



NEWSLETTER

As another school year comes to a close, we have been reflecting on the incredible progress our children have made, the confidence they have developed and the many memorable experiences they have enjoyed along the way. This half-term has been particularly fun-filled and I have shared just some of this with you below.

The weather

It is warm again this week. Children are welcome to wear their PE kits. Please can you ensure your child has a water bottle and sun hat in school at all time. Before your child comes to school, please apply sun cream. It is always helpful to have additional sun cream in their bag in case it needs reapplying later in the day. If it needs reapplying, children will do this themselves.



Lumberjunking

What a great day we had lumberjunking at Crosthwaite School! I accompanied KS2 and I was blown away by their ideas and the way they were able to choose which tools they needed. All children had the opportunity to develop skills with a range of tools and everybody created something out of recycled materials.



Sports Day

We were so proud of the children's attitude on Sports Day and the way the older children supported the younger. There was some impressive running in the races. Well done to all the parents who took part too! Thank you to Miss Barker for organising Sports Day and to all of the staff and helpers who made it happen as well as FOLS for the refreshments.



KS2 Screen Printing

KS2 had the opportunity to do screen printing with artist Esther this half-term as part of our art project with KWOA. They created some beautiful pieces and learnt a new skill.

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Whole School Sports Trip

Thank you again to Miss Barker for once again organising a fabulous whole school sports trip where the children experienced new opportunities and learnt new skills. All children took part in the aerial hammock, circus skills and grass sledging. Key Stage 2 also had a go at mountain boarding.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is here again for 2026. The challenge runs in all staffed libraries in Westmorland and Furness all summer long until 12th September. This year's theme is Read to the Beat, exploring the connection between reading and music and children are encouraged to read 4 books during the summer holidays. The books can be:

- fiction
- fact books
- poetry
- joke books
- picture books
- graphic novels

You can also use audiobooks and eBooks to complete the challenge. You can access these for free by using Borrowbox which is free with library membership.

Children will receive stickers and incentives along the way and after reading 4 books will receive a Summer Reading Challenge medal and a certificate (which they are welcome to bring to school in September and have presented to them in Friday worship). Children are of course welcome to read more than 4 books and if they do will be entered into a prize draw – one of the prizes is a one day pass to Center Parcs!



This link tells you more about the challenge: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMuo6FoK8bk>

Inspiring Social Action

"Social action is about people coming together to help improve their lives and solve the problems that are important in their communities. It can include volunteering, giving money, community action or simple neighbourly acts." We would love to hear if your child has been inspired by anything we have done in school to then take action outside of school. For example, perhaps our recent litter pick inspired them to do one of their own or to spread the word with family members. Maybe when we talk about protecting our oceans,

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your child has been keen to do a beach clean (no matter how big or small). After our collection for the food bank, they may have decided to donate to local food banks themselves. It might be that they have decided to raise money for charity.

Over the summer, if your child takes part in anything like this, we would love to hear about it. We will celebrate these actions in our Friday worships and will also be creating a display in school. Any photos with a short caption that you could provide for our display would be amazing (you can email these over if it's easier).

Last Day of Term

School finishes on Friday 17th July. Our year 6 leavers' assembly is at 1pm. The year 6 children can also bring in a spare school top for their friends to sign. We will then be closing at 2pm with no Fun Club.

Ordering lunches for September

During the holidays, Mrs Wood will let you know (via email and text) when the lunches are ready to order on Arbor. The deadline for ordering lunches for the first week in September is Monday 24th August.

September

School restarts on Wednesday 2nd September.

From all the staff at school, we wish you a wonderful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Kind regards,
Mrs Curwen

Dates

Friday 17 th July	11am – 12am Keyboard lessons as usual
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 leavers 1pm
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term. School finishes at 2pm with no Fun Club.
Wednesday 2 nd September	School reopens