



October Newsletter 2025

Harvest Festival Donations

Our Harvest Service will take place on Friday 24th October at 2:30pm in St Mary's Church, Ambleside, and all of our parents, friends and families are welcome to join us. As in previous years, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food ahead of our service. These can be brought into school anytime from Monday 20th October.



This year, we would like to ask everyone to help us to gather donations for the Ronald McDonald Charity, Manchester, which has recently supported Mrs Stearn's family. The Ronald McDonald provides free 'home away from home' accommodation to families with children receiving treatment in the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital and St Mary's Neonatal Unit. Families travel to Manchester from across the North West, the UK and even internationally, so that their children can receive specialist treatment at The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Because of the strain of what they are dealing with, parents are often not thinking about organising meals for themselves but a few basics in the Ronald McDonald House kitchen ensures parents can get something quick to eat without having to do any food preparation.

If any of you would like to support the charity with us, we would welcome donations of the following:

Tinned soups or stews, instant noodles or ramen cups, canned pasta (like ravioli or Spaghetti hoops), shelf-stable microwave meals (rice bowls, chilli, curry, or pasta), cereal or granola bars, individual breakfast cereal boxes, rice cakes. Anything quick that can be eaten straight from the packet, heated in a microwave or boiling water added before eating.



Autumn Term Parent Consultations

This week's consultations will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday in your child's classroom. Please enter school via the main entrance. Teachers would like to meet with all parents of children in their classes so, if you are not able to come along this week, please contact your child's class teacher via the Dojo app to arrange a suitable alternative date.

Parking Machine

Since our last newsletter, our car parking machine has been installed. We now have a tablet in school to record the car registration of anyone visiting school so that they do not need to pay for parking – this includes anyone visiting school to join our playgroup on a Thursday, anyone arriving for meetings or our many volunteers. We are really fortunate to have this new machine and it is something that the school's Governing Board have wanted for many years but we have simply not been able to justify such a big spend from our school budget. Thanks to a close contact of the school, we have been able to have this machine at no cost to the school budget. We are very grateful to the car parking company for making this possible for us.

Remembrance Day Service – Tuesday 11th November 2pm

Our annual service of Remembrance will take place at the school memorial outside Kiddiwinks Nursery. The service will be led by Reverend Jane and members of the British Legion will also be in attendance. Anyone who would like to come along is very welcome to join us.



The British Legion have also delivered a box of poppies to school and these will be available for children and families from the school office, for a donation, straight after half-term.

A few highlights from our first half-term:



Wansfell Class enjoyed a day in St Catherine's Wood, Windermere, learning about the Stone Age and Iron Age.



Loughrigg Class had an adventure on Lake Windermere! They began their day at Wray Castle before canoeing back to Ambleside for a well-earned hot chocolate.





Our Year 6's learned all about cycling safely on the roads in their Bikeability course.



Fairfield Class visited the Brathay Trust for a day of orienteering.



Some of our Key Stage 2 children took part in a cross-country event at The Lakes School.



All the colours of autumn.

