Newsletter

Friday, 17th October 2025

Term 1 Week 7

House Afternoon

Our first House Afternoon of the year was a roaring success! Pupils from across the school came together in their house teams—**Whinlatter Wolves**, **Bassenthwaite Bees**, and **Grasmere Gorillas**—for an exciting afternoon of challenges and collaboration.

Children tackled a variety of activities including Orienteering, Team Games, Arts & Crafts, and LEGO building. It was heartwarming to see pupils of all ages working side by side, sharing ideas, cheering each other on, and building new friendships.

The atmosphere was buzzing with energy, creativity, and teamwork—setting a fantastic tone for the rest of the year. Well done to everyone who took part!

My Child's Art

All children in the school have produced a piece of art which can be used to create Christmas cards or other gifts for the festive season. More details of how to order these will be sent home shortly.

Football success

Congratulations to this Year 2 pupil who was awarded this trophy, which was almost as tall as he is, for his goal scoring at Dearham Football Club.

WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Book via ScoPay

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Week beginning 20th October

Monday - Free play

Tuesday - Bingo!

Wednesday - Badge making

Thursday - Biscuit decorating

Friday - Pumpkin collecting

Snacks & refreshments included

Parent Teacher Meetings

Teachers are looking forward to meeting you all on Wednesday or Thursday next week to discuss your child's progress through this academic year. If you have not already done so, please log on to ScoPay to make an appointment.

The meetings will follow the same format as last year. All teachers will be based in the main hall and there will be space for you to look through your child's work before/ after your appointment. Refreshments will also be available. Lost Property will be on display.

Lost Property

Cups

This week our **Courtesy Cup** winners are:

Early Years— **Elijah Blacklock**

Key Stage 1— **Lucas Adams**

Lower Key Stage 2— **Zachary Fidler**

Upper Key Stage 2— **Emily Oultram**

House Points

Bassenthwaite Bees	Grasmere Gorillas	Whinlatter Wolves
120	78	94

PUMPKIN PICKING
25TH OCTOBER 2025 10AM-2PM
CHILDREN'S TICKETS £7.50 - FREE ENTRY FOR ADULTS
ALL WELCOME - FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL
Last few tickets remaining!
Order now to avoid disappointment.
TICKETS TO INCLUDE:
PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKIN · SPOOKY TRAIL
CRAFT ACTIVITIES · SWEET TREAT AND DRINK
SLIME WORKSHOP · COLOURING COMPETITION
REFRESHMENTS & FACE PAINTING ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DAY
Friends Of Dearham School
ORDER TICKETS BY 20TH OCT BY EMAIL:
FODSTEAM@OUTLOOK.COM

NURSERY

This week our Nursery topic has been "Autumn" themed. We began by learning about the four different seasons. For each season we discussed similarities and differences in weather and made observations about how deciduous trees change in appearance.

On Thursday the children independently put on their suits and boots in preparation for an Autumn walk around our amazing school grounds and Forest School. The children identified multiple signs of autumn including wild mushrooms, red berries, orange, red, yellow and brown leaves and pumpkins in the pumpkin patch. We also had a quiet minute to listen for signs of Autumn. The children heard leaves rustling as they fell from branches. A robin also treated us to a beautiful bird song.

In phonics our picture card was "a" for astronaut. We also revisited "s" for snake from last week. In maths we secured our foundational knowledge of the number one. The children loved learning the song "one finger, one thumb, keep moving" during our weekly music session.

This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Milly Smith and **Olly Ireland**

Reception

This week in Reception, we've continued exploring our exciting topic: People Who Help Us. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different roles in our community and how they help keep us safe and well. We read Zog and the Flying Doctors and had some lovely discussions about the characters and how they help others. The children were fascinated by the idea of dragons and doctors working together! In Phonics, we've been learning the sounds g, o, c, and k. You should have received the home learning sheets via email. It would be fantastic if you could go through these with your child each week to reinforce their learning.

Creative Activities

- We coloured policemen and policewomen using colour-by-number sheets.
- Practised our cutting skills by cutting out vehicles used by people who help us and matching them to the correct roles.
- Drew around fire engines and talked about their features. Maths Fun
- We counted people who help us and used peg cards to match the correct number.
- We also worked on initial sounds, identifying the first sound in words related to our topic.

Well done, Reception! You've had a fantastic week. Have a lovely weekend!

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

Noah Miller and **Harper Wright**

Year 1

In English we've started our new story '*The Squirrels Who Squabbled*' – and it's been a hit! The children loved reading it together and exploring some tricky new words like *bare*, *plentiful*, *slumbered*, and *teetered*. We've also mapped out the story's journey, deciding which events happened at the beginning, middle, or end.

We became weather reporters in Science this week! The children had a blast pretending to be on BBC Weather, using their knowledge of seasonal changes to give forecasts.

In Art this week we were inspired by the artist Clarice Cliff, we've started creating our own plate designs. The children have been so creative – we can't wait to add the finishing touches and bring our masterpieces home!

In History we've been comparing our childhoods with those of our grandparents. Using stories from elderly relatives, the children discovered what houses looked like when their grandparents were 5 and what toys they loved.

In Music, we've been tapping out the pulse and rhythm to our favourite nursery rhymes using drums. We've been discussing kind and unkind choices in PSHE. The children shared thoughtful ideas and showed great understanding of how our actions affect others.

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

Kodi Graham and **Archie Smyth**

Year 2

In English the children completed and then edited the ending to their adventurous story about Shell Woman. In Maths, we began our addition and subtraction topic and focused on mastering the number bonds to 10. The children are reciting their number bonds like experts! We have used a range of resources such as ten frames, rekenreks and part whole models to support our learning. We focused on food chains in Science. The children explored the meaning of producer, prey and predators and created their own food chains based on the habitats we have learned about in this topic.

In Geography, the children looked at what it is like to live in a hot country. We located countries across the equator and we compared the similarities and differences between Kenya and the UK. We also got outdoors and the children completed some fieldwork. They measured the weather on our school grounds and took pictures of the weather to support their recordings. PSHE focused on using manners and being courteous. Super work this week Year 2!

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

Elvie Brannon and **Callan Shields**

Year 3

This week, we've been using Base 10 equipment to explore addition and subtraction of ones, tens, and hundreds. In English, the children completed an independent write inspired by our class story. They worked incredibly hard to use interesting vocabulary and sentence variety.

In Science, we've been continuing with learning about nutrition. The children have learned about the main nutrient groups and their simple functions in our bodies. They've worked scientifically by using secondary sources to gather information—this included an exciting classroom activity where they moved around to discover new facts from different stations. Lots of enthusiasm and curiosity on display! Next week, we're excited to get hands-on as we prepare and create our very own couscous dish! This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to apply what they've learned about healthy eating and food preparation in a fun, practical way. In PSHE, we explored gender stereotypes that can be present in everyday life. The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about how stereotypes can affect people and how we can challenge them to create a more inclusive environment.

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

Jacob Lister and **Hayden Gee**

Year 4

This week, our grammar focus has been all about paragraphs. The children have explored how to organise their writing into clear sections and how each paragraph can focus on a different theme or idea. They've shown great progress in structuring their thoughts and making their writing more coh esive.

Subtraction has taken centre stage in our maths lessons. We've been using the column method to solve a variety of subtraction problems, including those that require exchanging across columns.

Our journey through the past has taken a fascinating turn as we explored diseases and treatments during the Tudor and Victorian eras. The children were intrigued (and sometimes a little shocked!) by the remedies used in those times

A big moment in D&T this week: the children successfully built working circuits to power their homemade torches! They carefully connected three wires to a bulb, battery, and switch, creating a complete circuit that lit up their bulbs. It was a brilliant hands-on experience that brought their learning to life!

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

Knox Hodgson and **Tilly Williams**

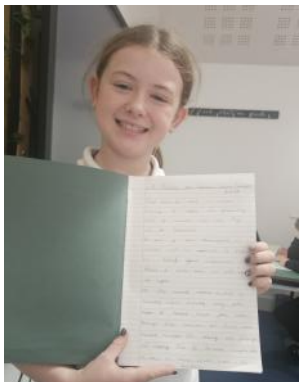
Year 5

In Maths, we tackled subtracting whole numbers with more than four digits, used rounding to check our answers, and explored inverse operations in addition and subtraction. In English, the children worked hard writing up their adventure stories, which we continued refining throughout the week.

In Art, we began identifying the features of self-portraits and looked at the vibrant and expressive work of Chila Kumari Singh Burman, which inspired some thoughtful discussions and ideas for our own creations.

Our geography lesson sparked thoughtful discussion around the challenges facing our oceans and what we can do to help. In music, we explored the concept of a hieroglyphic score, and in French, we continued practising vocabulary around pets with the phrase “As-tu un animal?”

In PE, everyone worked hard to develop their netball skills, showing great teamwork and determination. It’s been a week full of creativity and curiosity!



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

Jonty Falcon and **Alex Cox**

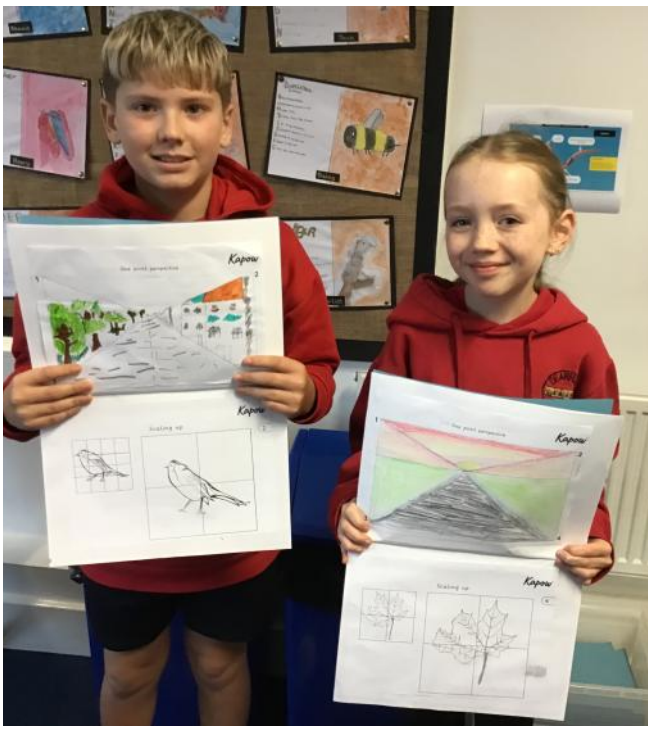
YEAR 6

In English, our Year 6 writers have completed their newspaper reports on the dramatic death of King Duncan, inspired by Macbeth. This task allowed pupils to apply key writing objectives, including using formal tone, organising paragraphs effectively, and incorporating direct and reported speech. We are incredibly proud of the high standard of this first major piece of writing—what a fantastic start to the year! With the reports complete, we’re now enjoying the rest of the play.

In Maths, we’ve moved on to the challenging concept of division. This week, we’ve tackled short division, explored division using factors, and have just begun learning the long division method. It’s a tricky area, but the children have shown excellent resilience and positive attitudes throughout.

In Art, we’ve focused on developing technical drawing skills through one-point perspective and scaling up. Pupils worked hard to make their sketches look realistic, paying close attention to proportion and detail.

In Dance, excitement is building as we put the finishing touches on our ‘School of Rock’ themed routine. The children have brought fantastic energy and creativity to rehearsals, and we’re all looking forward to performing for the rest of the school in next week’s dance lesson.



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

Billy Thompson and **Jake Askew**

Key Dates

October

22nd/23rd—Parent Teacher Meetings 2pm—5:30pm

24th—3:15pm Half Term

25th—FODS Pumpkin Picking

November

3rd—5th and 7th—Y4 Swimming

6th—Finish 1:30pm (Professional Development Afternoon)

10th—14th—Y5 Swimming

11th—Odd Socks Day

17th—21st—Y6 Swimming

21st—Children in Need Day—wear pyjamas!

24th—27th—Y3 Swimming

26th—Y1/2 Dodgeball competition

27th—Non uniform—Bring a Bottle Day

28th—INSET Day

December

3rd—Puppet Assemblies

3rd—Maryport Church Carol Service

5th—Y2 and Y4 STEAM event at Netherhall

6th— Dearham Winter Fair and Santa's Grotto

11th—Early Years' Nativity

11th—KS1 Christmas Show

17th—KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

18th—Christmas Parties

19th—Break up at **1:30pm**

Attendance

Attendance for week ending **17/10/25**

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

Whole School Attendance = 94.5%

Reception	**94%**
Year 1	**97%**
Year 2	**93%**
Year 3	**94%**
Year 4	**95%**
Year 5	**90%**
Year 6	**96%**

Safeguarding

Cumberland Safeguarding Children Partnership

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:

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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