

November Newsletter 2025

On behalf of the staffing team, can I say a big thank you to all of our families who kindly donated items for our Harvest collection. Mrs Stearn delivered two full boxes of food supplies to the Ronald McDonald charity in Manchester recently and they were thrilled to receive our donation. Your donations will already have helped families who are facing a difficult time at the moment.

Another big thank you needs to be shared for our fantastic PSA parents and staff who worked hard during last Saturday's Ambleside Lights. The school stall was very busy and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

We have added a few extra events and trips into our school diary between now and the end of term so the end of this newsletter has an updated list of dates on it for you all.

Mrs Broom

OPAL event for parents next Tuesday (25th November)

We have made a lot of improvements to our school playground over the last 18 months and we would love for you to come into school to see what has been happening. We have been working with OPAL North West on this project and on Tuesday 25th November, 2:15pm, Anna Dutson (from OPAL) will be giving a short talk for parents about what OPAL playtimes are all about. After the short talk, parents will then be invited to visit our playground (at the rear of the school) to see the new equipment that has been installed and to see the range of activities on offer for the children. The children will all be outside having an extra playtime so that they can give you a tour.

Refreshments will also be provided for parents at the start of Anna's talk.

We look forward to seeing you!



Cold Weather Clothing

As we're starting to get some very cold days now, please could the children all start to bring warmer coats, hats and gloves to school to wear at breaktimes?

At lunchtimes, we do provide waterproofs for everyone (to protect their uniforms from mud and water when playing) and these are intended to be worn over their warm layers, not instead of their warm coats on the coldest days.

Non-uniform day – Thursday 4th December

Please note that we have changed the date for our non-uniform day due to there being a trip on the original date. (We find it much easier having children in school uniform on trips as they are easier to see.)

Our non-uniform day is for donations of chocolate that will be used on our 'Chocolate Tombola' stall at the Christmas Fayre the following week.

School lunches

We have a few trips coming up where children are going to be off-site for their lunch. Please can parents not book a school lunch for their child on these days so that the food isn't wasted? Class teachers will try and remind you in advance using our Dojo app.

<u>Christmas lunch – Thursday 18th December</u>

Just another reminder that the school dinner on Thursday 18th December will be a Christmas lunch and is always excellent. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please book them a lunch for the Thursday when the menu becomes available. Again, we will try to send out some extra reminders nearer the time. There will still be crackers and hats for children on packed lunches.

Dates for Autumn Term 2

Friday 21st Nov – Year 5/6 visit to Kendal Mountain Festival

Tuesday 25th Nov – OPAL talk for parents and opening of new play equipment, 2:15pm

**Thursday 4th December – Non-uniform day for chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre date changed

Friday 5th December – Loughrigg Class trip to 101 Dalmatians, Kendal (am) KS2 trip to 101 Dalmatians, Kendal (pm)

Monday 8th December – Year 3/4 trip to Brathay Trust

Wednesday 10th December – Loughrigg Class trip to the pantomime, Lancaster

Wednesday 10th December – Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's Church, Ambleside, 6pm

Wednesday 17th December – Loughrigg Class nativity, 2pm

Thursday 18th **December** – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

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

Friday 19th December – last day of term





A group of our children sang in the Market Square during Ambleside Lights.



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