



NEWSLETTER

27/3/26

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Many thanks to all the parents who have attended events recently, whether this be at our recent coffee afternoon, parents evening, the Carlisle Utd fixture or our Chocolate Bingo afternoon. It was good to see everyone and catch up.

Although this half term has been shorter, it has been busy and the children are ready for a break. We look forward to welcoming them back on 13th April.

DOORS

Punctuality is improving for many, but may I remind you that the door to Y3/4 and Y5/6 will close at 8.55am. Please do not knock at the door and expect to be let in. Go around to the front door where we can sign people in. Whilst this may be an inconvenience, arriving on time is the best solution.

UNIFORM

We have had a few glimpses of summer recently and hopefully we will have many warm and sunny days next term. For uniform, many girls opt to wear summer dresses which should be blue or green gingham and are readily available from most supermarkets. Some children have worn shorts all winter and many more do so in the summer months. These should be grey or black and be made of school trouser material.

For PE, the kit remains the same with blue, black or grey tracksuit bottoms/leggings or PE shorts with a white T-shirt and the school jumper over the top. Recently, there has been a fair bit of sportswear coming in to school.

We will send out guidance about sun protection early next term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The after-school clubs for next half term are as follows:

Mon: Cookery – Y3 – 6 will be able to try to be ‘Masterchefs’.

Tues: Board Games – a chance for all to try and beat Mrs Barratt at Uno.

Weds: Film Club – a quieter night watching some Disney classics and other films.

Thurs: Little Heroes - Multi sports for Rec, Y1 and Y2.

Fri: Football – a chance for children in Y3 – 6 to burn off any remaining energy.

All clubs can be booked on the Compass app.

Also on a Tuesday, Miss McCrea will be running a SATs Bootcamp for Y6. It will just run for the first four weeks and there will be no charge for this.

FEET FIRST CHALLENGE

Thanks to all families who have made that extra little bit of effort to walk, cycle or scoot to school. It has been lovely to see a steady stream of families heading up Cummersdale Road during what has been a very variable week weather wise.

NETBALL

The recent Y5/6 Netball competition was postponed and will now take place at Central Academy on Thursday April 23rd.

CHESS

The House Chess Competition has been completed. After three rounds, results were as follows

Round 1	Blencathra 2 Helvellyn 1	Cat Bells 3 Skiddaw 4
Round 2	Blencathra 3 Cat bells 2	Helvellyn 2 Skiddaw 3
Round 3	Blencathra 3 Cat Bells 2.5	Skiddaw 2 Helvellyn 2.5
Skiddaw	9 boards	
Cat Bells	8 boards	
Blencathra	7.5 boards	
Helvellyn	5.5 boards	

Skiddaw are this year's House Chess Champions.

EDEN ROCK BOULDERING COMPETITION

The boys' team took part in the 'Superfinal' and came a creditable 6th place. Well done Jake Bell, Noah Jesse, Charlie Kerr, Liam Peacock, Jo Jo Pearson and Blake Ulliyart.

FOOTBALL

The girls from Y3/4 took part in a competition on Tuesday 17th March. For many, it was their first taste of football and they won three, drew two and lost one of their games.

The next football events will be the CUFC festivals at Brunton Park

Twenty-eight parents and children got chance to show their support for Carlisle United at the recent home game against Boston United. They were in fine voice and their efforts spurred Carlisle on to a 6 – 2 victory.

SWIMMING

Y1/2 will be swimming each day for two weeks starting on Monday 27th April. Further details will come from Mrs Barratt early next term.

A.I.M. HIGH

This organisation enables children from local schools to take part in workshops led by authors, mathematicians or scientists. They take place each half term and recently Hiilani Allinson, Luke Bainbridge, Jessica Frost, Alex Kerr met the author Thomas Rogers and had an enjoyable day working with him.

RECEPTION VISIT to PARAGON VETS

Reception children had a very enjoyable and informative visit to the vets on Wednesday as part of the ‘People who help us topic’. They were disappointed not to see a snake at the vets, so Snowy (the snake) made an appearance at school today under the careful eye of its owner Mrs Russell.

Y1/2 VISIT TO CARLISLE CASTLE

On the second day back next term, Y1/2 will be visiting Carlisle Castle. This will conclude their Castles topic.

ROBIN WOOD

Just a reminder that the Y5/6 residential to Robin Wood takes place from 15th – 17th April. Hopefully, you will have received some final details and a kit list to assist with preparations.

RATLINGATE

Could I also let parents of Y4 children know that our annual ‘overnighter’ is booked for **Thursday 9th July**. Y4 children walk along Hadrian’s Wall Path to Ratlingate where they explore the woods taking part in a variety of games and challenges before staying overnight. More details will follow next term.

PTA

The PTA held a successful Chocolate Bingo event – I’ve never seen so much chocolate! It was great fun for all. Thanks to all the parents who assisted with wrapping and helping younger children with the numbers in bingo.

HOUSE POINTS

Skiddaw had a landslide victory this term in the House Points winning by over 200 points. As the children keep reminding me, there is a backlog of House Treats to be given from previous terms and we will do our best to address this next term.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Thea Clarke (Y6)**. She is always smiling and happy around school and this week has taken time to ask Mrs Simpson if she's having a nice day and also donated an Easter egg which she had won to a child in Reception who was disappointed they hadn't won. Last week's winner was **Spencer Atkinson (Y2)** for trying really hard with the recent NFER tests.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Lucy Rome (Y2)** for making sure everyone got an equal go at feeding the lambs earlier this week. Last week's winner was Rae Roberts (Y2)

The week's winner of the **Enjoy-a-ball Trophy** was **Matilda Wilson (Y4)** for scoring 9 goals in the recent tournament.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13/4/26	Summer Term begins
14/4/26	Y1/2 Visit to Carlisle Castle (am)
15 – 17/4/26	Y5/6 Residential to Robin Wood, Alston
23/4/26	Y5/6 Netball – Central Academy (am)
27/4/26	Y1/2 Swimming at The Sands: Daily for 2 weeks.
5/5/26	Y3/4 tennis Competition at Chatsworth (am)
11/5/26	KS2 SATs Week
18/5/26	Feet First Challenge – Walk to school initiative.
18/5/26	Whole School Visit to Mabie Farm Park
19/5/26	Football: CUFC Festival at Brunton Park– Y3/4
20/5/26	Football: CUFC Festival at Brunton Park– Girls
21/5/26	Football: CUFC Festival at Brunton Park– Y5/6
22/5/26	Finish for Half Term

More dates will be added as the term goes on and once confirmed