



Newsletter

Lowther Endowed School & Little VIPs Day Care
Friday, 27th February 2026

Our school values: 'Achieving, Caring, Enjoying'



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Celebrations:



Swimming – We are incredibly proud of the progress the whole school made in swimming lessons last term!

Through consistent effort, growing confidence, and a positive attitude, everyone developed their water safety skills and improved their swimming techniques. It was wonderful to see their determination in the pool and the pride they took in achieving new milestones.

Key Steps Gymnastics – on Friday, 13th February our gymnasts represented the school at the EVSP Key Steps competition. They were amazing and came 4th in the small schools competition! Thank you to Jane Hodgson for helping with transport.



Forthcoming Events:



After School Club Football - We are delighted that Jake from Cumbria Football Academy will be here this half term delivering football skills and coaching at

After School Club on a Mondays from 3.30-4.30pm. If your child/ren would like to join in, please book them in to ASC in the usual way on the SchoolMoney app.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Information meeting – on Monday, 2nd March at 3.30pm, Rob Atkinson, from The Wilderness Company, will be holding a pupil and parent information session about our summer residential.



Year 3 & 4 Quick Sticks - on Thursday, 5th March, Year 3 & 4 pupils will be representing the school at the EVSP Quick Sticks hockey competition at Penrith Leisure Centre. They will be leaving school after lunch at 12.30pm and will return by the end of the day. They will be transported by Ms Thwaites in the minibus.



Year 6 SATS Information meeting - Although the month of May may seem a long way off, we would like to invite

parents and pupils to a Year 6 SATs information meeting on Thursday 5th March at 3:45pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to explain what the SATs are, how they are structured, and what pupils can expect during the assessment period. We will also share how we support pupils in school and how you can help support your child at home. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.

World Book Day - we are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Friday, 6th March! We will be celebrating World Book Day by everyone - children and staff - sharing their favourite books!



Dressing up - If your child(ren) would like, they can come as a book character, or they can come in their pyjamas (all ready to do some bedtime reading), or they can come in their normal uniform. Your child needs to know who they are and from which book, if they come as a character. Remember – you do not need to buy a costume! Making and creating is much more fun (and cheaper). We would rather you spend money on books!



Come & Celebrate Our Learning – we would love to invite all parents, grandparents, and carers to join us on Friday, 6th March between 2.30pm and 3.30pm in celebrating our learning and World Book Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to proudly share their achievements and for families to see the exciting work happening in our classrooms. Your presence makes these moments extra special, and we cannot wait to welcome you into our school community for this celebration. We would also love for you to bring in your favourite children's book to share with the children.

Dry Slope Skiing – on Monday, 16th and Wednesday, 25th March, Mrs Douthwaite has arranged for Badgers class to take part in an exciting dry slope skiing experience. This fantastic opportunity will allow pupils to learn new skills, build confidence, and enjoy a fun physical challenge in a safe and supportive environment. We





are sure the children will have a brilliant time and cannot wait to hear all about their snowy-style adventures! More details to follow.



Hancock Museum – on Tuesday, 17th March Ms Thwaites has arranged for the whole school to visit the Great North Museum: Hancock in Newcastle. During the visit, pupils will have the opportunity to explore a range of exciting exhibits linked to history, geography, and science, including natural history, ancient civilisations, and world cultures. The visit will support classroom learning and provide a valuable hands-on educational experience.

Parents & Carers Consultations – we will be holding our Spring term parents and carers consultations on Monday, 23rd and Thursday, 26th March between 3.45pm and 5.45pm. These consultations are an opportunity for you to meet with your child(ren)'s class teacher to discuss their progress and future learning targets. We will be in touch with details of how to book time slots.



Easter Egg Competition – Miss Booth has launched the Easter Egg competition today in assembly. All entries must be in school by Thursday, 26th March ready for judging.

Bag2School – our Bag2 School Day has been postponed until Wednesday, 22nd April.



Notices:



Parent and Carers Questionnaire - we would like to invite all parents and carers to complete our school questionnaire by **13th March** using this link: [Lowther Endowed School](#)

[Parent & Carers View Questionnaire 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Your views are extremely important to us. As parents and carers, you have a unique insight into your child's experience, and your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can continue to improve. By sharing your perspective, you support us in making informed decisions that benefit our whole school community.

Alongside this, pupils will also be completing their own questionnaire to give them the opportunity to share their views and experiences. Gathering

feedback from both families and pupils helps us build a clearer picture and ensures that everyone's voice is heard.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire — your feedback is greatly valued.

School Dinners - We kindly ask parents and carers to please talk with your children about their school meal choices. Recently, a number of children have raised concerns about meals that have been chosen for them.



While Anthony, our school chef, always does his best to accommodate the children where possible, this cannot always be guaranteed, as meals are prepared to order on the day.

Having a quick conversation at home about meal choices will help ensure children are happy with what they receive at lunchtime. Thank you for your support.



Healthy Packed Lunches & Snacks - a friendly reminder to families about the importance of sending healthy packed lunches and snacks to school each day.

Nutritious packed lunches and snacks help children stay focused, energised, and ready to learn throughout the day. Choosing foods that are lower in sugar and rich in nutrients supports steady energy levels and encourages positive, lifelong healthy eating habits.

Great ideas for healthy packed lunches and snacks include:

- Fresh fruit or vegetable sticks (e.g. carrots, cucumber, peppers)
- Yogurt or cheese
- Whole-grain crackers or bread
- Sandwiches or wraps with lean fillings (chicken, tuna, egg, cheese, salad)
- Hummus or other healthy dips
- Pasta or rice salads with vegetables
- Homemade muffins with reduced sugar
- Leftover dinner portions such as stir-fried vegetables or grilled chicken
- Boiled eggs

We kindly ask families to **avoid** items that are high in sugar, such as sweets, chocolate bars, crisps, and sugary drinks, as these can lead to energy crashes and reduced concentration in class.



Vacancies - We are currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Early Years Childcare Practitioner
- Midday Supervisor with the possibility of extra hours
- Clerk to the Governors

If you are passionate about supporting children's learning and wellbeing, or contributing to the smooth running of our school, we would love to hear from you.

For full job descriptions, application details, and closing dates, please visit our website: <https://www.lowther.cumbria.sch.uk/current-staff-vacancies>

Join our team and make a real difference in our school community!

Head Lice - we would like to remind parents and carers to regularly check their child's hair for head lice (nits). These small insects are common in school settings and spread easily through close contact. While they are not a sign of poor hygiene, they can cause itching and discomfort if left untreated. If you do find head lice, we encourage prompt treatment to help prevent them from spreading further. Regular combing with a fine-toothed nit comb and following recommended treatments can be very effective. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep our school community healthy and comfortable.

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 - Headteacher





Diary Dates

Date	Time	Who?	What?	Learning Objective
Spring 2 Term				
Every Tuesday	1.00pm – 1.25pm	Whole School	Church in the Barn Assembly	RE: To learn about Christian and world views.
Every Thursday until Summer term	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Badgers	Mini Steel Pan	Music: To learn how to play a percussion instrument.
Monday, 02.03.26 – Friday, 06.03.26	All day	Whole School	Work experience pupil from UCC	
Monday, 02.03.26	11am	Badgers	Michael Rosen online	English: To participate in a poetry lesson.
Monday, 02.03.26 – every Monday until Easter	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School	ASC Football with Jake	
Monday, 02.03.26	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Years 5 & 6 and parents/carers	The Wilderness Company – summer residential information meeting	
Thursday, 05.03.26	PM	Years 3 & 4	EVSP Quick sticks at PLC	PE: To participate in a competitive sport.
Thursday, 05.03.26	3.45pm – 4.30pm	Year 6 pupils & parents	SATS information presentation	
Friday, 06.03.26	All day	Whole School	World Book Day	English: To celebrate the love of reading.
Monday, 09.03.26 – Friday, 13.03.26	AM	Whole School	Assessment Week	
Monday, 09.03.26 – Friday, 13.03.26	All day	Whole School	Work experience pupil from AGS	
Friday, 13.03.26	10.30am – 12.00pm	Governors	Finance, Health & Safety and Premises Committee Meeting	
Monday, 16.03.26	AM	Badgers	Dry-slope skiing at Kendal Ski Club	PE: To participate in a new sport.
Tuesday, 17.03.26	All day	Whole School	Hancock Museum, Newcastle	History: To learn about past events.
Friday, 20.03.26	All Day	Whole School	Red Nose Day – Take Yourself Funny for Money	PSHE: To raise money for a national charity.
Monday, 23.03.26	3.45pm – 5.30pm	Parents & Carers	Parents & Carers evening	To discuss pupil progress and next steps.
Tuesday, 24.03.26	All day	Hedgehogs	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Becks Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom
Wednesday, 25.03.26	AM	Badgers	Dry-slope skiing at Kendal Ski Club	PE: To participate in a new sport.
Thursday, 26.03.26	3.45pm – 5.30pm	Parents & Carers	Parents & Carers evening	To discuss pupil progress and next steps.
Thursday, 26.03.26	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Governors	Curriculum, Pupil & Staffing Committee Meeting	
Friday, 27.03.26	2.30pm – 3.30pm	Family & Friends	Easter Assembly	
Friday, 27.03.26	3.30pm	Whole School	Break up for Easter holidays	
Summer 1 Term				
Monday, 13.04.26	8.55am	Whole School	Start of Summer 1 term	



Every Tuesday	1.00pm – 1.25pm	Whole School	Church in the Barn Assembly	RE: To learn about Christian and world views.
Thursday, 16.04.26 – every Thursday until start of Summer 2	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School	ASC Football with Jake	
Monday, 20.04.26	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Year 5	Mr Gilby, UCC to talk to Year 5	
Wednesday, 22.03.26	9.00am	Community	Bag2School	
Thursday, 23.04.26	PM	Badgers	EVSP Tag Rugby	PE: To participate in a competitive sport.
Tuesday, 28.04.26	All day	Badgers	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Becks Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom.
Thursday, 30.04.26	PM	Year 1 & 2	EVSP Tag Rugby Festival	PE: To participate in a new sport.
Monday, 04.05.26	All day	Whole School	Early May Bank Holiday	School & Nursery closed.
Monday, 11.05.26	AM	Year 6	End of KS2 SATS – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	
Tuesday, 12.05.26	AM	Year 6	End of KS2 SATS – Reading	
Wednesday, 13.05.26	AM	Year 6	End of KS2 SATS – Maths Papers 1 & 2	
Thursday, 14.05.26	AM	Year 6	End of KS2 SATS – Paper 3	
Friday, 15.05.26	All day	Badgers	A66 archaeological visit	History: To discover about local history.
Thursday, 21.05.26	PM	Selected children	Penrith local schools swimming gala	PE: To participate in a competitive sport.
Friday, 22.05.26	PM	Hedgehogs	Morland Area CofE School Farming Experience	Learning Beyond the Classroom.
Friday, 22.05.26	3.30pm	Whole School	Break up for half term	
Summer 2 Term				
Monday, 01.06.26	8.55am	Whole School	Start of Summer 2 term	
Every Tuesday	1.00pm – 1.25pm	Whole School	Church in the Barn Assembly	RE: To learn about Christian and world views.
Tuesday, 02.06.26 – every Tuesday until end of Summer	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School	ASC Cricket with Adam	
Every Thursday until Summer term	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Badgers	Mini Steel Pan	Music: To learn how to play a percussion instrument.
Tuesday, 09.06.26	All day	Badgers	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Becks Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom.
Tuesday, 23.06.26	All day	Hedgehogs	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Becks Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom.
Wednesday, 24.06.26 – Friday, 26.06.26	Residential	Years 5 & 6	Crag Pool – The Wilderness Company	PE: To take part in outdoor adventurous activities.
Friday, 10.07.26	TBC	Selected children	Shap Swimming Gala	PE: To take part in competitive sports.
Monday, 13.07.26	All day	Whole School	Wheelchair basketball/rugby	PE: To take part in a new sport.
Friday, 17.07.26	2.30pm	Whole School	Break up for Summer holidays	NO after school club.

