

# May Newsletter 2025

*A big thank you to everyone who came to support the British Legion with their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for VE Day last Friday. Yet again, we had a fantastic contingent of parents from our school who gave up their time to help bring it all together and even more who came along to join in with the celebration. It was a real treat for the children to end the week in such a special way. We've also had lots of positive comments from people in the local community who heard the children sing during the VE Day church service. What great ambassadors for our school they were!*

*Mrs Broom, Headteacher*

## Building Works

Over the next few weeks, we will have some builders working on site. They are carrying out work on the original part of the building and will be replacing all of the old Victorian guttering, working on the flat roof above the end classroom to stop water from getting into the building, internal repairs to the classroom and doing some much needed external painting work around the oldest part of the building and the school entrance area.

The builders will not be working in areas near the children at any point but please could everyone be extra vigilant when dropping off or collecting their children?

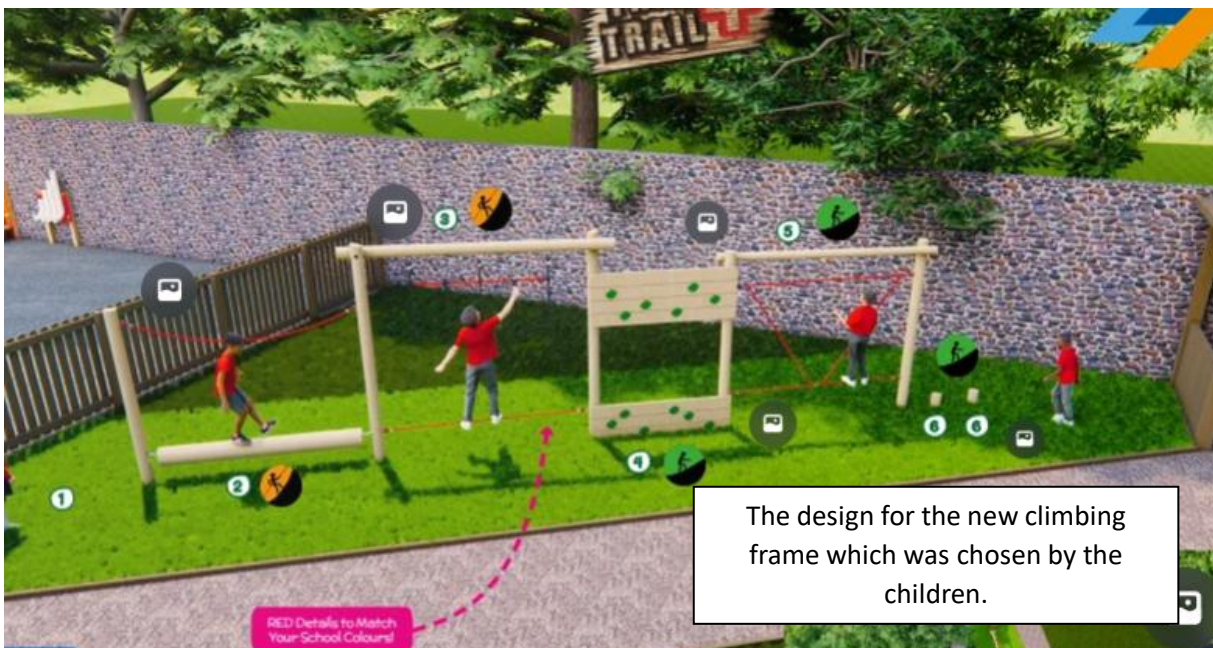
As work is being done around Loughrigg Class, we may need to change their entrance and exit door at some point. We will message Loughrigg Class parents via the Dojo app to let you know if and when we need to change their way in and out of school for a short time.

## Playground Project

For many months we have been busy planning for improvements to be made to our playground space at the back of the school and now we can finally share our plans with you.

Over the next few weeks, we will be having an additional climbing frame added to the rear playground and the old sandpit will be removed and replaced with a new one.

The new climbing area will be in what has been a problematic part of our grounds as, whenever there was a lot of rain, it tended to hold the water and become very boggy and unusable. We are very grateful to Byron and his team at 50one for carrying out the initial groundworks for the project. They removed 50 tonnes of soil from the site and added a sub-base in readiness for the new climbing frame and new surfacing. Some of the soil was used to fill the raised beds in the school garden which Mrs Tarr and the gardening club were very grateful for!

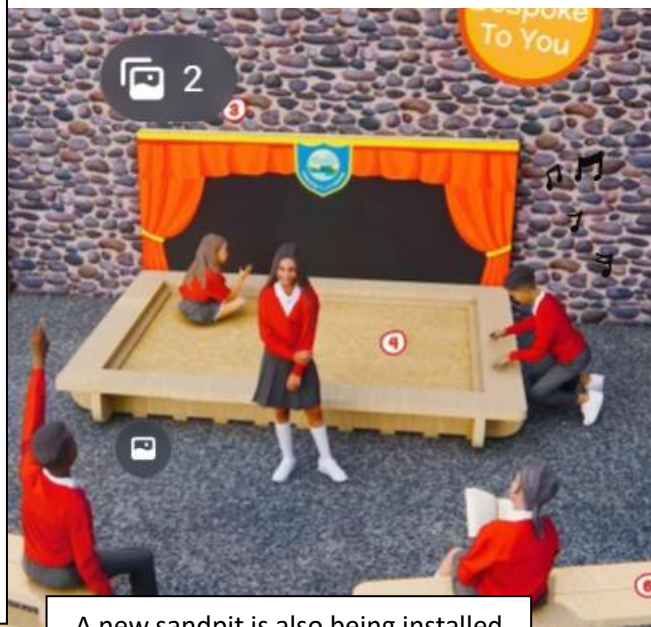


The design for the new climbing frame which was chosen by the children.

This project will not only expand the climbing area for the children and encourage more physical activity at breaktimes but will also ensure that the area is usable all year round whatever the weather.

We are very grateful to our PSA and their fundraising efforts at Christmas as some of the funds raised through their events are being put towards this project for the children.

Once we have the works completed, we will invite parents in to show you how it's all looking. We hope this will be well before the summer holidays – fingers crossed!



A new sandpit is also being installed on the playground.

### Tesco Stronger Starts

We have also secured a place in the current round of votes for the Tesco Stronger Starts programme. This will enable us to secure up to £1500 of funding for further equipment for our playground.

If you are buying anything in the local Tesco stores, please could you support our project by collecting blue tokens at the till and depositing them into the collection box for Ambleside CE Primary School playground project. The collection boxes for the blue tokens are just by the front door of the Ambleside store. If we get the most tokens across the local stores, we will be able to secure the funding. (There are three projects currently in the voting process.) Tokens can be deposited for our project up until the end of June 2025.



### Sports Day 2025

We have set two dates for Sports Day this year, one of which is a reserve date in case the weather is bad for our first attempt. Due to the school calendar being very busy next half-term, we will not be able to plan any additional reserve dates for Sports Day if the weather is bad on both of the dates that we have put aside for it.

As usual, the children will compete in a range of competitive events and will be in their coloured teams. The children will need to wear the same colour of top that they wore to last year's event. If your child was not here last year for Sports Day, your child's class teacher will let you know which colour team your child is in and what colour of t-shirt they will need to wear.



## *Dates for the Summer Term*

Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6 only) – week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May

Sports Day – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1:30pm

Reserve Sports Day – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1:30pm

End of year reports sent home – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

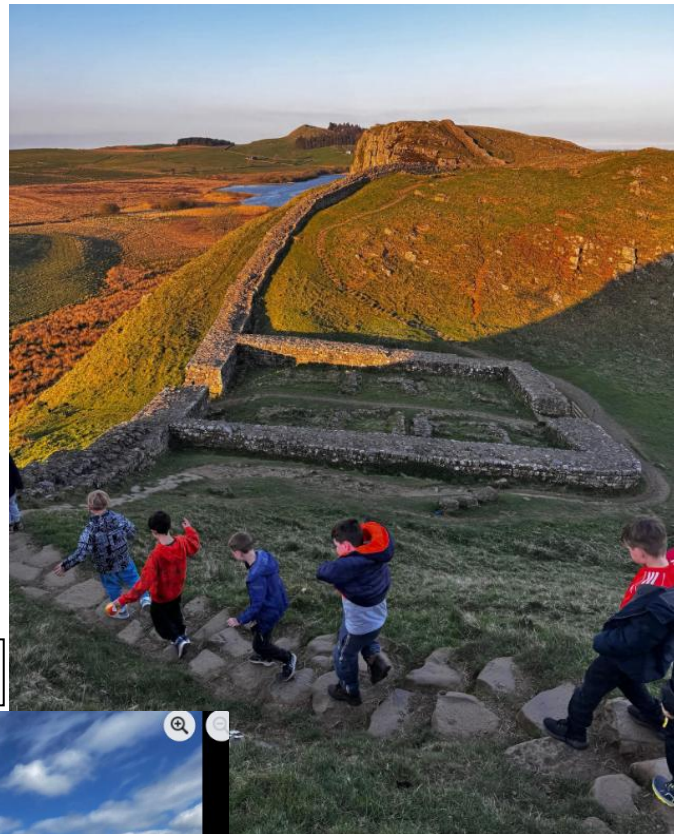
Key Stage 2 production (The Wizard of Oz) – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm (St Mary's Church)

End of term Leavers Service – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2:30pm

Last day of term – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 3:20pm



VE Day celebrations.



As part of their work learning all about the Romans, Wansfell Class took part in a residential visit to Hadrian's Wall and Tullie House Museum.



Loughrigg Class enjoyed a visit to Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue.



The fun run, which the children in our Happiness Group organised, raised over £350 for their chosen charity 'War Child'. Thank you so much for your sponsorship and support!

