



# Newsletter

Lowther Endowed School & Little VIPs Day Care  
Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*Our school values: 'Achieving, Caring, Enjoying'*



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a wonderful time we are having at Lowther Endowed School & Little VIPs Day Care as we move further into the summer term. The children continue to demonstrate such enthusiasm for learning, and we are delighted to share some of the fantastic experiences they have been enjoying recently.

## Celebrations:



**Ernest Cook Trust Day** – on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, our Badgers Class had a truly memorable day at Low Beckside Farm as part of our valuable link with the Ernest Trust. This visit was a real highlight for the children, offering them the opportunity to step away from the classroom and into the working world of farming. During their time at the farm, the children explored the landscape, learned about the diverse range of jobs that farmers undertake. It was a brilliant reminder of just how essential farmers are to our communities and how the journey of so much of what we use and eat truly begins on a farm.

**Wilderness Day** – On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, pupils of Badgers Class enjoyed an outdoor adventure at Ullswater with The Wilderness Company, trying bell boating for the first time and learning to paddle together as a team. Afterward, they walked up Dunmallard Hill, where they were rewarded with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside, making it a fun and memorable day of teamwork and exploration.



**EVSP Tennis** – on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, four of our Year 3 and 4s represented the school at the EVSP Tennis festival at Penrith Tennis Club. Despite limited tennis practise, they won their group and reached the finals, placing third overall. Amazing team spirit!

## Forthcoming Events:



**End of KS2 SATS** – Next week, from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May, we will be administering the Key Stage 2 SATS assessments to our Year 6 pupils. These are important assessments that measure progress and attainment across English and Mathematics.

We kindly ask that you support your child during this period by ensuring they come to school from 8.30am each day, as we will be offering a breakfast session

before the assessments begin. A good breakfast is really important for concentration and focus, and we would love to see as many of our Year 6s as possible taking advantage of this opportunity.

Please ensure your child is well rested during this week and that they arrive at school on time each morning. If you have any concerns about your child or would like to discuss how we can best support them during this period, please do not hesitate to contact us.



**Ernest Cook Trust Day** – on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Hedgehog's class will be travelling with Mrs Clark and Mrs Pinkerton to the Low Beckside Farm, Mungrisdale to work with the Ernest Cook Trust leaders. They will be introduced to the farm, and then explore working on a farm and looking after the animals in the morning, followed by the wonders of wool in the afternoon.

The children are to wear suitable clothing for the day that you do not mind getting dirty (ie: joggers/leggings (**NO** jeans), t-shirt, sweatshirt). They will need to wear either trainers or walking boots and bring wellies with them in a carrier bag. Please ensure that waterproofs coats and trousers are packed, as well as sunhats and suncream if the weather is due to be warm – we will be outside no matter the weather!

Everyone will need packed lunches. Please ensure you book these via the SchoolMoney app by Sunday evening.



**Lowther in Nature Celebration** – on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June both classes will be working with local artist, Gwen Bainbridge and Cumbria Connect, to create an art installation for Lowther Castle's nature celebration that is taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> July.



**Pirate Day** – on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, we will be celebrating Mrs Thomas' wonderful time at Lowther with a special Pirate Day!

The day will be full of exciting pirate-themed activities, fun games, creative learning and plenty of adventures on the high seas. Children are invited to come dressed as pirates and we would love costumes to be as creative as possible — there is absolutely no need to buy one. Homemade hats, stripes, scarves and eye patches are all encouraged! We look forward to making this a memorable celebration for Mrs Thomas and all of our Lowther crew.

**Penrith Local School Swimming Gala**

- on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, a selected group of children will be attending a swimming gala at Penrith Leisure Centre. Further details about this event, including times, location and what your child needs to bring, will be shared with you shortly. We will be in touch with all the families involved to provide you with the information you need.



**Farming Experience** - on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Hedgehogs class will be attending a farming experience at Morland Area CofE School.

This is another wonderful opportunity for our pupils to engage with the natural world and learn about farming in a practical, hands-on way. Mrs Clark and

Mrs Pinkerton will be accompanying the class on this visit. We will be leaving school at 11.40am and returning at 2.30pm.

The children will be having a picnic lunch at Morland, so we kindly ask that you either order a packed lunch through the SchoolMoney app or indicate that you will be providing a packed lunch from home.

**Notices:**



**Sun cream & sunhats** - As the weather continues to warm up over the coming weeks, we would kindly ask that you send sun cream and sun hats into school with your child.

We are keen to ensure that all our pupils are protected from the sun during outdoor activities and playtimes. Sun cream can be applied by staff, and we ask that you label any sun cream bottles with your child's name. Sun hats are a wonderful way for children to stay protected whilst enjoying our outdoor spaces, and we encourage all families to send these in as the temperatures rise.

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
<b>Summer 1 Term</b>				
Every Monday	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School	ASC Football with Jake	
Every Tuesday	1.00pm – 1.25pm	Whole School	Church in the Barn Assembly	<b>RE: To learn about Christian and world views</b>
Monday, 11.05.26	AM	Year 6	End of KS2 SATS – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	
Tuesday, 12.05.26	All day	Hedgehogs	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Beckside Farm	<b>Learning Beyond the Classroom</b>
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	
Wednesday, 13.05.26	All day	Whole School	NISCU – Andi Taylor	<b>Art: To create a mural in Wise Owls</b>
Thursday, 14.05.26				
Thursday, 14.05.26	AM	Year 6	End of KS2 SATS – Paper 3	
Monday, 18.05.26	All day	Hedgehogs	Lowther in Nature Celebration	<b>Art: To work with a professional artist</b>
Thursday, 21.05.26	PM	Selected children	Penrith local schools swimming gala	<b>PE: To participate in a competitive sport</b>
Friday, 22.05.26	PM	Hedgehogs	Morland Area CofE School Farming Experience	<b>Learning Beyond the Classroom</b>
Friday, 22.05.26	3.30pm	Whole School	Break up for half term	
<b>Summer 2 Term</b>				
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	<b>RE: To learn about Christian and world views</b>
Tuesday, 02.06.26 – every Tuesday until end of Summer	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School	ASC Cricket with Adam	
Tuesday, 02.06.26	PM	Years 5 & 6	Pinocchio Panto & workshop @ Shap	<b>Drama: To watch a professional performance</b>
Tuesday, 02.06.26	AM	Years 3 & 4	Forest School with Dave Corrie	<b>PSHE/PE: To participate in OAA; to work together as a team; to learn about learning beyond the classroom</b>
Wednesday, 03.06.26	All day	AM – Years 5 & 6 PM - Hedgehogs		
Every Thursday, 04.06.26 until Summer term	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Badgers	Mini Steel Pan	<b>Music: To learn how to play a percussion instrument</b>
Friday, 05.06.26	All day	Badgers	Lowther in Nature Celebration	<b>Art: To work with a professional artist</b>
Tuesday, 09.06.26	All day	Badgers	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Beckside Farm	<b>Learning Beyond the Classroom</b>

Friday, 12.06.26	AM	Whole School	Hawthorn Ash Wildlife and Wild Flowers Garden	<b>Science: To visit a local wildlife garden</b>
Tuesday, 23.06.26	All day	Hedgehogs	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Becks Farm	<b>Learning Beyond the Classroom</b>
Tuesday, 23.06.25	All day	Badgers	Westmorland County Show Farm Open Day – Heaves Farm	<b>Learning Beyond the Classroom</b>
Wednesday, 24.06.26 – Friday, 26.06.26	All day	Years 5 & 6	The Wilderness Company Residential, Crag Pond	<b>PE: To take part in OAA</b>
Thursday, 25.06.26	All Day	Years 3 & 4	School Games @ The Sheepmount, Carlisle	<b>PE: To participate in a competitive sport</b>
Thursday, 02.07.26	All day	Whole School	Move up Day	
Thursday, 02.07.26	All day	Whole School	Forest School with Dave Corrie	<b>PSHE/PE: To participate in OAA; to work together as a team; to learn about learning beyond the classroom</b>
Friday, 03.07.26				
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	<b>NO after School Club</b>

