



NEWSLETTER

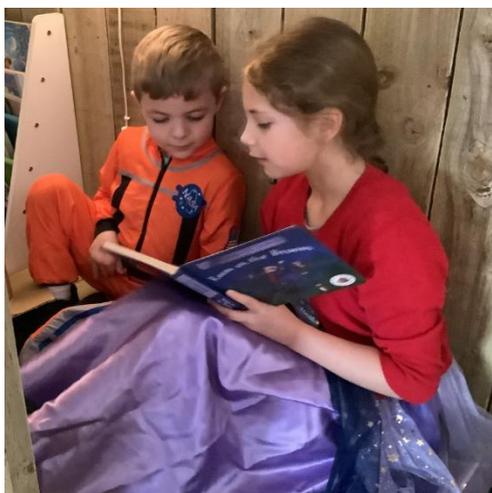
So much has happened since my last newsletter so there are lots of lovely things to celebrate below. It's a short half-term but a busy one with lots of special days and tournaments taking place.

Gymnastics

I want to start this newsletter by celebrating our amazing gymnasts! We are so proud of all of our pupils who took part in the Cartmel Cluster gymnastics tournament. In school at the moment, we are encouraging all pupils to put themselves forwards for opportunities and this was a great example of some of our children doing that. At the cluster event, the year 1 & 2 team came second and the year 3 & 4 team came first! Next up was the district competition where both teams came first! We greatly admire their hard work and perseverance. They are now preparing for the county gymnastics tournament. Good luck!



I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the staff who have helped prepare the children for the gymnastics events. It is very much a team effort with a lot of organising and extra work taking place behind the scenes.



World Book Day

What fun we had on World Book Day! We always love seeing the creative costumes that our families come up with and it is great to see our staff dress up too. Thank you for all your help with costumes and story boxes. There were some amazing ideas and a lot of hard work! The children enjoyed a range of reading-related activities such as online live author sessions, paired reading across school, story box competition and one of our governors coming to read to classes.

Science Week

Last week was Science Week! Friday morning the children went into mixed-aged groups and took part in a rotation of activities relating to the theme of curiosity.

Comic Relief

On Friday 20th March, we will be raising money for Comic Relief. The children are invited to come into school in their own clothes or wearing red with a donation of £1. We will also be holding a cake sale (50p per cake) so please can you bring any cake donations in on the morning and send your child with some money to purchase some. Each class will hold a joke-a-thon which is 50p to enter with a prize for those who are voted the funniest!

Role & Play Mini City

We have been really enjoying our Role Play sessions which we host in school and invite preschool children from the local community and further afield. Our year 6 play leaders have been doing a fantastic job at interacting with the children and have been really enjoying it. Our next session is on Tuesday 24th March 9 – 11am and we would really appreciate it if you could spread the word!

Let your light shine

Art Project

We have begun an exciting new art project with Kendal Windows on Art (a group of professional creatives who come together to support bespoke community projects) which will continue for about a year. Nicki, Priscilla and Lisa will be coming into school roughly every other week to work with the children. They have had their first session where KS2 shared their interests through artwork and EY and KS1 created a temporary collage.



New Outdoor Area

We are so happy with our new Reception outdoor area created by Cool Canvas to complement the indoors. The children are enjoying exploring it and using areas such as the waterwall, riverbed and the climbing logs.

Wheelchair Basketball

All classes enjoyed our wheelchair basketball workshop where they needed to demonstrate perseverance and resilience.



Dance Platform

Our Key Stage 2 dancers did us proud at the Ulverston Dance Platform. Their Greek dance was flawless, and it was inspiring to see them overcome their fears and perform on a big stage, building their confidence along the way.

Reading

2026 is the Year of Reading. Reading is always a priority in school and we have been taking part in some reading challenges. KS2 are currently doing the Spellbinding challenge and KS1 will be starting their own reading challenge soon. Independent reading is great but you can also never be too young or too old to be read to/with. There is such value in sitting down at home with your child and reading a book together. We encourage our families to read together for just 10 minutes a day whether that be round the breakfast table or at bedtime. Sharing books together really does foster a love for reading.



Safety in the Playground

At drop-off and pick up times, please can you ensure your child does not climb the wall, trees or trellis. Thank you.

Water bottles

Please ensure that children have only water in their water bottles during class and break times. Thank you.

VIP

Just a reminder that if your child comes home from school in a blue jumper then they are our VIP and you are invited to Friday worship that week for their VIP celebration. If you require advance notice of this, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,
Mrs Curwen

PTO for dates

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Dates

Tuesday 17 th March	FOLS movie after school
Wednesday 18 th March	Hockey Festival
Thursday 19 th March	Reception farm visit
Friday 20 th March	Year 5 & 6 CPS disco (please can those attending ensure they bring emergency contact and health info with them as explained on the ticket)
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief
Monday 23 rd March	County Final Key Steps Gymnastics competition
Tuesday 24 th March	Role & Play Mini City session
Thursday 26 th March	Hearing tests for Reception
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 13 th April – Wednesday 15 th April	Year 3 – 6 residential
Wednesday 15 th April	No SATs Club today
Wednesday 29 th April	Class photos
Monday 4 th May	Bank holiday – school closed
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Y6 SATS week
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for half-term
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Monday 1 st June	Y4 multiplication check week