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Primary School

'We lift our eyes to the hills'

March Newsletter 2025

Spring Into Action!

What a busy and exciting spring term it's been! Our children have been out and about, embracing new experiences, learning through adventure, and making memories to last a lifetime. Here's a look back at some of the fantastic highlights!

Our amazing children had the incredible opportunity to perform at the Co-Op Arena alongside over 7,000 other Young Voices! The energy and excitement were truly electric, with live musicians adding to the magic of the evening. The smiles, the joy, and the friendships formed will stay with them forever. We are so proud of each and every one of them—what a night to remember!



World Book Day Magic

We stepped straight out of our favourite stories on World Book Day! The children arrived dressed as beloved book characters or wrapped up in cosy pyjamas, celebrating the magic of books under the sunshine with their friends. A highlight of the day was a special Zoom call with Michael Rosen, who shared his love of storytelling and inspired us all to keep reading.



York Residential – A Journey Through History

Our residential trip to York was a true adventure! After a scenic riverside walk, we explored the Railway Museum, discovering the history of locomotives. We stepped back in time at the Castle Museum, visiting Dick Turpin's cell, a Victorian town, and WW1 trenches, before handling real artefacts at the Military Museum. A stroll down the iconic Shambles (Diagon Alley in *Harry Potter*) and a medieval snicket added extra magic to an unforgettable trip!



Science Week 2025

The Adventurers have been exploring the question, “*Are animals all the same?*” Through visits from mammals, reptiles, and birds, the children observed similarities and differences, sorting and classifying animals based on their discoveries. They even created their own class wormery to see how worms work their magic underground—stay tuned to see how it changes over the next few weeks!



Our young scientists in the Explorers and Discoverers classes had a brilliant time investigating Change and Adapt through hands-on experiments, including fizzing lemon volcanoes, colourful milk rainbows, and vibrant Skittle patterns. They made predictions, recorded observations, and explored irreversible changes—finishing the week by toasting marshmallows over a campfire!

Tepee Tots

We are excited that Tepee Tots will restart on Friday 28th February from 9.30-11.30am for a price of £2.00 per child, including refreshments. If you have any friends who you feel may enjoy the group, please spread the word or let Helen in the office know their contact details.

SSA

A huge thank you to the SSA for their incredible support in funding so many exciting activities and enriching experiences for our children. The Wainwright Challenge is storming ahead, with an impressive **39 fells** climbed out of 213! It's been lovely hearing about the children's weekend adventures, and we were thrilled to see it featured in the *Westmorland Gazette*. We're planning to tackle some Wainwrights together on **Wednesday, 9th July**—parents are welcome to join us, so please save the date! We're also excited to announce the return of the **Walking School Bus**, starting in the summer term. The first walk will be on **Wednesday, 23rd April**, setting off from **Otterbank layby at 8:00 am**—we'd love to see you there!



Easter Celebrations

We are looking forward to celebrating **Mother's Day** in church on **28th March**—we hope you can join us for this special occasion. On the **last day of term** (4th April), we'll be holding our popular **egg decorating competition** and an exciting **Easter egg hunt** to round off the term. Please note that school will finish early at **1:30 pm** on that day for the **Easter holiday break**.

Thank you for your continued support—it's been a fantastic term, and we can't wait to see what adventures await next!

Best regards,

Jane Lowther