Newsletter

Friday, 4th July 2025

Term 3 Week 10

Years 5 and 6 Fly High in Spectacular 'Peter Pan' Production

On Thursday night, the Ellen Theatre was transported to Neverland as our incredible Year 5 and 6 pupils took to the stage for a magical performance of *Peter Pan*. From the very first note to the final bow, the audience was swept away by the talent, energy, and sheer joy radiating from every young performer. The production sparkled with standout characters, each brought to life with heart and humour. Peter soared, Wendy charmed, and Captain Hook had just the right dash of villainy. The cast poured passion into every line and lyric, with confident acting, clear storytelling, and songs that filled the theatre with applause. Whether they were swashbuckling pirates, Lost Boys leaping in joy, Wild Warriors or graceful mermaids gliding across the stage, the ensemble's dancing was sharp, spirited and full of energy.

Huge thanks go out to our wonderful parents who worked their magic behind the scenes—your creative costume designs, beautifully styled hair, and imaginative make-up helped transport us all into a world of wonder. The show simply couldn't have sparkled the way it did without your generosity and creativity. A heartfelt well done to every child involved—your hard work, teamwork, and courage on stage made this a night to remember. And to the families, teachers, and staff who helped bring it all together—thank you for making the magic happen.

Dearham Primary School Summer Fete

Summer Fete Showcases Dearham's Community Spirit

Despite persistent rain throughout the afternoon, the Dearham Summer Fete last Saturday was a resounding success, thanks to the unwavering support and enthusiasm of our school community. Families, friends, and local residents turned out in great numbers to enjoy all that the Fete had to offer.

An enormous round of applause goes to **FODS (Friends of Dearham School)** for their incredible dedication, creativity, and sheer determination in pulling off such a fabulous event. From planning to setup, from raffle prizes to running stalls, their efforts brought joy, laughter, and a whole lot of community cheer—even as the heavens opened above us!

Dearham Carnival – A Huge Success!

And just when we thought the weekend couldn't be more festive, congratulations to everyone involved in the Dearham Carnival! Your colourful costumes, creative floats, and positive energy made it a spectacular showcase of our village's community pride.

The skies may have been grey, but our pupils lit up the day with their superb singing performances! Their confident voices and infectious enthusiasm were a true highlight and kept spirits high throughout the event. A big well done to every performer—you made us proud.

Over £1000 was raised for the school. This money will be used for those additional items to enrich our children's schooling. This year money raised by FODS was used to install the Cross-Curricular Orienteering, pay for the ROCK KIDZ visit, pay for the Science Show by Professor Pumpernickel and much more.

Dearham Primary School provides wraparound provision including breakfast and after school clubs.

Over the last school year, after school club pupils have been enjoying lots of exciting activities.

We welcomed the opportunity to take advantage of the planting areas within the forest school section of our field and planted lots of exciting things this year! The children loved planting the potatoes, tending to them and then digging them up once ready, each child got to take some home for their tea and they were very tasty indeed! We planted a wide range of flowers to display around the school grounds, making sure they stayed watered in the hotter weeks. We also potted a sunflower to take home and grew several other fruits and vegetables including peas, pumpkins, tomato's and multicoloured carrots!

With our wonderful British weather, unfortunately we cannot always have fun outside, so we have been making a range of crafts in the warmth and dryness of the hall. Learning new skills such as paper weaving, decoupage, and quilling. The children also produced stunning fairy gardens to take home which was definitely a highlight of the year so far.

The children love to try new techniques and flavours so some of our tastier activities have included milkshake and smoothie making, biscuit decorating, pizza making and of course the good ole crispy cakes!

When the sun did come out to play, outside games and fun are very popular with the children. In the very sunny weather, we decided to have some water fun complete with water throwers and rockets. Unfortunately, both Mrs Spalding and Mrs Hetherington soon became the number one targets and got extremely soaked, but the laughter that filled the playground more than made up for our soggy clothes.

As we come to the end of this school year and prepare to start another, we are excited to welcome back old and new pupils to wrap around and produce new and fun activities.

Wrap around care is available up to 5.30pm each evening. This can be booked via Scopay, we have limited places, so we always recommend booking in advance. Look out for our post in the newsletter to show what activities we have planned for the week ahead!

WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL

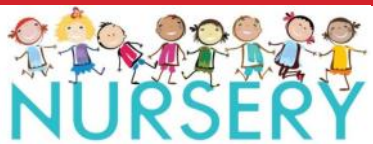
Book via ScoPay

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Week beginning 7th July

Monday - Sports fun
Tuesday - Suncatchers
Wednesday - Pizza Making
Thursday - Pasta Jewellery
Friday - Free Play

Snacks & refreshments included



We had an exciting start to the week, seeing our beautiful butterflies emerge from their Chrysalis! The children have watched and waited patiently for them to change from caterpillars to butterflies over the past few weeks and it has been wonderful to observe their transformation. We took them to our woodland area to set them free.

We continued our Minibeast theme with this weeks book, The Snail and the Whale. The children have enjoyed learning about the lives of snails and have been creating their own snails using buttons, paints, string and swirly patterns.

In Maths we have been learning positional language; behind, in front of, beside, above and below and have been playing games to practise using this language. We have also been singing lots of Number songs, some of our favourites include five currant buns, Five little men in a flying saucer and Three blind mice. We have also been comparing more than and less than using cubes, blocks and objects.

This week, the children had a fantastic outdoor adventure at Stockswood! They embraced nature and enjoyed a variety of exciting activities that sparked their curiosity and creativity. The children learned how to safely make a fire using flint and cotton wool, and they loved toasting marshmallows over the flames. Sipping hot chocolate in the fresh air made the experience even more special! They also went pond dipping with nets and discovered a range of fascinating creatures living in the water. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore habitats and learn about wildlife up close. As part of their learning journey, the children collected different leaves, flowers, and seeds, which they will use in class to support their ongoing exploration of the natural world. To top it all off, they played hide and seek in the woods, laughing and bonding with their friends in the great outdoors.

In school, we've continued our exciting exploration of Summer! The children have been busy learning through a variety of engaging activities. In Maths, we've been focusing on: Adding numbers together, consolidating our understanding of number bonds to 10 and counting confidently beyond 20.

Our sound for this week is 'qu' and we have been focusing on recapping all the initial sounds we have been learning this year and identifying rhyming words.

Well done Nursery! What a lovely week.

This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Keeley-Rae Weaver and **Brody Ostle**

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

Robyn Weightman and **Archie Shaw**

Year 1

On Tuesday, we had an amazing time on our school trip to Stockswood. The children were absolute stars – so well-behaved and full of enthusiasm. We were incredibly proud of them all! We got stuck into some brilliant outdoor learning: we learnt how to light fires (safely, of course!), toasted marshmallows, studied plant features and used the woodland to create our own plant part pictures and played lots of games that helped us work as a team and support one another.

Back in the classroom, we've been writing recounts of our trip. The children did a fantastic job adding detail and putting their ideas in time order. Some even used time adverbials like "First," "Then," and "After that" to start their sentences.

This week in Maths, we've started exploring fractions. Using playdough, we've been learning about halves and making two equal groups. In Geography we took a virtual tour of Shanghai, China's biggest city! The children were brilliant at spotting physical and human features during the tour. Afterwards, they worked in pairs to label features in pictures of Shanghai.

A big thank you to the kind parent who donated some peacock feathers! We used them to write our names and draw pictures, and had a lovely chat about the history of pens – learning how people used to write with quail feathers and ink.

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

Bella Murray and **Millie-Joe Lancaster**

Year 2

In English this week we have carried on reading 'Not Quite Narwhal'. The children picked a part in the story and used the five senses to describe what our main character Kelp might feel like during this time. The children came up with some wonderful descriptions and were able to use their knowledge of coastlines in Geography to make connections between learning.

In History we continued to look at castles built in the Norman times. This week, we looked deeper into how the castles were used and how they were carefully designed to ensure they could protect the Norman people from the unhappy Saxons! The children are so interested in this topic and we are really enjoying learning about this together. In Art, the children drew their own 'Motte and Bailey' castles, one of the first types to be built, and labelled the key features.

We also had a visit from Mary from NSPCC, who did a workshop with the children called 'Amazing Me' where the children learned about speaking out and staying safe inside and outside of school. Fantastic work this week, well done Year 2!

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

Oakley Roberston and **Romany Winder**

Year 3

We've been exploring our new class text, Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. The children are absolutely loving the story so far! To really bring it to life, we held a lively class debate—Should people feed foxes? Everyone had the chance to share their opinions, using persuasive arguments to support their ideas.

In Science, we've been learning all about water transportation in plants. We explored how water moves through plants by conducting some fascinating experiments. One activity involved placing celery sticks into coloured water. The children were amazed to see how the coloured water travelled up through the stems, showing how plants use capillary action and the xylem to transport water from roots to leaves. It really brought the science to life!

On Wednesday, we enjoyed an incredible opportunity to connect with students from London via Zoom. We had a thoughtful discussion about different religions and beliefs. The children were fascinated to learn about Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, and atheism, and they asked brilliant questions.

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

William Shaw and **Layla Harrison**

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

Jonty Falcon and **Oliver McManus**

Year 4

This week in Maths, we've been looking closely at hundredths and exploring how they can be represented both as fractions and decimals. The children have been working hard to understand the relationship between the two forms and have been using number lines, place value grids, and practical activities to deepen their understanding.

In Science, we've been investigating the relationship between distance and volume. Using a decibel reader, the children conducted experiments to measure how sound levels change as you move further away from the source.

In PSHE, we wrapped up our citizenship unit by learning about the role of a local councillor. The children discussed real-life issues that a councillor might help with, such as improving local parks or addressing traffic concerns. We ended the unit with a reflective quiz to consolidate everything we've learned.

Finally, we have of course had lots of excited discussions about our trip to Hawse End next week and we are looking forward to this adventure!

Year 5

In our maths lessons, Year 5 tackled the challenge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Using place value grids, the children moved digits left or right, depending on the operation, building confidence and reinforcing their understanding of number relationships. Their progress has been fantastic, with many demonstrating sharp mathematical thinking.

Sportsmanship and strategy took centre stage during our benchball tournament this week in PE. Children showcased impressive defending and attacking skills, along with great teamwork and communication. It's been wonderful to see their competitive spirit balanced by encouragement and cooperation.

Year 5 put their explorer hats on and dug into Ordnance Survey maps. They learnt to identify map symbols and understand what they represent, helping them better interpret real-world geography. Who knew maps could be such a puzzle — and so much fun.

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

Jake Askew and **Stacie Nasadiuk**

YEAR 6

What a week it's been! Our children have been incredibly busy—and brilliant—throughout a fun-filled and productive few days.

On Monday, our show rehearsals got underway at Netherhall, with children and staff also busy building props and preparing the stage. A special shoutout to our fantastic Year 5 and 6 pupils, who have been a huge help in creating an amazing set. Their creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm have really brought the show to life—well done to all involved!

Tuesday saw our pupils heading off to their transition days at Secondary Schools, including Netherhall and Cockermouth. We're proud to say their behaviour was exemplary. At Netherhall, they took part in a range of subjects including PE, RE, history, geography, and personal development. Both transition days were a great success and gave pupils a valuable glimpse into life at secondary school—an important step as they prepare for September.

Thursday was another big day of rehearsals, and we hope everyone enjoyed the final show. A huge amount of effort went into the show and it certainly paid off!

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

Oakley Ward and **Alfie Anderson**

Key Dates

July

7th- 8th—Y4 Trip to Hawes End

9th—11th— Y5/6 Trip to York

11th—Reports issued (Date postponed by 1 week)

14th—Y3 trip to Clip n Climb

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

17th—Transition morning

18th—Break up 1:30pm

Wishing all of our Year 4 pupils a wonderful residential trip to Hawes End on Monday and then our Year 5 and 6 pupils a super time on their trip to York later in the week.

I am sure that you are going to have a super time and will be wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Community Cup

Well done to **Fahren Adams** in Year 6 who has been awarded the Community Cup this week. Whilst Years 5 and 6 were at Netherhall, Fahren stayed behind and without anyone asking him to, he cleaned all of the tables so that the others had a clean environment to come back to. Well done for showing such community spirit Fahren.

Courtesy Cups

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

Early Years—**Imogen Horner**

Key Stage 1— **Hope Hodgson**

Lower Key Stage 2— **Matthew Ireland**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Poppy Moore**

Attendance

Attendance for week ending **04/07/25**

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

Whole School Attendance = 95.9%

Reception	**93.3%**
Year 1	**98.2%**
Year 2	**93.6%**
Year 3	**95.2%**
Year 4	**99.1%**
Year 5	**95.6%**
Year 6	**93.3%**

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

Acorn Bank
Temple Sowerby, CA10 1SP

Summer of Play
19 Jul–31 Aug, 10.30am–5pm
Join us for traditional games, nature-inspired rubbing plaques and try your hand at 50 Things activities in the garden and woodland. **Free***

Festival of Archaeology
28 Jul–3 Aug, 10.30am–4:30pm
Drop in and see if staff, volunteers and archaeologist Chris Scott can uncover what lies below the surface on the lawn. **Free***

Allan Bank
Grasmere, LA22 9QB

Summer of Play
17 Jul–2 Sep (Mon–Fri), 10am–5pm
Play traditional games on the lawns, croquet, skittles and hoopla. Build with loose parts play, outdoor noughts and crosses or wild nature play in the woodland garden. **Free***

Picnic and play by the lake at Fell Foot

Fell Foot
Newby Bridge, Windermere LA12 8NN

Summer of Play
24 Jul–3 Sep (Mon–Fri), 10am–4pm
Sports equipment, loose parts play and nature trail. Try bat and ball games, frisbees and foam javelins on the lawn. **Free**

Sizergh
near Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 8DZ

Summer of Play
28 Jun–31 Aug, 10.30am–4.30pm
There's lots to do at Sizergh this summer - be transported back in time with lawn games and dressing up, complete the scallop trail in the house or head to the orchard to try musical instruments and pop-up cress growing. Further afield, join a Story Walk or have a wild adventure on the wild play trail. **Free***

Whitehaven Coast
Haig Car Park, CA28 9BG

Play Trail
22–23 Jul, 12–4pm
Enjoy an afternoon of free family games. **Free**

Creative Play Trail
29–30 Jul, 5–6, 12–13 Aug, 12–4pm
Join local artists for an afternoon of creative play in the meadows near Haig Pit. **Free**

Creative Trail with TENT Artists from Rosehill Theatre
20 Aug, 12–4pm
Join TENT artists from Rosehill Theatre and get creative in the grasslands. **Free**

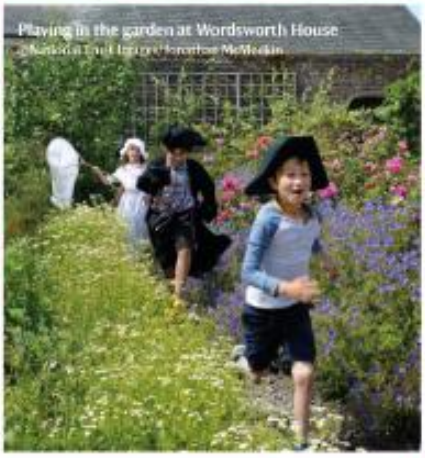
Nature's Sound Walks

Join a magical story walk with Emily Hennessey as we meander through woodlands, meadows or sand dunes and hear about dragons and trolls, brave children and trickster spiders.

Sizergh
23 & 30 Jul, 6, 13, 17 & 31 Aug,
11am–12.30pm & 2–3.30pm **Free, BE**

Sandscale Haws
15 Aug, 11am–12.30pm & 2–3.30pm
£3 for adults, free for children, BE

Arnside & Silverdale
1 Aug, 11am–12.30pm & 2–3.30pm
£5 for adults, free for children, BE


Playing in the garden at Wordsworth House

Wordsworth House & Garden
Cockermouth, CA13 9RX

Garden Arts and Crafts
26 Jul–31 Aug (excl. Thu & Fri),
drop in between 10.30am–3.30pm
Get creative with inspiration from our exhibition on the nature in our gardens. **Free***

Teddy Bears Picnic
26 Jul–31 Aug (excl. Thu & Fri),
drop in between 10.30am–3.30pm
Bring your favourite toy and snacks, borrow a children's picnic set from the welcome area, and create your own teddy bears picnic. **Free***

Beetle, Bugs and Butterflies!
26 Jul–31 Aug (excl. Thu & Fri),
drop in between 10.30am–3.30pm
Help us spot bugs in the garden and record your findings on our discovery board. **Free***

Wray
Low Wray, Ambleside, LA22 0JA

Summer of Play
28 Jun–31 Aug, daily from 10am–4pm
Get into the competitive spirit with classic lawn games and other fun outdoor activities dotted around the grounds. Further afield, walk through the woods and paddle on the shores of Windermere. Let your imagination run wild with natural play at Wray this summer. **Free***

National Trust
Festival of Archaeology Open Day
Ambleside Roman Fort
Sunday 3rd August, 10am - 3pm
Get hands-on at Ambleside Roman Fort on this special open day including displays, guided tours, dress up, Roman ballista, dance demonstrations and reenactments.
Nearest parking is Waterhead Car Park LA22 0ES.
Bus and Windermere ferry stops 10 minute walk to fort site.
Dogs welcome on leads.
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