

April Newsletter 2025

The Easter holidays are almost upon us. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support with school events this past term. We've had so many parents helping us out with travel to sporting events, making sure that children have all of the kit they need and volunteering on our trips. Your help has been greatly appreciated during what has been another busy term. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break – however you're spending it. Mrs Broom, Headteacher

Easter Service – Thursday 3rd April, 2:30pm

We will be taking the children over to St Mary's Church, Ambleside, for our end of term Easter service. All friends and family are welcome to come along to the service for which each of the classes are preparing something.

Balls at playtime

We have lots of balls (large and small) and equipment for the children to use at playtime and we encourage all different types of ball games. Unfortunately, we cannot allow children to bring in their own balls from home as we have to ensure that the balls we buy are suitable for breaktimes and are not too hard. A few children have started bringing in proper footballs and basketballs which are too hard for playtimes and we have had to ask them to take them home.

SATs Meeting – 24th April, 5pm

After Easter, Mrs Morgan will be running a short meeting for parents who have children in Year 6. She will talk through how we are preparing the children for the SATs tests this summer, the different tests which are carried out and the types of things that they will be asked to do.

Dressing Up Days and F.I.D.s

Mrs Tarr recently wrote to you about our new 'pupil voice' initiative (FIDs) which has replaced our school council. The children have chosen one of four groups to be a part of and each group are busy working on a project which is important to them. As you are already aware, we took the decision not to dress up this year on World Book Day or do a fundraiser for Comic Relief. This is because, through their FIDs projects, the children have chosen causes and charities which are important to them and are currently organising two events for the summer term. One event will be a fun run and another will be a 'Wild Day' (which I'm told will involve some dressing up). Further details will be sent out to you from the groups who are organising these events and the dates for these are on the next page of the newsletter.

Dates for the weeks ahead:

<u>Tuesday 22nd April</u> – School opens for the start of the summer term.

<u>Thursday 24th April</u> – Year 5/6 swimming starts

<u>Thursday 24th April, 5pm</u> – Year 6 SATs talk for parents.

<u>Tuesday 29th April</u> – whole school fun run, organised by the student 'Happiness Group'

<u>Thursday 8th May, 11am (TBC) – VE Day Service at</u> St Mary's Church, Ambleside (everyone welcome)

<u>Friday 9th May (pm TBC)</u> – Community VE Day celebration on the school playground

Monday 12th May – SATs week for Year 6

<u>Tuesday 20th May</u> – whole school 'Wild Day' organised by our student Global Group to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund.

Monday 26th May – HALF TERM WEEK

A few highlights from our half-term:



Our Dance Club put on a fantastic performance at the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, with their 'Matilda' inspired dance routine.



Enjoying time in the outdoors during Forest School...in glorious sunshine!

'Football Festival' at The Lakes School.



