



MAY 2025

Newsletter

PSHE DAY

It was our pleasure to welcome Sarah Donnison once again from Coram Life Education, to run wellbeing workshops across the school for children in Nursery right up to Year 6. These workshops enhance our PSHE curriculum and aim to help children to identify their needs and feelings and to equip them with the skills and positive mental attitudes they need in order to be resilient, bounce back from setbacks and develop strong, positive mental health habits. Sarah thoroughly enjoyed her day with our delightful children and the children found the sessions valuable, fun and engaging.



Year 5 & 6 STEM

Year 5 and 6 got to spend another afternoon with the RAF and hear from 2 fascinating members. I wonder who will now want to work on a Protector Plane or become a Cyber-Security Engineer in the future? What an inspirational way to spend the afternoon. Follow your dreams Year 5 & 6!

Year 3 and 4 - Residential

The last 2 days of the half term were spent by Year 3 and 4 staying in the idyllic setting of St John's in the Vale Diocesan Centre. For many children, it was their first time staying away from home and I must say they sailed through this challenge amazingly! We were blessed with the weather, allowing us to make the most of the wonderful surroundings. Watching the sun setting together, lost in quiet thought, was just magical and a memory I will treasure. We walked, we sang, we laughed, we played games, we orienteered, we sat, we ate, we admired nature and used our senses to appreciate our surroundings and the peacefulness of it all. What a lovely way to end the first half of the summer term and a super way to roll into half-term.



Contact us via email on admin@skelton.cumbria.sch.uk, telephone 017684 84367 or speak to one of us at the school gates each morning if you need anything at all.

Mini Tennis

A team of Year 4 children represented the school at Castle Park for the annual EVSP Eden Mini Tennis competition. Well done to all for playing some great shots and only narrowly missing out on the semi-final.



Swimming Lessons

Year 3 and 4 have now completed a successful half-term block of PE swimming lessons. It's been great to see the progress they have made in a relatively short time.

Year 5 and 6 will begin their sessions on Wednesday afternoons beginning on 4th June. Please arrive at school wearing PE kit and ensure to bring a towel and swimwear (no bikinis please) in an appropriate bag. They may bring goggles if they wish and should bring a coat, even if the weather is fine.

Tag-Rugby

7 enthusiastic Year 2 children volunteered to attend a try-it-out session for Tag-Rugby, with several playing for the first time. It was a super afternoon of fun, joining with children from several other local primary schools.

We also entered a Year 3 & 4 and a Year 5 & 6 team into the EVSP Tag-Rugby festival, which is always a great afternoon. Some wonderful teamwork was on display and some very tired children by the end of the day - a great effort put in by all involved. Well done!

We are very lucky to have connections with both Penrith and Keswick Rugby Clubs and all new members will be most warmly welcomed at either. Please let me know if you would like contact details.



Year 6 SATs & House Sports 12th - 16th

May

Year 6 are pleased to have now completed their National Curriculum Assessments and we are all really proud of their efforts and attitudes throughout the week. It was wonderful to be able to spend the afternoons outside with all children from Reception up to Year 6 competing in our annual House Sport week. Years 3-6 competed in Netball, Cricket, Football, Netball and Rounders with children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 also joining in to compete for their teams in the whole school Cross Country event.



Year 6, receiving their team trophies.

EVSP PE Coaching

Year 3 and 4 have been lucky to have 2 blocks of coaching this half-term; cricket with Luke and Year 5 also joined them for Cheerleading with Lucy.

Both coaches have been great to work with and we are delighted that Lucy will be back next half-term to work on multi-skills with Nursery, Reception and Year 6 on Mondays from the 9th June.

Cyclewise

Several children from Year 4 achieved their Level 1 certificate in cycling with Year 5 working towards and achieving their Level 2. Year 4 worked hard on the playground to develop their skills with Year 5 venturing out on to the local roads. They all did fantastically well and impressed their instructor. Thank you so much to our parent volunteers who gave up their time to make this possible - you are all greatly appreciated.



The school became a blanket of red, white and blue to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. The children showed tremendous interest in our assembly, learning about the significance of the day and asked thoughtful questions. Our assembly was enhanced by a truly special photograph, brought in by Teddy in Reception, of his Great Granny celebrating in London on the actual day the war was over in Europe, 80 years ago. Thank you to Teddy and his family for sharing this precious memory with us. The children and staff then joined in with the national 2 minutes silence at 12pm, reflecting in silence respectfully.

PE

PE days will be as follows:

Nursery & Reception - Monday (from 9th June) & Thursday

Year 1 & 2 - Monday & Thursday

Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 and 6 - Wednesday (**Swimming**) & Thursday

Year 6 only - Monday (from 9th June) & Friday

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kit on their respective days. **Children in Reception should bring their uniform to change into on their PE days.**

Forest School Year 1-6

Children should bring appropriate outdoor clothes for the weather: sunhats/waterproofs and wellies to change into before their session. Children should still come to school in their PE kit as they may also have their PE session before Forest School.

Thurs 5th June - Year 5 and 6 @ Bloomfield

Thurs 12th June - Year 3 and 4

Thurs 19th June - Year 1 and 2

Thurs 26th June - Year 5 and 6 @ Bloomfield

Thurs 3rd July - No Forest School

Thurs 10th July - Year 3 and 4

Thurs 17th July - No Forest School

Lost Clothing!

We have been informed that several school jumpers or cardigans have gone missing, particularly amongst the Year 1 and 2 children. School has been searched but these items have not been found. Please could you all check at home and return any items that do not belong to your children. We have an absolutely enormous collection of lost property, most without any names in. **PLEASE name everything as it takes so much time trying to get items back to the right home without any names.** Please ask if you would like to check Lost Property. We are also missing a large amount of our spare clothes stock. If your child has had an accident at school and been given spare clothes, please wash and return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Summer Term Dates for your diary

	Children	Event
2 nd June	ALL	Return to School - Start of Summer Term 2
2 nd - 13 th June	Y4	Multiplication Tables Checks
2 nd June	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Netball Club at ASC - Please book
4 th June	Y5 & 6	Swimming begins for 5 Wednesdays - weekly until 2 nd July
5 th June	Y5 & 6	1pm Forest School @ Bloomfield Woods - John Muir Award
6 th June	Y6	11.00-12.00 Leavers Dance practice weekly until 11 th July.
9 th June	Nurs, Rec & Y6	EVSP PE coaching begins for 5 Mondays (9/6, 16/6, 23/6, 30/6, 7/7)
9 th - 13 th June	Y1 and selected Y2	Phonics Checks
9 th June	All	Bingo at ASC
10 th June	Reception	Mini-Olympics at Plumpton School - more details to follow
12 th June	Y3&4	1.15pm Forest School
12 th June	Rec, Y1, Y2	KS1 Rounders at ASC - please book
13 th June	Y1 & 2	Trip to Silloth
16 th June	Selected Y1, Y2, Y3	Hunter Hall Cross Country pm
18 th June	Selected Y1 & 2	KS1 Multi-skills pm - Penrith Leisure Centre
19 th June	Y1&2	1.15pm Forest School
19 th June	Rec, Y1, Y2	KS1 Rounders at ASC - bookings only
20 th June	All	Peter Nutsford - Wildlife Photographer - visiting school
20 th June	Rec & Y6	Group photographs
23 rd June	Y5&6	Vindolanda Trip
24 th June	Y5	QEGS Open Evening
25 th June	Y5&6	Bloomfield Woods am only - John Muir Award
25 th June	Y5	Keswick School Open Evening
26 th June	Y5&6	Bloomfield Woods all day - John Muir Award - packed lunch needed
26 th June	Rec, Y1, Y2	Rounders at ASC - bookings only
26 th June	Y5	UCC Open Evening
27 th June	ALL	Sports Day - 1pm start
29 th June	ALL WELCOME	FOSS SUMMER SUNDAY FUNDAY!! BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY!
30 th June	Rec-Y6	Baking at ASC - FULLY BOOKED
2 nd July	Relevant Y6	Keswick School Transition Day

2 nd July	Selected Y1&2	5-a-side football @ Greystoke School pm
3 rd July	ALL	Transition Day - all move to new classes for the day (new Reception in all day).
3 rd July	Relevant Y6	QEGS & UCC Transition Day
3 rd July	ALL	Mini-Olympics at ASC
4 th July	Selected Y3-6	Patterdale Cross Country am
7 th July	Selected Y5/6	Penruddock Rounders pm
7 th -11 th July	ALL	Scholastic Book Fair - further details to follow
10 th July	Selected KS2	Skelton Sevens
10 th July	Year 3 and 4	1.15pm Forest School
17 th July	ALL WELCOME	Y6 Leavers Assembly 1.15pm @ Skelton Toppin Memorial Hall
17 th July	Y6	Leavers Treat - from 5pm
18 th July	ALL	End of Term - children to be collected from 1.30pm

Water, hats & sun cream

Please ensure that your children arrive at school **every day** with their water bottle. Where appropriate, they should arrive at school with a sunhat and wearing sun cream but should bring **a named bottle** of sun cream in their bookbag to reapply later in the day.

Earrings

*As a reminder, only **stud** earrings are permitted at school.*

*Please ensure that **earrings** are either removed and left at home or taped **before arriving at school** on PE days. From Year 3, children may bring their own tape to school if they prefer **but must be able to apply this themselves** before the lesson.*

Attendance

We are aiming for 95%+

So far our attendance this academic year is: **96.8%**

Thank you to all of our families for supporting such positive attendance and punctuality.