are hosting 8 pupils from Ankoma, Ghana. We looking forward to welcoming them and sharing our wonderful school for the day.



Hunter Hall cross country – on Monday, 16th June Hedgehogs class and Years 2 & 3 will be representing school at the Hunter Hall Cross Country. They will be accompanied by Mrs Thomas, Mrs Gill and Mrs Daley and transported by bus. Please ensure they wear their PE kit to school and have a waterproof coat with them.

Church in the Barn football – on Monday, 16th June our football team will be taking part in the Church in the Barn football tournament at Shap. They will be accompanied by Mrs Douthwaite. The team will be transported to Shap by staff and parents in their own vehicles. Parents/carers are invited to support the team! If your child(ren) is playing, please collect from Shap at 4.30pm.

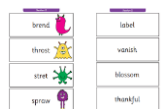


EVSP Multi-sports Festival – on Wednesday, 18th June Hedgehogs class and Year 2 will be participating in the EVSP multi-sports festival at Penrith Leisure Centre. They will be accompanied by Miss Booth and Mrs Clark. Please ensure children wear PE to sport and bring a packed lunch (or one is ordered via school).

Forest School – Badgers class will be participating in Forest School lessons with Mrs Daley on Friday afternoons. Please ensure that the forest school kit is suitable for the activities i.e.: long sleeved t-shirt/jumper and long trousers/joggers with wellies/trainers/walking boots (must have an alternative pairs of shoes). **Please note that shorts, leggings and short sleeved t-shirts are not suitable.**



Year 1 Phonics Screening – during the week commencing 9th June, the Year 1 will complete the Phonics Screening Check with Miss Booth. Information for parents and carers can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents/phonics-screening-check-2024-information-for-parents-text-only-version>



Edinburgh Residential Meeting – we would like to invite our Year 5 & 6 parents and pupils attending the Edinburgh Residential and their parents to an information meeting with Mrs Douthwaite and Mrs Steadman on Tuesday 10th June at 3.30pm.



Online safety parents and carers workshop

– on Tuesday, 15th July a member of the Cumbria Police Digital and Cyber Crime unit will be talking to our Key Stage 2 pupils about keeping safe online. They are also offering a parent and carers (*open to all parents no matter the age of your child*) workshop after school between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. If you wish to attend this workshop, which is designed to support and provide advice, then we are offering free after school places that evening. Please let Laura know if you wish to attend so we can book your child(ren) in to ASC.

If you ever have any concerns or matters you wish to address, please do not hesitate to speak to me, a member of staff or a member of the governing body.

*Best Wishes
Michelle Clark
Executive Headteacher*

Notices:

Little VIPS news – today we say goodbye to Toni Slessor. Toni has been with Little VIPS for a number of years and will be missed. We wish her every success in her new job!



After interviewing earlier this week, we are pleased that Vicki Wordsworth will be joining the Little VIPS team from Monday, 9th June.

CIF bids – earlier this week we received news that our two DfE Conditional Improvement Fund bids had been successful! We were 1 of only 3 schools in Cumbria awarded the funds, and only 27% of schools that applied nationally were successful! The fund will be used to improve the flat roofs and fire security of the building. It is hoped the work will be completed later this year.



ClassDojo

Class Dojo – we currently only use Class Dojo within the classroom to for the children's team points. However, as a school, we are exploring ways to make the most of Class Dojo to support learning and communication. From September 2025, we aim to use the app more actively in school with the children and also as a potential way to communicate with parents. We will keep you updated as we develop how this will work and look forward to sharing more soon!



School Calendar – did you know you can subscribe our school calendar. To subscribe click here:

<https://www.lowther.cumbria.sch.uk/diary/subscribe/>



Diary Dates

Date	Time	Who?	What?	Learning Objective
Summer 2 Term				
Monday, 9 th – Friday, 13 th June	All Day	Year 1	Phonics Screening Assessment	English: To know 44+ phonemes.
Tuesday, 10 th June	AM	Badgers Class	Mixed Dynamo Cricket Festival at Penrith Cricket Club	PE: To participate in competitive sports.
Tuesday, 10 th June	3.30pm	Badgers Class & Parents	Edinburgh residential meeting	PSHE: To visit a culturally diverse city.
Thursday, 12 th June	All day	Whole School	Ankoma Dreamers Day	PSHE: To understand about different cultures
Monday, 16 th June	PM	Years 1 -3	Hunter Hall Cross Country	PE: To participate in competitive sports.
Monday, 16 th June	2pm – 4.30pm	Football Team	Church in the Barn football competition at Shap	PE: To participate in competitive sports.
Wednesday, 18 th June	All day	Hedgehogs & Year 2	EVSP multi-sports festival	PE: To participate in competitive sports.
Thursday, 19 th June	3.00pm – 3.30pm	Whole School	Church in the Barn assembly	RE: To gain an understand Christian beliefs
Monday, 23 rd – Wednesday, 25 th June	All day	Badgers	Edinburgh Residential	PSHE: To visit a culturally diverse city.
Tuesday, 24 th June	Evening	Year 5	QEGS open evening	
Thursday, 26 th June	All Day	Years 3 & 4	EVSP Sports Day @ Sheepmount, Carlilse	PE: To participate in competitive sports.
Thursday, 26 th June	3.00pm – 3.30pm	Whole School	NISCU assembly with Ruth Evans	RE: To gain an understand Christian beliefs
Thursday, 26 th June	Evening	Year 5	UCC open evening	
Tuesday, 1 st July	All day	Whole School	Talkin Tarn Day	PE: To participate in outdoor adventurous activities.
Thursday, 3 rd July	All Day	Year 6	Discovery Day at UCC	PSHE: To prepare for secondary school.
Thursday, 3 rd July	3.00pm – 3.30pm	Whole School	NISCU assembly with Ruth Evans	RE: To gain an understand Christian beliefs
Monday, 7 th July	Spectators invited from 1.10pm onwards	Whole School	Sports Day	PE: To participate in competitive sports.
Thursday, 10 th July	3.00pm – 3.30pm	Whole School	Church in the Barn assembly	RE: To gain an understand Christian beliefs
Friday, 11 th July	9.00am – 12.30pm	Selected children	Shap School Swimming Gale	PE: To take part in competitive sports.
Monday, 14 th July	All day	Whole School	Wheelchair basketball	PE: To participate in a variety of sports.
Tuesday, 15 th July	All day	Whole School	Alternative - Sports Day (in case of rain on 7 th July)	PE: To participate in competitive sports.
Tuesday, 15 th July	PM	Key Stage 2	Online Safety talk from Cumbria Police Cyber & Digital Crime Unit	Computing/PSHE: To understand the importance of being safe online.



Tuesday, 15 th July	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Parents & Carers	Online safety parent and Carer workshop	
Wednesday, 16 th July	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Whole School	Leavers Assembly	PSHE: To celebrate our wonderful Year 6 pupils
Friday, 18 th July	3.30pm	Whole School	Break up for summer holidays	
Friday, 18 th July	3.30pm	Whole School	No after school club	
Autumn Term 2025				
Monday, 1 st & Tuesday, 2 nd September	All day	Staff	Inset	
Wednesday, 3 rd September	8.55am	Whole School	Start of Autumn term 2025	