



Newsletter

Lowther Endowed School & Little VIPs Day Care
Friday, 12th June 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:

Hunter Hall Cross Country – on Monday, 1st June Our children made us so proud at the Hunter Hall Cross Country!



What a lovely atmosphere it was, with everyone showing great determination, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the event. Every single child persevered, tried their very best, and represented our school brilliantly.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for making the afternoon run smoothly, we couldn't have done it without your support.



Pinocchio - on Tuesday, 2nd June, Years 5 and 6 visited Shap School to watch a wonderful production of Pinocchio! The talented cast of 4 had wonderful costumes and props, including Pinocchio's pneumatic nose! Lots of clapping and sing was involved!

Forest Schools – on Tuesday, 2nd and Wednesday, 3rd June the children enjoyed fantastic Forest School sessions with Dave Corrie.



Working together as teams, the children designed and built a swing and stools for our outdoor area, showing excellent cooperation, creativity and problem-solving skills. They also learned new woodland craft skills, making their own whistles and mallets using natural materials.

It was wonderful to see everyone developing confidence, resilience and teamwork while enjoying hands-on learning in the great outdoors. We are so proud of what they achieved and cannot wait to see the new additions being enjoyed in our outside area!

Ernest Cook Trust Day – on Tuesday, 9th



June, Badgers Class enjoyed a fantastic day of hands-on geography at Low Beckside Farm! Despite the torrential rain, the children showed great enthusiasm and resilience as they explored the Lake District through map reading, grid reference and compass work. They also created mountains using contour models to develop their understanding of landscapes. A highlight of the day was meeting the adorable pet lambs, getting a sneak peek at the beautiful new baby kids and also seeing baby Poppy, a Belted Galloway calf. Rain certainly didn't stop the learning!



Lowther in Nature Celebration – on Friday 5th June Badgers class along with Gwen Bainbridge and Cumbria Connect, continued creating our art installation for Lowther Castle's nature celebration that is taking place on 4th July. More information about this event can be found on the below poster.

Hawthorn Ash - Despite the rain, Badgers and Hedgehogs classes had a memorable morning on Thursday, 11th June at the opening of Hawthorn Ash Gardens in Hackthorpe.

The children were honoured to be invited to this special event and had the privilege of cutting the ribbon and revealing the commemorative plaque to officially mark the opening.



Forthcoming Events:



Year 7 Transition – on Monday, 15th June Year 6 will be visiting St Lawrence's Church, Morland to meet with other local Year 6 pupils to prepare them for the transition to secondary school. This will be an opportunity for them to meet with other local pupils who will be starting at UCC and also to discuss any worries or concerns they may have.

They will leave school at 9.15am (North Westmorland Benefice are providing transport – minibus) and return before lunchtime. They will be accompanied by Mrs Steadman.

WAF Mobile Library - on Monday, 15th

June the mobile library bus will be visiting school. Both class and our pre-schoolers in Red Squirrels will have the opportunity to choose books from the library. If you have any library books at home, please ensure they are returned on Monday. Thank you.



Year 6 UCC - on Friday, 19th June members of the UCC team will be visiting our school to talk to the Year 6 pupils about their move to Year 7 in September.

Ernest Cook Trust Day – on Tuesday 23rd

June, Hedgehog's class will be travelling with Mrs Clark and Mrs Pinkerton to the Low Becks Farm, Mungrisdale to work with the Ernest Cook Trust leaders. The focus of this visit is living things and habitats.



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.



Heaves Farm – also on Tuesday, 23rd June Badgers Class will be visiting Heaves Farm, Milnthorpe with Mrs Douthwaite and Mrs Steadman.

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Year 5 & 6 Residential – between



Wednesday, 24th and Friday, 26th June the Year 5 and 6s will be travelling to Crag Pond with Mrs Clark, for 2 fun-filled adventure days with The Wilderness Company. A letter will be sent home shortly confirming the final details.

Notices:

Mrs Douthwaite – We emailed all parents and carers last week to say that Mrs Douthwaite will be leaving Lowther Endowed School at the end of this term to take up a new role.

Mrs Douthwaite has been a valued member of our school community for nearly 15 years, during which time she has made a significant contribution to the life of our school and to the education and wellbeing of our pupils. We are extremely grateful for her dedication, professionalism and commitment over such a long period, and we are sure that you will join us in wishing her every success and happiness in her new position.

We have begun the process of advertising and will be interviewing for a new teacher, with the intention that a successful candidate will be in post from September. We will, of course, keep you updated as the recruitment process progresses.

In the meantime, we will ensure that there is a smooth transition for all pupils to maintain continuity in their learning.



Sports Day – at our Sports Day on Wednesday, 8th July, the Friends of Little School & Little VIPs will be serving refreshments. If you are able to help out, please let either Alice Vince, Katie Smith or Gabriella Watkins know.



FoLS - want to make a difference in our children's school and nursery life? Friends of Lowther School (FOLS) is a group of parents working together to support our school and nursery and create wonderful opportunities for every child.

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 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, 04.06.26 until Summer term	1.30pm – 2.15pm	Badgers	Mini Steel Pan	Music: To learn how to play a percussion instrument
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, 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



Lowther Celebration of Nature

Hosted by **Cumbria Connect & Lowther Castle & Gardens**

Saturday 4th July 2026 10am - 5pm

Lowther Castle - Setterah Park Farm - Low Gardens Bridge

Join us for a free event celebrating nature across the Lowther Estate & The Castle & Gardens. Events include.....

Bioblitz across the Estate & Gardens - See what you can find!

Drop-in Activities:

- ✿ Nature Interest Table
- ✿ The Beaver Trust
- ✿ Watch The Pond Dipping
- ✿ Glow Worm Project
- ✿ Bug Hunting In Our Haystacks
- ✿ Moth Trap Reveal
- ✿ Nature Crafts & Games
- ✿ Red Squirrel & Bird Watching

Bookable Activities:

- ✿ Electric Cycle Safari
- ✿ Beavers & Becks Walk
- ✿ Into The Woods Walk
- ✿ Wetland Wildlife Hide
- ✿ Bat Walk At Dusk Walk (9.30pm)



Find out more and book tickets at www.lowthercastle.org

Entrance to the gardens will be required for events within the castle garden.



