Newsletter

VE Day Anniversary Edition

Friday, 9th May 2025

Term 3 Week 3

VE Day

On Thursday, our school came together in red, white and blue for a grand celebration to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, commemorating the end of World War II in Europe on May 8, 1945. The day was filled with joy, remembrance, and a deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who fought for peace and freedom. Highlights included a whole school rendition of 'We'll Meet Again' and the KS1 1940's dancing.

Dearham's Got Talent!

Two of our Year 6 pupils travelled to Manchester to represent District 10 at the NODA awards, after successfully winning 'Best leading female in a youth musical (Moana)' and 'Best male youth character in an adult production. (Agustus Gloop)'. They were delighted to walk away from Saturday's ceremony with an additional award for best staging of a youth production for Moana Jnr.

Meanwhile, one of our Y5 pupils, travelled with her cheerleading team 'Lady Royals' from Maryport Cheer Force Knights, all the way to Florida in the USA to compete in not one, but two world championships, against teams from the world over. She has represented herself professionally and has put in so much time, dedication and effort over the last 9 months, resulting in progressing to the highest stages of the comps.

Well done to all of these talented pupils for being wonderful ambassadors for our School, village and wider community—we are incredibly proud of you all.

DEARHAM SCHOOL

WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Book via ScoPay

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Week beginning 12th May

Monday - Outside games

Tuesday - Fruit kebabs

Wednesday - School clean up

(weeding & litter picking)

Thursday - Water fun*

Friday - Crafts

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH A CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Snacks & refreshments included

After School Activities

The Term 3 After School Activity programme kicked off this week with children enjoying a range of sporting, creative and musical activities.

Year 1 and Year 2 children had a fantastic time during their Tuesday Outdoor Pursuits after school club, exploring nature and engaging in exciting activities that encouraged movement, observation, and creativity.

Our young adventurers started with an animal movements warm-up, hopping like frogs, flapping like birds, and crawling like caterpillars to get ready for the session ahead. They then became Nature Detectives, searching for interesting textures, colours, and sounds in the environment, sparking conversations about the world around them.

The children worked together to create nature-inspired patterns and sculptures using sticks and leaves, showcasing their creativity and teamwork.

To finish the session, they took a moment to relax and reflect with a sensory mindfulness exercise, listening to the sounds of nature and sharing our observations.

Miss Clarke was so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and engagement throughout the lesson! Outdoor learning is a wonderful way to build resilience, teamwork, and appreciation for the environment, and we look forward to many more adventures in nature.

SPORTS DAY

EY /Key Stage 1— Tuesday, 20th May

Key Stage 2—Wednesday, 21st May

Both events will start at

1:30pm

My apologies for any confusion—the timing was correct on the calendar but **wrong in the previous Newsletters.**

Cups

Congratulations to this week's **Courtesy** Cup winners:

Key Stage 1— **Ava Donachy**

Lower Key Stage 2—**Finn Holmes**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Poppy Moore**

The **Community Cup** this week goes to:

Amelia Simpson in Year 6. When her friend had an accident this week and broke her ankle, Amelia remained with her and kept her calm until help arrived.

Well done Amelia.

NURSERY

This week our Traditional tale has been Cinderella. The children have successfully retold the story using puppets, made invitations to invite friends to the ball and even made their own crowns to look like the princes and princesses in the story.

The lovely weather has provided lots of outdoor play opportunities including den building, mark making, outdoor maths and fun in the mud kitchen.

On VE Day we watched a video showing King Charles, Prince William and Prince George celebrating the end of WWII with lots of special guests outside Buckingham Palace. The children made Union Jack flags and waved them as we sang along to a wartime classic 'We'll Meet Again.' The children were fascinated by the concept of rations and could not believe how hard it was to get food including chocolate and sweet treats during the war years.

We also gave a very warm welcome to some new friends of school who will be joining our Nursery class in September.

This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Ellie Prior and **Tobi Sproat**

Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about VE day.

In Maths, we have been revisiting doubling again and then looking at odd and even numbers. We have looked at the Number blocks that have 2 flat heads and can balance a ball on their heads, they are our even numbers and the ones who only have 1 on top are our odd numbers.

The children have been learning all about VE day and how it has been celebrated for the past 80 years. They made their own scones for our special VE day party, they learnt 'We'll meet again' song, they made union jack flags, put the right colour pom poms on the Union Jack flags using tweezers and coloured in VE pictures.

We have also made boats as part of our DT topic. We looked at what materials were waterproof or not waterproof and what objects floated or sank, to help us decide what the best material is to make a boat. Then we made our boats.

Well done Reception, you have had another super week.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Reception go to:

Bobby Chamberlain and **Ellie Ross**

Year 1

This week in English, we have been using adjectives to write a description of Beegu for a lost poster. The children have been excitedly using new words to describe Beegu.

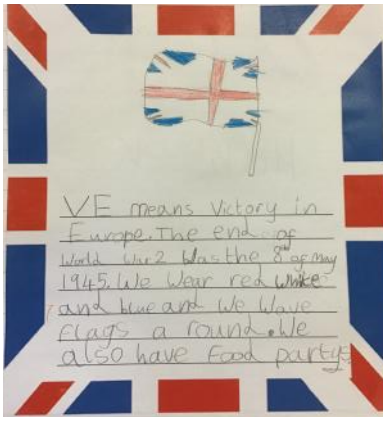
In Maths we continued practising with rulers and then moved on to comparing the mass of two objects. The children have been using the terms 'heavier than' and 'lighter than.'

In History, our focus has been on Christopher Columbus. The children can now explain his journey and the discoveries he made. We have also been comparing his journey to those of explorers within our living memory.

In Science, we have been studying our beans, understanding why some have grown and others have not. We also identified some wild and garden plants, then visited the forest school area to find examples.

In Art, we each collected a stick from the forest school, we then used our new measuring skills to measure 90cm pieces of wool and wrapped them around our stick. We were inspired by artist Judith Scott.

In Computing the children have been adding pages to their animated stories, mastering the use of online programs to create these animations.



This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 1 go to:

Iyla-Beau Park and **Marcie Marsden**

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 2 go to:

Isaac Smith and **Bailey White**

Year 2

In Science, we observed the growth of our sweet pea pots and recorded our results. We learned all about seeds and bulbs and are enjoying taking care of our plants.

In Maths, the children used rules and metre rules to measure in cm and metres. They also compared length and heights using these two units of measure.

In Geography, the children learned all about the meaning of a coast. They learned the features of a coast and used Google Earth to locate popular coastlines around the UK and marked them on a map.

We had a lovely day celebrating VE day. The children learned the meaning behind this significant day and also got to learn a variety of dance moves that people in that era would have been using to celebrate. Both Year 1 and Year 2 got to Jive and Charleston together and were absolutely amazing!

Year 3

It has been another exciting week of learning in Year 3, filled with exploration, creativity, and discovery!

English has been an adventure into storytelling as we started building effective sentences based on our new book, *The Happy Prince*.

In Science, we've been entering into the fascinating world of plants — investigating their growth, structure, and function. From roots to leaves, we're learning how each part plays a vital role in sustaining life.

On Thursday, we learned more about VE Day and its historical significance. As we marked 80 years since Victory in Europe, the children explored what life was like during the war, reflected on its importance, and celebrated the resilience and unity that this day represents. They wrote thoughtful thank you letters to veterans and those who lived through the war, expressing gratitude for their experiences and sacrifices. In the afternoon, Miss Clarke delivered the letters to Florence House, the residents were so grateful to receive such heartfelt letters of thanks.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 3 go to:

Mila Hetherington and **Jax Young**

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic week full of learning, creativity, and active fun!

In Maths, we have been learning how to find the perimeter of shapes. The children worked hard to measure and add the sides of regular polygons and rectilinear shapes. It was great to see everyone using rulers carefully and applying their knowledge to solve perimeter problems.

In History, we explored the fascinating world of the ancient Maya. The children researched different Mayan gods, finding out what they represented and why they were important. They used this information to create colourful and detailed posters to share what they had learned.

In PE, we continued our athletics unit with a focus on long jump and triple jump. Year 4 showed brilliant effort and energy as they practised their jumping techniques and tried to beat their own distances.

In PSHE, we looked at clubs and activities in our local community. The children researched different opportunities they could get involved in, from sports and music to art and volunteering, and thought about how these clubs can help them stay happy, healthy, and connected.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 4 go to:

Riley Lynch and **Jesse Sharp**

Year 5

This week in English, Year 5 have been learning to write a newspaper about Beowulf's battle with Grendel. They looked at the features of a newspaper and came up with their own headlines and quotes of what a witness might say about what they saw.

We have also been learning about air resistance in Science. The children did an experiment involving balloons. They tested different sized balloons to see which one fell the quickest because of less air resistance. They wrote a conclusion to their experiment and found out that the smallest balloon fell the quickest because it has less surface area, resulting in less air resistance acting on it.

In History, the children asked questions about jobs that children did in different factories in the Victorian times. They looked at a census from 1841 and found that lots of children had to support their families. They found that children worked in dangerous places like jam factories and cotton mills.

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 5 go to:

Aidan Smith and **Emily Oultram**

This week's Headteacher's Awards in Year 6 go to:

Willow Corrie and **Zoey Gaskell**

YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 children have demonstrated incredible dedication as they prepare for their upcoming tests. We are immensely proud of the hard work and perseverance they have shown over the past few months. Now is the time for them to showcase their efforts and shine.

In PE, our focus has been on athletics. The children practised their long jump skills, honing their hop, skip, and jump techniques. They also participated in a relay race, emphasising teamwork and mutual support.

Additionally, we celebrated VE Day by creating flags. After learning about the significance of this day, the children enjoyed making their flags and proudly waving them during assembly. It was a wonderful way to honour history and foster a sense of community

Key Dates

May

12th—15th—Year 6 SATs Week

16th—Y6 Trip to UCLan , Preston

20th—EY/KS1 Sports Day— **1:30pm**

21st—KS2 Sports Day—**1:30pm**

22nd—Class Photos

23rd—Break up for Half Term

June

2nd-6th—Y6 Bikeability

4th—KS1 Village Run

5th- KS2 Village Run

9th— Y3 to Honister Mine

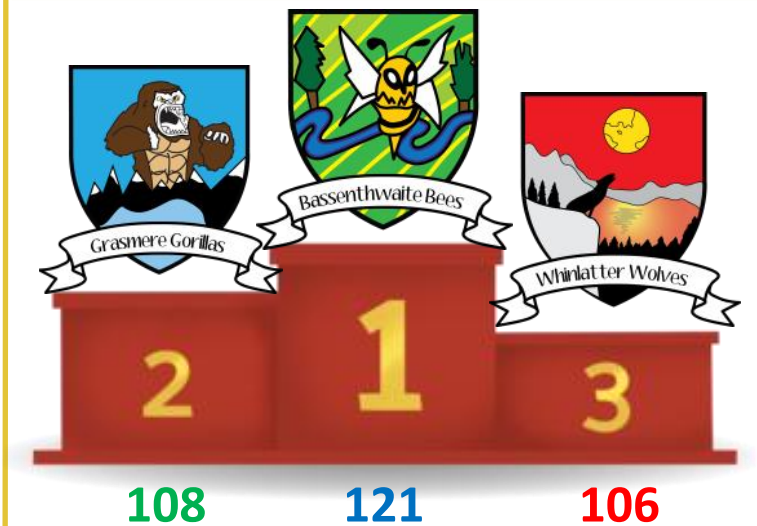
13th—TT Rockstars Day

25th—Green Food Bank Day

27th—Y5 to Netherhall

28th—Summer Fete and Dearham Carnival

House Points



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Attendance

Attendance for week ending **09/05/25**

(Please note that Nursery is not included as this is non-statutory education)

Whole School Attendance = 97.5%

Reception	99.3%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	92.0%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 4	99.5%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	95.5%

Safeguarding

If you suspect that a child or young person is being, or is at risk of being significantly harmed as a result of abuse or neglect, you must report this immediately by calling the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on:

Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership

0333 240 1727

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. Our designated Safeguarding team are:

Headteacher — Mrs. Samantha Busigny

DSL — Mrs. Samantha Busigny

DDSL—Miss Grima and Mrs. Clayton

Safeguarding Governor— Mr. Rob Barton

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