

SKELTON SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL & MAY 2026



## SUMMER TERM HIGHLIGHTS - SO FAR!

It has been another incredibly full and enriching half-term across our small rural school, with pupils experiencing a wide range of opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. As always, it is difficult to capture everything, but below is a summary of some of the key events and experiences.

At the start of term, we were delighted to welcome Cumbria Football Academy, who began a six-week block of coaching sessions for KS2 children at ASC. Although the group is small, the children have absolutely loved taking part. Coaches have been highly complementary about their behaviour, attitudes, and enthusiasm for learning new skills. KS1 and Reception are very much looking forward to their turn this half-term.



Year 5 and 6 travelled to Bradford to enhance their learning in RE and History, developing their understanding of Islam through the Cumbria Agreed Syllabus alongside their study of the Early Islamic Civilisation. As a rural Cumbrian school, opportunities such as this are especially valuable in helping children understand and appreciate the diversity of modern Britain. Pupils toured the Grand Mosque and had the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions, gaining meaningful first-hand insight into Muslim beliefs, practices and the role of faith in people's lives. The visit also included a hands-on workshop at the Cartwright Art Gallery, helping to bring classroom learning to life in an engaging and memorable way.

In sport, our Year 5 and 6 netball team represented the school at the area finals, competing against some of the strongest schools locally. They gave their all throughout a



highly competitive day and demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

Across the half-term, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have all continued to enjoy their Forest School sessions at Bloomfield Woods. These sessions remain a real highlight of the week, supporting wellbeing, teamwork and a love of the outdoors.



Year 4 and 5 also took part in Bikeability training with Cyclewise, working towards their Level 1 and Level 2 awards. Year 5, in particular, showed great confidence and responsibility when cycling safely on roads around the school.



We were proud of children from Years 3, 4 and 5 who represented the school at the tag rugby festival at Frenchfields in Penrith. They showed fantastic teamwork and resilience throughout the event.



Four pupils from Years 3 and 4 also took part in the mini tennis tournament at Castle Park in Penrith, demonstrating great enthusiasm and sporting spirit.

In a wonderful opportunity to broaden cultural understanding, each class from Year 1 to Year 6 enjoyed a visit from a Buddhist nun, learning about Buddhist beliefs and traditions in an engaging and age-appropriate way.



Year 6 completed their National Curriculum Tests this half-term. They approached the week with maturity, perseverance and resilience, and we are extremely proud of their positive attitudes throughout.

Alongside this, House Sports took place across the same week for KS2, with KS1 joining in the Cross Country event with EYFS supporters on Friday afternoon. Led by Year 6, pupils took part in cricket, football, netball, rounders, tag rugby and cross country, with excellent participation and house spirit throughout.



We also welcomed PCSO Nicholson into school, who delivered an important assembly on stranger danger, helping to reinforce key messages about keeping safe. He also spoke to the children about what to do if they ever become lost out in public and who they could reach out to for help. Please help at home by ensuring that your children know their address or at least where they live as this would be really helpful for the police to locate you if they were to become lost.

The half-term ended with a truly special two-day residential for Year 3 and 4 at St John's in the Vale which is always one of the main highlights mentioned by Year 6 children when they leave Skelton School! I've been lucky to take part in this residential about 20 times now and there's something really special about the place and its surroundings that always leaves me feeling lucky to have been able to share this experience again.

Set in the most beautiful surroundings, the children took part in orienteering, climbing, nature and environmental activities, hiking, and time spent simply enjoying the peace and tranquility of the landscape together. It was a fantastic and memorable way to round off a very busy half-term.



This half-term has seen many of our Year 5 and 6 children stepping up to raise money for our school and to help the environment in their own time. You will have seen Scarlett and her mum running the pop up shop when the weather has been kind and this has now raised £90 in just 2 openings! We've had children selling water outside their own homes and a group who sold water, origami and other refreshments near to school one weekend. We have a class full of entrepreneurs! The next step for the class is to decide together what to put the money towards.

Isla turned an observation and a concern for the environment into an action by collecting large amounts of litter and this has encouraged others in the class to do the same - well done!

Thank you to all parents who have supported their children with their ideas.



## SUMMER TERM



Please send your children to school with a sun hat/cap for sunny days. This may be sent to school each day or kept on pegs or in bookbags. Please apply sun-cream before your children arrive at school and send a **named** bottle for them to reapply themselves later in the day. As always they should have their water bottle in school each day and may refill it as often as they need to from our coolers.

## FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School sessions will take place on the following dates.

Thurs 4/6 - Y1&2

Thurs 11/6 - Y1&2

Mon 15/6 - Nursery and Reception

Thurs 18/6 - Y1&2

Thurs 25/6 - Y1&2



Children should bring appropriate outdoor clothes for the weather: A warm coat, waterproofs, hats, gloves and wellies or boots to change into before their session. Children should still come to school in their PE kit and trainers as they *may* also have their PE session before Forest School.

## PE DAYS - NO CHANGES

**Nursery & Reception** - Thursday

**Year 1 & 2** - Thursday & Friday

**Year 3 & 4** - Monday & Thursday (swimming)

**Year 5 & 6** - Wednesday & Thursday (swimming)

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 after their morning lesson.**

## PE - KS2 SWIMMING

Swimming will be one focus for PE lessons this *half-term* for both the Y3&4 and Y5&6 classes. Children may come to school in their PE kit. Please remember to send a named swimming kit and towel into school each week to change into at the pool as well as a coat. A reminder that earrings should be removed for swimming lessons as per the pool policy.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Date	Who	Activity	Notes
<b>June</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	ALL	Return to school	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Selected Year	Hunter Hall Cross Country	Hunter Hall School
1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	Multiplication Checks	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	EYFS & KS1	Football Club	Cumbria Football Academy 3.30pm-4.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6	STEM Interactive Lesson	Morning
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2	Forest School 1 – 1.15pm	Bring a waterproof, long trousers & wellies, sunhats and
4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2	PE – Swimming Lesson 1	Penrith Leisure Centre 1.15-3pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	PSHE & RSE Day	Led by Coram Life
8 <sup>th</sup> –	Year 1 and	Phonics Checks	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception –	Bingo @ ASC	3.30pm-4.45pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS	Early Years Olympics	Plumpton School
9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1	Football Club	Cumbria Football Academy 3.30pm-4.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2	PE – Swimming Lesson 2	Penrith Leisure Centre 1.15-3pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2	Forest School 2 – 1.15pm	Bring a waterproof, long trousers & wellies, sunhats and
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rec, Year 1 &	Summer Sports @ ASC	3.30pm-4.45pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Selected Year	Multi-sport Festival	Penrith Leisure Centre
15 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS	Under the Sea – Forest School	
16 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Library Bus Visit	Please return all library books before today
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5	QEGS to visit Year 5	Admissions for Sep 2027
16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1	Football Club	Cumbria Football Academy 3.30pm-4.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2	PE – Swimming Lesson 3	Penrith Leisure Centre 1.15-3pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2	Forest School 3 – 1.15pm	Bring a waterproof, long trousers & wellies, sunhats and
18 <sup>th</sup>	Rec, Year 1 &	Summer Sports @ ASC	3.30pm-4.45pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2	Trip to Birkmere Woods - Habitats	9am-1pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Qualifying KS2	Patterdale Cross Country	Patterdale CofE School.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Selected Y5&6	Penruddock Rounders	Penruddock School 1pm start tbc
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Selected Year	RE Conference Presentation and Q	Penrith
23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS & KS1	Football Club	Cumbria Football Academy 3.30pm-4.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Class Group Photographs	
25 <sup>th</sup>	KS2	PE – Swimming Lesson 4	Penrith Leisure Centre 1.15-3pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2	Forest School 4 – 1.15pm	Bring a waterproof, long trousers & wellies, sunhats and
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rec, Year 1 &	Summer Sports @ ASC	3.30pm-4.45pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Sports Day	1pm start
26 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	FOSS Sports Day Summer Fair	3.30pm until 5pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Relevant Year	Transition Day – Caldew School	
29 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Baking @ ASC	3.30pm-4.45pm. Please book separately.
30 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1	Football Club	Cumbria Football Academy 3.30pm-4.30pm
<b>July</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Relevant Year	Transition Day – Keswick School	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	ALL	Transition Day	All move up to new classes/Y6 to Penrith Schools
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery	Reception Meeting	2pm – Skelton School
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rec, Year 1 and	Mini-Olympics @ ASC	3.30pm-4.45pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	SKELTON SHOW	Hutton in the Forest
6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2	PE – Swimming Lesson 5	PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A MONDAY
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Scholastic Book Fair	Before and after school – timetable tbc
7 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1	Football Club	Cumbria Football Academy 3.30pm-4.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6	Skelton Sevens	Football at Plumpton
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4	Askham Fell Walk	Timings tbc
16 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	Leavers Assembly	1.15pm – Skelton Village Hall. All welcome.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	Leavers Treat	From 5pm tbc
17 <sup>th</sup>	ALL	LAST DAY OF TERM	Collect at 1.30pm