



Newsletter

Lowther Endowed School & Little VIPs Day Care
Friday, 22nd May 2026

Our school values: 'Achieving, Caring, Enjoying'



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Please take some time to make a note of the important dates for the coming half term, as we have lots of exciting events, activities and opportunities taking place across school. It promises to be a very busy and enjoyable few weeks for our children!

We encourage families to check dates carefully and add them to calendars where possible. We will, of course, endeavour to send reminders home as events approach to help keep everyone informed.

Celebrations:



Mrs Thomas – on Wednesday, 20th May we said a heartfelt thank you to our truly wonderful and inspiring teacher, Mrs Thomas, as she begins a new chapter after 24 incredible years at our school.

For nearly a quarter of a century, Mrs Thomas has filled our school with creativity, laughter, kindness, and unforgettable memories. From magical art lessons covered in paint and imagination, to exciting school trips, brilliant Pirate Days, and history lessons that brought the past vividly to life, she has created moments that generations of children will carry with them forever.

End of KS2 SATS - A huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils, who have now completed their SATs! We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience and positive attitude they have shown throughout the week. The children approached each test with maturity and worked exceptionally hard, giving their very best effort.



Ernest Cook Trust Day – on 12th May, our Hedgehogs Class had a truly memorable day at Low Becks Farm as part of our valuable link with the Ernest Cook 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.

Pirate Day - the whole school has thoroughly enjoyed a fun-packed day filled with a variety of exciting activities... from creating delicious fruit pirate ships, pirate biscuits, to a coordinate treasure hunt!! The children showed fantastic teamwork, enthusiasm and



creativity throughout the day, making it a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.



Penrith Swimming Gala - well done to Badger Class, who took part in a local swimming gala at GLL Penrith on Thursday 21st May. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent teamwork, determination and encouragement towards one another throughout the event.

Forthcoming Events:

Hunter Hall Cross Country – a number of Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3s will be representing our school at the Hunter Hall cross country on Monday, 1st June. Miss Booth will be accompanying the children also a number of governors and parents. Children are to wear their PE kit to school on that morning please.



Pinocchio - on Tuesday, 2nd June, Years 5 and 6 will be travelling to Shap CofE School with Mrs Clark (driving mini bus) and Mrs Steadman to watch a performance of Pinocchio followed by a drama workshop. We are leaving school at 1pm and will return by 3.30pm.

Forest Schools – on Tuesday, 2nd and Wednesday, 3rd June the whole school will be taking part on forest school sessions with Dave Corrie. Please ensure that your child(ren) wears old clothes to school that you do not mind getting dirty. They should also bring in a pair of wellies and water proofs (in a separate bag). The sessions are as follows:



- AM Tuesday, 2nd June - Years 3 & 4
- AM Wednesday, 3rd June – Years 5 & 6
- PM Wednesday, 4th June – Hedgehogs class



Lowther in Nature Celebration – on Friday 5th June Badgers class along with Gwen Bainbridge and Cumbria Connect, will be creating an art installation for Lowther Castle's nature celebration that is taking place on 4th July.

Notices:

PE Days – please note that for the rest of summer term PE days for both classes are changing to Tuesday and Wednesdays.



After School Cricket Club – from Tuesday, 2nd June, we are delighted that Adam from Cumbria Cricket will be delivering cricket skills and coaching at After School Club on a Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30pm. (Apart from Tuesday 23rd June) If your child/ren would like

to join in, please book them in to ASC in the usual way on the SchoolMoney app.

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.

We would like to wish all of our children and families a wonderful and restful half term break. We hope you enjoy spending time together and make the most of the week ahead.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school at **8:55am on Monday 1st June**, ready for an exciting final half term. Have a lovely break, and we will see you soon!

*Best Wishes
Michelle Clark – Headteacher*





Diary Dates

Date	Time	Who?	What?	Learning Objective
Summer 2 Term				
Monday, 01.06.26	8.55am	Whole School	Start of Summer 2 term	
Monday, 01.06.26	PM	Selected children	Hunter Hall Cross Country	PE: To take part in a competitive sport
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	
Tuesday, 02.06.26	PM	Years 5 & 6	Pinocchio Panto & workshop @ Shap	Drama: To watch a professional performance
Tuesday, 02.06.26	AM	Years 3 & 4	Forest School with Dave Corrie	PSHE/PE: To participate in OAA; to work together as a team; to learn about learning beyond the classroom
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	Music: To learn how to play a percussion instrument
Friday, 05.06.26	All day	Badgers	Lowther in Nature Celebration	Art: To work with a professional artist
Monday, 08.06.26 – Friday, 12.06.26	All day	Year 1	Phonics Screening Check	English: To assess phonics knowledge
Monday, 08.06.26	2.15pm – 3.00pm	Year 5	QEGS headteacher (Mr Marchant)	
Tuesday, 09.06.26	All day	Badgers	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Beckside Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom
Thursday, 11.06.26	PM	Whole School	Hawthorn Ash Wildlife and Wild Flowers Garden	Science: To visit a local wildlife garden
Monday, 15.06.26	AM	Year 6	Year 7 transition session at Morland Church	PSHE: To work with local Year 6 pupils in preparation for transition to secondary school
Monday, 15.06.26	9.30am	Whole School	WAF Mobile Library Bus	English: To visit the library
Friday, 19.06.26	PM	Year 6	UCC to talk with Year 6	
Tuesday, 23.06.26	All day	Hedgehogs	Ernest Cook Trust – Low Beckside Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom
Tuesday, 23.06.25	All day	Badgers	Westmorland County Show Farm Open Day – Heaves Farm	Learning Beyond the Classroom
Tuesday, 23.06.25	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Whole School	Cricket Club	CANCELLED
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, 25.06.26	All Day	Years 3 & 4	School Games @ The Sheepmount, Carlisle	PE: To participate in a competitive sport
Thursday, 02.07.26	All day	Whole School	Move up Day	
Thursday, 02.07.26	All day	Whole School	Forest School with Dave Corrie	PSHE/PE: To participate in OAA; to work together as a team; to learn about learning beyond the classroom
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	NO after School Club
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Summer 1 Term				
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	RE: To learn about Christian and world views
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	Learning Beyond the Classroom
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	Art: To create a mural in Wise Owls
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	Art: To work with a professional artist
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
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