



'We lift our eyes to the hills'

Newsletter 2024

We're thrilled to welcome everyone back for an exciting Christmas term filled with learning, exploration, and holiday festivities.

Our school values are Thankfulness, Friendship, Respect and Courage, which we thread through our day to day school life. For our first half term, we focussed on our school value of *thankfulness*, and for the second half term up to Christmas we are embracing *friendship*.

We'd like to take a moment to celebrate some of these wonderful experiences our students have had over the past few weeks.

From our Classes

Our Adventurers have enjoyed two trips already this new school year!



Adventurers Class



In our first trip, we ventured to Rydal Hall to explore the woodland sculpture trail and make felt creations with textile artist Dianne Standen. On the trail the children said they saw "tentacles, dragons, faces and giant spiders webs" in the woods. We played and explored and reflected, then whispered to the waterfall to share all the things they had been thankful for in their day.



Nursery, Reception and Year 1 enjoyed an engaging visit to the historic Judge's Lodges at Lancaster, bringing history to life in a unique setting. We found out what it was like to go to a Victorian school and explored different toys through time - which we then compared to our own toys, both new and old, back in our classroom activities.



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Explorers Class

Our Explorers and Discoverers took part in meaningful activities for Black History Month, reflecting on the achievements and contributions of Black leaders through their artwork. In the spirit of



Discoverers Class

Remembrance, students have taken time to honour those who served with reflection on Remembrance Day.



New Music Teacher

Miss Mortimer, our music teacher, had the amazing opportunity to go and work with the Liverpool Harmonic Orchestra. We wish Miss Mortimer well with her new exciting adventure. We are very fortunate to have our new music teacher called Mrs Thomas AKA Mrs T. The Explorers and Discoverer have been really enjoying developing their understanding of rhythm with the boom whackers (tuned percussion tube- see photo) and the fun musical games.



Ski Club

We are delighted with the return of Ski Club. A huge thank you to Mrs Corbett, Greg and Nic for all their organisation and preparation, and to Sharona and all our parent helpers, for their help, time and enthusiasm in making this fantastic experience possible for our Selside skiers.



Sports Club

After school Sports Club, has also returned with Robbie from Sportivos who has delivered sessions with a Paralympic theme and for next half term, Indoor Sports.

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Antibullying Week - 10 to 15 November

This year's antibullying weeks focus is to encourage pupils to Choose Respect. We will be focusing on the actions we can take to choose respect. It reminds us that we ALL unique and different, and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. This fits very well with this half-term's focus on 'Friendship'. We will be thinking and talking about how we support our friends and build them up. In our ongoing Lunch Time Clubs, our older children run different clubs throughout the week. Chosen by the children, the clubs are currently: Literacy in the Zen Den, running games, dodgeball, skipping, football, small world and construction/lego, art and computer club.



Asda Cashpot for School



Thank you for all your help and support with the 'Cashpot for schools' campaign on your Asda Rewards app. Type in Selside School and you can help us to raise vital funds. This finishes on **30 November** so get shopping! Thank you so much. <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>



Friday 22nd November

1 to 3.30 pm

Families are welcome to bring siblings for family photos

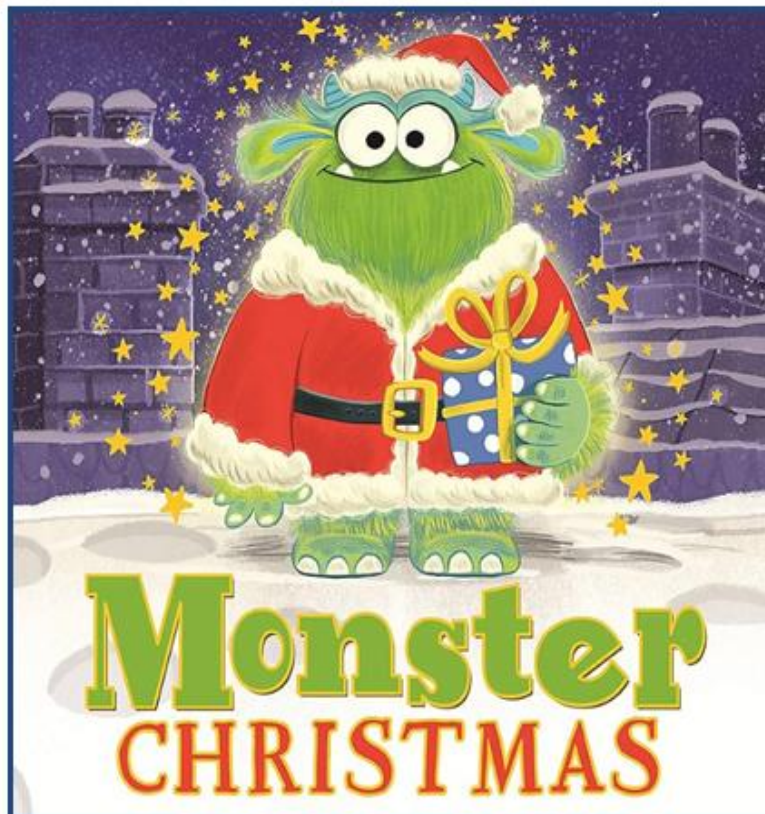
School Council Fundraiser - Children in Need



Joining Selside Reception in 2025

Mrs Corbett is organising another Stay & Play in our Adventurers Class - a chance for families looking for a school place for their Nursery, or soon-to-be Reception child, to join our friendly Adventurers Class and share an hour in their learning activities.

Selside Endowed C of E School



Stay and Play

Join us at Selside School on

Monday 16th December 2024

9.30-10.30 am

Pre school and nursery children are welcome to come
and join our infants class for our stay and play!

To book your place contact the school office:

email: admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk

Tel: 01539 823649

SIAMS Inspection

We are very proud to share that our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection Report has been published, highlighting the strengths and successes of our school community. Here are some extracts from the report: -

'A well-crafted curriculum provides bespoke experiences and reflects the school's context. Therefore, individual needs are met through a nurturing approach that secures flourishing'

'A rich, bespoke curriculum has been skilfully crafted to embrace the school's location'.

'Pupils relish the many trips and activities that take them beyond the hills. Visits to cities and engaging with pupils from a Manchester school exemplify the staff giving pupils a broader view of the world'.

'Extra-curricular activities enrich their lives and are numerous for a school of this size'.

If you haven't had a chance to read it, you can find the full report here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2024-10/siams-report-selside-endowed-church-of-england-va-primary-school-112327-091024.pdf>

We have a busy and exciting term ahead with lots of festive activities on the way! Students are already preparing for our much-anticipated Christmas Show and the school carol concert, both of which promise to be wonderful celebrations of the season. Alongside these events, we'll be planning plenty of Christmas fun, from classroom decorations to holiday crafts, all aimed at creating joyful memories for all.

Thank you again for being such an integral part of our school. We look forward to sharing these special moments with you and your children.

Warm wishes

J. A. Lawther

DIARY DATES

15.11.24	School Council Children in Need Fundraiser to include Pudsey Fun Run, dress in PJs, bring a teddy.
19.11.24	Reception Hearing Tests
22.11.24	AM: Discoverers at Kendal Mountain Film Festival PM: SCHOOL PHOTOS. Individual photos + siblings. Younger siblings invited towards end of the school day.
28.11.24	SSA Meeting in school 7.30 pm
4.12.24	Christmas Lunch & Party Hats Last Sports Club after school
5.12.24	Whole School Trip to Peter Pan, Kendal College
6.12.24	Last Tepee Tots, restarts after February half term. Last Ski Club after school
w/c 9.12.24	Bikeability - Cyclewise Yr 5 & 6 on Wed, Thurs & Fri.
12.12.24	Christmas Show in school 9.30 am & 5.30 pm
16.12.24	Monster Christmas Stay & Play 9.30 - 10.30 am
17.12.24	At Church: Christmas Carols & Christingle 2pm All welcome to join us, followed by SSA Christmas Fair in school afterwards
20.12.24	Finish for Christmas break at 1.30 pm. Back on 7 Jan.
6.1.25	INSET DAY (children back on 7 Jan).
15.1.25	Applications close for children starting Reception in September 2025.
29.1.25	Yr 5 & 6 QKS Matinee AM
14.2.25	SSA Bingo Night, 6.30 pm.
24.2.25	Explorers & Discoverers Young Voices - Manchester