



Newsletter

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

Our school values: 'Achieving, Caring, Enjoying'



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Celebrations:

Dry Slope Skiing – On Monday, 16th and Wednesday, 25th March, Badgers Class had amazing afternoons at Kendal Ski Club!



There were definitely a few nervous faces at the start, but it didn't take long before those nerves turned into smiles. As the session went on, confidence grew and soon everyone was off skiing down the slope like pros!

The children showed fantastic determination and really supported each other throughout the afternoon. We are so proud of how quickly they all developed their skills.

A huge thank you to the instructors at Kendal Ski Club for their encouragement, patience and expert guidance — it made the experience so enjoyable for everyone!



Hancock Museum - What a fantastic day at the Hancock Museum on Tuesday, 17th March! In the morning, our Hedgehogs and Badgers worked together, exploring and enjoying the museum side by side. It was lovely to see such great teamwork and curiosity in action. Both classes also had the chance to visit the planetarium, which was a real highlight of the day — an amazing experience that sparked lots of awe and wonder

Afterwards, the groups went off on their own adventures — the Badgers took part in an exciting Ancient Greeks workshop, diving into history and asking brilliant questions, while the Hedgehogs explored the museum further and made the most of the sunshine outside!

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – on Friday, 20th March everyone dressed wacky, coloured their hair, wore wigs or red in aid of Red Nose Day. We raised £60 - thank you for everyone's generosity.



Parents & Carers Evening - thank you to everyone who attended appointments for their child(ren) – we appreciate the time you take to support their learning. Remember that you do not have to wait until parents' evenings to discuss your

child's progress. Get in touch with your child's teacher if there's anything you would like to explore.

Forthcoming Events:

After School Club Football - Jake from Cumbria Football Academy will be continuing the football 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.



Mini Rockers – on Friday, 17th & 24th April and 1st & 8th May, Hedgehogs Class will be taking part in the Mini Rockers bouldering course at Eden Rock. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 12.45pm. The children will be transported by mini bus (Mrs Clark driving with Mrs Pinkerton). They will need a packed lunch on each of these days, either from home or ordered from school. The children can come to school wearing their PE kits.

Online Safety – on Monday, 20th April a member of the Cumbria Police Digital and Cyber Crime unit will be hosting 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 in the office know if you wish to attend so we can book your child(ren) in to ASC.



Bag2School – on Wednesday, 22nd April, we will be holding a Bag2School collection. So, if you or family members/friends are having a spring clean, then please consider holding onto the following items for our collection:

- Textiles like adults'/children's clothing,
- Paired shoes,
- Handbags, belts, hats, scarves, ties,
- Jewellery,
- Socks
- Soft toys
- Household linens (bedding, sheets, towels, curtains).



They do **NOT** accept soiled, ripped, wet, or unwearable items, duvets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs, mats, school/work uniforms, or textile offcuts.



Tag Rugby Festival – on Thursday, 23rd April Badgers class will be taking part in the EVSP Tag Rugby festival at Frenchfields, Penrith. They will leave school shortly after lunch and return by the end of the day. They will be transported by coach, accompanied by Ms Thwaites and Mrs Steadman.

End of KS2 SATS – SATs week is between 12th and 15th May. This is where our Year 6 pupils sit their end of KS2 Standard Assessments Tests (SATs). It is important children are well rested, have a substantial breakfast and are in school every day that week. If you have any questions about the SATS, please do not hesitate to ask.



Notices:



Summer Menus - we are excited to share some delicious news as we head into the Summer Term! Our school kitchen has been busy planning a refreshed menu, and this time, our pupils have played a very important role in shaping what's on offer.

Last Friday, children from across the school were invited to share their favourite meals and suggest new dishes they'd love to see at lunchtime. Their enthusiasm and creativity have helped us design a menu that is not only nutritious but also packed with meals they genuinely enjoy.

As a result, we are delighted to introduce a range of new and popular dishes, including:

- **Cottage Pie** – a comforting classic with rich, savoury flavours
- **All-Day Breakfast** – a firm favourite that's sure to be a hit
- **Roast Gammon** – served with seasonal vegetables for a traditional touch
- **Macaroni Cheese** – creamy, cheesy, and always popular

These choices reflect the children's voices, and we are proud to offer meals that they have helped to create. Our aim is to make lunchtime a positive, enjoyable experience while continuing to provide balanced and healthy options for everyone.

We would like to thank all the children who contributed their ideas - your input truly makes a difference! We hope the new menu brings excitement to the dining hall and keeps everyone fuelled for a fantastic term of learning.



Parking outside school - Please remember not to park on the yellow lines outside the school when dropping off or collecting your children.

These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of all pupils, families, and staff by keeping visibility clear and traffic flowing smoothly.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep everyone safe.

Nut-free environment - we would like to kindly remind all families that our school is a nut-free environment. This policy is in place to protect pupils with severe allergies and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.



Please do not send any food items containing nuts, including in packed lunches. This includes common products such as:

- Peanut butter
- Nutella or chocolate spreads containing hazelnuts
- Any snacks or baked goods that may contain nuts or traces of nuts.

We ask that you carefully check food labels before preparing packed lunches and snacks for your child.



Parents & Carers Survey – we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent questionnaire. We truly appreciate the time and thought you put into sharing your views and feedback with us.

Your responses are incredibly valuable and play an important role in helping us to reflect on our current practices, celebrate what is working well, and identify areas where we can continue to improve. By working together and listening to your perspectives, we are better able to support our pupils and strengthen our school community.



We will be sharing a summary of the results shortly on the school website, so please do keep an eye out for this update.



Fundraising – Evelyn, Edward (former pupils) and David Calway are taking on the Lake District Might Hike Full Marathon in memory of Zoe (mum, wife and a former school governor), who sadly lost her battle to cancer in 2024 and raising funds for Macmillan. If you would like to show your support, then please donate via: https://mightyhikesfundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/mighty-hike-for-zoe?edit=page&utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-WA&utm_content=MPC



End of Year Events – we have set the dates for our end of year events such as sports day and leavers assembly. Please see the diary dates below and keep the date free!



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
Summer 1 Term				
Monday, 13.04.26	8.55am	Whole School	Start of Summer 1 term	
Monday, 13.04.26	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School	ASC Football with Jake	
Every Tuesday	1.00pm – 1.25pm	Whole School	Church in the Barn Assembly	RE: To learn about Christian and world views.
Friday, 17.04.26	9.00am – 12.30pm	Hedgehogs	Mini Rockers @ Eden Rock, Carlisle	PE: To participate in a new sport.
Monday, 20.04.26	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Year 5	Mr Gilby, UCC to talk to Year 5	
Monday, 20.04.26	3.45pm – 4.45pm	Parents & Carers	Online Safety talk from member of Cumbria Constabulary Cyber and Digital Crime Unit	
Thursday, 23.04.26	PM	Badgers	EVSP Tag Rugby	PE: To participate in a competitive sport.
Friday, 24.04.26	9.00am – 12.30pm	Hedgehogs	Mini Rockers @ Eden Rock, Carlisle	PE: To participate in a new 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.
Friday, 01.05.26	9.00am – 12.30pm	Hedgehogs	Mini Rockers @ Eden Rock, Carlisle	PE: To participate in a new sport.
Monday, 04.05.26	All day	Whole School	Early May Bank Holiday	School & Nursery closed
Friday, 08.05.26	9.00am – 12.30pm	Hedgehogs	Mini Rockers @ Eden Rock, Carlisle	PE: To participate in a new sport.
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 Beckside Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom
Tuesday, 23.06.26	All day	Hedgehogs	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Beckside Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom
Wednesday, 24.06.26 – Friday, 26.06.26	All day	Years 5 & 6	The Wilderness Company Residential, Crag Pond	PE: To take part in OAA
Thursday, 02.07.26	All day	Whole School	Move up Day	
Monday, 06.07.26	3.45pm – 4.45pm	New Starters	Parents information meeting for starting school in September 2026	
Wednesday, 08.07.26	All Day	Whole School	Sports and Enterprise Day	
Friday, 10.07.26	AM	Selected Pupils	Shap Swimming Gala	
Friday, 10.07.26	--	Parents & Carers	End of Year Reports	
Monday, 13.07.26	All Day	Whole School	Wheelchair basketball and rugby	
Wednesday, 15.07.26	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Whole School	Leavers Assembly	
Friday, 17.07.26	2.00pm	Whole School	Break up for Summer holidays	NO after School Club

