Newsletter

Friday, 20th June 2025

Term 3 Week 8

Public Speaking Competition

Well done to our Y5 and Y6 pupils who were selected to take part in an oracy competition this week. The event brought together talented young speakers from across the area, each delivering a short speech on a topic of their choice. From environmental issues to personal heroes, the children spoke with confidence, clarity, and creativity—captivating the audience and impressing the panel of judges. While a few pupils were recognised with certificates and prizes, every participant was a winner—demonstrating courage, preparation, and pride in their performance. The judges commented on the high standard of speaking and the thoughtful ideas shared by all.

We extend our thanks to the Maryport Rotary Club for organising such a valuable event, and to Netherhall School for hosting. We're already looking forward to next year's competition!

We are collecting the following items for our pre-loved and tombola stalls at the Summer Fete. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in items.

If you have any of the following, that you no longer want or use, please send them to school, **before Thursday, 26th June 2025.**

- Pre-loved books
- Pre-loved toys and games
- Pre-loved uniform
- Pre-loved dressing up costumes
- Bric-a-Brac items for the tombola stall (any household objects that someone else might like to win such as candles, photo frames or anything at all!)

Dearham
Primary School
Summer Fete
Saturday 28th June 2025
Friends Of Dearham School
12:00 - 4:00pm
Dearham Carnival Crowning Ceremony
Craft Stalls · Year 6 Games · Raffle
Tombola · Pre-loved Toy & Book Stall
Primary School Assembly Bangers
Wilmots Fun Fair · Davisons Ice Cream
Smash Shack · Shake, Waffle & Roll
Dusty Dogs · Aura Body Art · Police
Fire · Cumbria Search & Rescue
Strictly NO ALCOHOL
Bring a picnic blanket

14th—21st June has been Drowning Prevention Week. As summer approaches, it's vital to help our communities, especially children, young people and their families, stay safe around water, both at home and outdoors. In recent years, 136 people have drowned in Cumbria, with 20 of those being children, that's 15% of all local drownings. Many of these tragedies happened just metres from safety, in everyday locations. Even with all the right precautions, emergencies can happen in seconds. That's why it's vital for children, young people and their families to understand the basics of self-rescue, safe helping and who to call in a crisis.

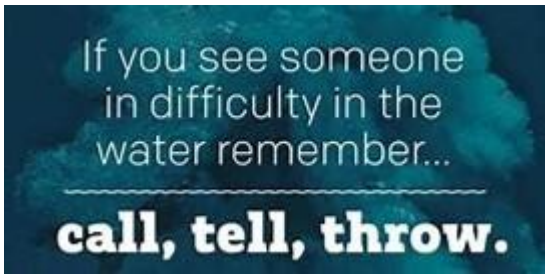
If you, or the children, young people or families you work with, see someone else in danger in water, they should:

CALL 999 immediately.

- Ask for the **Coastguard** at sea or on the coast.
- Ask for **Fire and Rescue** for rivers, lakes or canals.

TELL them to stay calm, float and keep still.

- **THROW something that floats** - a lifebuoy, ball, rope, or even a sealed empty bottle.
- Never jump in yourself. You could also get into trouble.



RNLI Float to Live Technique

DEARHAM SCHOOL

WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Book via ScoPay

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Week beginning 23rd June

Monday - Sports fun
Tuesday - Jellyfish crafts
Wednesday - Balloon Flyers
Thursday - Fruit waffles
Friday - Free Play

Snacks & refreshments included

Full STEAM Ahead Summer 2025!

Join our **STEAM-powered** wild reactions, and building survival machines — it's hands-on fun like never before!

- Real projects
- Big imagination
- Epic finale showcase!

Summer Club where kids aged 7–11 become inventors, engineers, and creators! From designing a working **theme park** to launching rockets, mixing

Limited spaces available – book now and make this summer *seriously awesome!*
Contact Us: Facebook
gibriesgeekery@outlook.com
07720678175

FULL STEAM AHEAD
SUMMER 2025

WEEK 1
MONDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 25TH JULY

WEEK 2
MON 28TH JULY - FRI 1ST AUGUST

NURSERY

This week we have continued with our Minibeast topic and have been focusing on Ladybirds. We have been reading 'What The Lady Bird Heard', 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' and have been learning all about how ladybirds survive in the wild. Our new vocabulary we have been learning this week is ' camouflage', 'metamorphosis', 'survival' and 'predator'.

Our caterpillars are growing really big and it won't be long until they begin to form their chrysalis. The children are very excited to see them transform into butterflies!

In phonics, our new sound is 'y' and we have been focusing on blending our 'cvc' words, and understanding syllables.

We have also been very creative this week and have made some fantastic spiders, ladybirds and bees, which are all hanging up in the classroom for everyone to see. We have enjoyed singing, making obstacle courses, playing football and hunting for minibeasts during our outdoor exploring time. Well done Nursery!

Reception

This week in Maths, we have been exploring the concepts of "more than" and "fewer than" using our stem sentences. The children have enjoyed using the 'Rekenrek' to show one more than a number, helping to build their understanding of number relationships. We've also been focusing on numbers up to 15, practising how to write them correctly and match each number to the correct quantity of objects.

In English, we have been reading the delightful story "Tiddler" by Julia Donaldson. The children loved drawing their own versions of Tiddler and used adjectives to describe him in detail. As part of our weekly challenges, we became under the sea detectives, writing about the fascinating things we discovered beneath the waves. We also imagined what might be hiding in the sea and wrote about our underwater findings. The children have been working hard on reading and writing their tricky words too!

Well done to all our Reception learners for another fantastic week of learning and discovery!

This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Reggie Thompson and **Boden Rumney**

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

Imogen Lister and **Denver Wood**

Year 1

This week in English, we've been diving into the deep blue sea! The children explored two different ocean settings and created a fantastic bank of adjectives to describe them. Their vocabulary is growing beautifully. We then used these words to build some brilliant sentences. It's been wonderful to see how much their sentence writing has improved!

In Maths, we've been learning all about positional and directional language. To help us practise, we took our learning outside and played some exciting games on the school field. The children were amazing at following directions—and many of us have now mastered our left and right! We've been measuring like scientists this week! Using rulers, the children identified and measured footprints of woodland animals. It was great to see them applying their knowledge of centimetres from Maths so confidently. Super measuring, Year 1!

In Geography our journey around the world took us to China! We labelled the 7 continents and discovered that China is in Asia. The children were so curious—they were even spotted finding China on the globe during choosing time. What brilliant explorers!

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

Hope Hodgson and **Summer Renney**

Year 2

This week in English, the children have been working hard on their spelling, punctuation, and grammar in preparation for their upcoming assessments next week. We revisited the use of capital letters, full stops, and the four sentence types. The children also recapped nouns, verbs and adjectives and how they can be used in a sentence.

In Maths, we explored the difference between unit and non-unit fractions. The children also started to recognise the equivalence of a half and two quarters.

In History, we learned about William the Conqueror's rise to power and used the Bayeux Tapestry to create storyboards of key events. The children really enjoyed this lesson! There was a lot of information to take in but they understood the key events and names of significant people really quickly.

We also had a special visit from artists Celia and Jim for the second part of our Fairy Path Project. The children spent two days in creative workshops, working with clay, sketches, and textiles. It's been a lovely week full of learning and creativity—Well done, Year 2!

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

Lyra Simpson and **Frazer McMullan**

Year 3

On Monday, we had the pleasure of taking part in a poetry workshop with the wonderful Donna Ashworth. The session was truly inspiring! Donna helped us to recognise writing as a powerful tool for self-expression and emotional wellbeing, and experience the calming and mindful benefits of creative writing. The children were so engaged and thoughtful—it was a joy to see their creativity shine!

On Wednesday, we had a very special visit—Oscar brought in some adorable ducklings that had recently hatched from eggs! The class was captivated, asking brilliant questions and learning more about how ducks grow and develop. A big thank you to Oscar for sharing such a lovely moment with us.

We've also been enjoying learning the story of *Boucle d'Or et les Trois Ours* (*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*) in French. The children have amazed us with how confidently they can recall key vocabulary—they've picked it up so quickly!

We're so proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm Year 3

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

Ember Scott and **Freddie Williams**

Year 4

This week in Maths, our focus has been on converting fractions to decimals. This can be a challenging concept, but the children have shown great determination and perseverance. We've explored different methods for making these conversions, including using place value charts and working with number lines.

Our English lessons have continued to revolve around our class text, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We've had some brilliant discussions about the characters, settings, and plot. Using the book as inspiration, the children have been working hard to write descriptive pieces, focusing on using adventurous vocabulary, powerful adjectives, and figurative language to enrich their writing.

In Geography, we've been exploring the many ways rivers are used. From providing drinking water and irrigation for crops to offering routes for travel and trade, the children have been learning just how vital rivers are. We've made connections between our geography knowledge and real-world examples, using maps and images to locate major rivers around the world .

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

Summer Mossop and **Patrick Rigby**

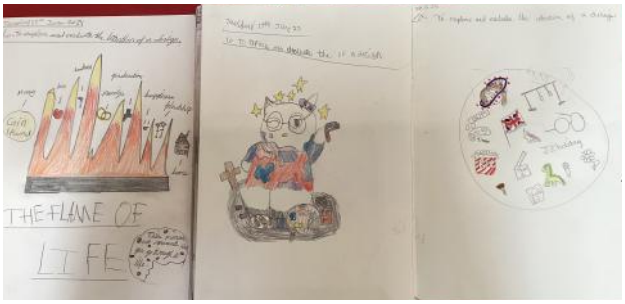
Year 5

It's been a vibrant and productive week in Year 5, filled with creativity, teamwork, and plenty of rehearsal excitement! The children have been incredibly busy preparing for our upcoming performance, and it's coming together beautifully.

In English, the children ventured into the moon world of Pandora, where they designed their own fantastical six-legged creatures known as hexapods. Using expanded noun phrases, they described their creations in vivid detail—showcasing impressive imagination and a growing confidence in descriptive writing.

Inspired by what matters most to them, the children have created thoughtful designs for personal statues or monuments in art. Each design tells a unique story or message, and it's been wonderful to see their ideas come to life through sketches and symbolism.

On the rounders field in PE, Year 5 have been putting all their learning into practice. They've been sharpening their striking and fielding skills while confidently applying the rules of the game. Great sportsmanship and teamwork were on full display.



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

Henry Smith and **Jack Gibson**

YEAR 6

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

James Stuart and **Kate Voce**

Excitement is building as Years 5 and 6 prepare for their end-of-year production of *Peter Pan*! All the scenes are now set, and the songs are sounding absolutely amazing. The children have shown incredible dedication in learning their lines, and we're now focusing on perfecting each scene. The acting is truly fantastic—parents, you are in for a real treat!

We've also begun creating some of the props, and over the next two weeks, the children will be getting involved in bringing these magical elements to life. The dances are looking spectacular too, adding even more sparkle to the show.

A quick reminder: costumes need to be in by next Thursday for our dress rehearsal. If you need any help or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Key Dates

June

23rd —3:30pm—Meeting re York Trip Y5/6

25th—Green Food Bank Day

26th—Peter Pan Dress Rehearsal to rest of school

27th—Y5 to Netherhall

28th—Summer Fete and Dearham Carnival

30th—Reception trip to Stocks Wood

July

1st — Y1 trip to Stocks Wood

1st and 2nd—Y6 Transition Days

3rd—Y5/6 Show—Peter Pan—6pm

7th- 8th—Y4 Trip to Hawes End

7th—Reports issued

9th—11th— Y5/6 Trip to York

14th—Y3 trip to Clip n Climb

16th—Y6 Leavers' Assembly and Brunch—**9:15am**

17th—Transition morning

18th—Break up 1:30pm

Courtesy Cups

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

Early Years— **All of Reception Class**

Key Stage 1— **Zania Adams**

Lower Key Stage 2— **Skyer Baliff**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Finley Easterbrook**

Attendance

Attendance for week ending **20/06/25**

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

Whole School Attendance = 95.02%

Reception	**93%**
Year 1	**89%**
Year 2	**96%**
Year 3	**95%**
Year 4	**98%**
Year 5	**93%**
Year 6	**97%**

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

NORTH LAKES foodbank

GREEN Foodbank DAY 2025

Wednesday 25th June

Please donate from the list.

- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Pasta (500g)
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Veg (Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn)
- Tinned Tuna
- Sponge Pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Biscuits
- Jam
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Potatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Dried Rice (500g)
- Cereal (approx 350g)

Help your community and have fun at the same time.

Our shelves are empty! So, please give if you can.

Thank you!

Need help with food? Call our helpline.
Freephone 0808 208 2138

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