



September Newsletter 2025

Dates for the Autumn Term

The autumn term is always a very busy one, especially with the many different events leading up to Christmas, so we have put together a list of dates for some of our key events on page 2 of this month's newsletter. There will be many other things on the school calendar which will come up throughout the term (such as school trips) which teachers will inform you about separately via the Class Dojo app and letters.

Communicating with parents

Most communication from school will come directly from your child's class teacher via the Class Dojo app. Both parents (or other family members) can be connected to your child's Class Dojo page. If you require any further family members connected, please just let your child's class teacher know and they will send an invite link out to them.

Please note that Class Dojo is not used for communication between the school office or the headteacher to message parents individually. The school office and the headteacher deal with a large volume of communication each day and do not use Class Dojo unless they are having technical issues with the school's emailing system or need to get an urgent message out to families. Both the school office and Mrs Broom will use either email or text message to get messages to you.

Reporting pupil absence/illness to the school

If your child is unwell and is not able to attend school, please always inform the school office via telephone. A message can be left on the school answerphone if there is no answer when you call. When leaving a message, please could you also state the reason for your child's absence from school as this has to be recorded on the register?

Each morning, as part of our safeguarding procedures, a daily check of the school registers takes place. We have a duty to follow up any absences (with a telephone call or home visit) if we have not been informed of a pupil's absence.

Reporting a planned absence from school

If you know of a planned absence from school (such as a medical appointment or family holiday) please could this be passed on to the school office in advance of the absence? We usually require a medical appointment letter to authorise full or half-day absences for appointments but short, local appointments will not require one. For other planned absences, parents will need to complete a 'Request for leave of absence' form. These can be obtained either from the school website or a paper copy can be collected from the school office.

When a family puts in a request for holidays in term time, please be aware that the headteacher has to reply to these requests in writing. The headteacher's letter must include certain paragraphs which explain parts of the law and the system of fines for taking children out of school. Please be assured that all schools across Westmorland and Furness are required to follow the same procedures and write to parents stating these particular facts to parents.

Charities and fundraising for 2025/2026

We have not yet included any dates for fundraising on our school calendar. This year, all fundraising activities (other than PTA events) will be decided on by the children through their FIDs groups which we will be able to tell you about in the coming weeks.

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October

Parent Consultations: 21st October, 3:30pm – 6pm

Parent Consultations: 22nd October, 3:30pm – 5pm

Donations for Harvest Festival – from Monday 20th October

Harvest Service: Friday 24th October, 2:30pm, St Mary's Church,
Ambleside

Half-term: week beginning 27th October

November

Ambleside Lights – Saturday 15th November

OPAL playtimes talk for parents and opening of our new playground
area: Tuesday 25th November, 2:15pm

December

Non-uniform day for donations for the Christmas Fair – 5th December

PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 12th December, 3:30pm

Loughrigg Class Christmas Nativity – Wednesday 17th December, 2pm
(in the school hall)

Christmas Dinner in school and Christmas jumper day – Thursday 18th
December

Christmas Carol Service – Thursday 18th December, 2:30pm, St Mary's
Church, Ambleside

Christmas holiday begins: Friday 19th December, 3:20pm

School re-opens: Wednesday 7th January, 2026