Newsletter

Friday, 6th March 2026

Term 2 Week 8

World Book Day

World Book Day - a day for everyone to dress us as their favourite book character. There were lots of different costumes and a fun filled day. There were masked readers, where some of our teachers put on a mask and read a couple of pages of a book. Each class got to watch them in their classrooms then the whole school got together at 2:30pm and had an assembly where there were 5 judges and they had a list of names which they decided in their classrooms. We watched all the videos back together in the hall then the judges read the names out and the teachers revealed themselves. We had decorated doors all around school which everyone in there classrooms then contributed too. We had treasure hunts in Yr 1 and there was Yr 6's helping them. Paired reading all around school where parents/guardians/ grandparents could come in till 9:00am and read a book they had brought in or read a book from school. We had people all over school making their own book covers and book characters! A great day.

Report by Poppy Moore Y6

WORLD BOOK DAY 5 MARCH 2026

Thank you to FODS for organising the preloved costume and book swaps. This meant that every child was able to bring home a new (to them) book, as well as their £1 book token. Happy Reading everyone.

WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Book via ScoPay

AVAILABLE UNTIL 4.30PM OR 5.30PM

Week beginning 9th March

Monday - Free Play

Tuesday - Super Mario Day

Wednesday - Sports Hall

Thursday - Plant a flower day

Friday - Crafts

Snacks & refreshments included

ADVANCED BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Upper Key Stage 2 Football

What a lovely afternoon in the sunshine at the Netherhall football competition on Wednesday. We were so impressed by the skills on display, the fantastic teamwork, and the genuine support shown for each other and for other schools. You truly did us proud — and to top it all off, we came back to school with 3rd place overall! Well done everyone.

Headlice

We've had a small number of reported cases of headlice in school, so we kindly ask all families to check their child's hair regularly over the next few days. Headlice are very common among primary-age children and can affect anyone.

If you do spot any lice or eggs, please begin treatment straight away using a recommended combing method or suitable treatment from a pharmacy. Regular combing is the most effective way to prevent them spreading.

You may be able to get **Headrin** treatment from Pharmacy 101 at Boots. The Chemist

Whats App

Please note that the minimum age for WhatsApp is **13 years old.** It is too easy to same something online that you would never say face to face. The same rules apply online as in person—**Be Kind!**

A FRIENDS OF DEARHAM SCHOOL EVENT
Chocolate BINGO
24
16
WEDNESDAY | 18 MARCH | 6PM
Dearham School Hall - All Welcome
FAMILY FUN BINGO WITH A CHOCO-LOT OF PRIZES
TICKETS
£5 adult – £3 child
Tickets include a bingo booklet, tea or coffee and a sweet treat
To book tickets email:
FODSTeam@outlook.com
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Friends Of Dearham School
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

NURSERY

This week our Nursery topic was Spring. We made the most of the beautiful weather and enjoyed lots of fresh air in our outdoor provision. The area has been enhanced by a "Garden Centre" role play.

We also explored the theme of new life through a wide range of Spring themed stories. We learned that a baby sheep is called a lamb, a baby horse is called a fowl, a baby hen is called a chick, and a baby goat is called a kid.

On Wednesday, while searching for signs of spring on a learning walk, the children made an excellent discovery. A healthy adult hedgehog, which had not long emerged from Winter hibernation, had got itself a little lost in our woodland area. After a sugary drink and a little snack provided by a local vet we released "Nettie, the Nursery hedgehog" safely back into the wild.

On Thursday our classroom transformed into the "Three Bears Cottage," for World Book Day. It was so lovely having so many family members visit us to read a wide range of stories with.

Our phonics sound was "r" for "rainbow," "rat," and "ring."

This week's Headteacher's Awards go to:

Henry Blacklock and **Mason Derbyshire**

Reception

This week we have been learning all about Chinese New Year. The children discovered why the festival is celebrated and enjoyed making lucky red envelopes and colourful lanterns. We read *The Great Race* and found out which animal matched each child's birth year, with lots of excitement as they compared animals with friends. To finish our celebrations, the children performed a fantastic dragon dance in the hall and tasted prawn crackers and noodles—a big hit!

Alongside this, we explored minibeasts. The children went into the garden to see what creatures they could find and were delighted to discover snails, slugs, worms, woodlice, and even a spider. They handled them carefully, observing closely and showing wonderful curiosity.

World Book Day was also a great success. Reception took part in a book scavenger hunt, shared stories with Year 6 buddies, and enjoyed guessing which staff members were the Masked Readers. Everyone looked fantastic and showed brilliant enthusiasm for reading.

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

Keeley Rae Weaver and **Elijah Blacklock**

Year 1

This week we started our new book *Hibernation Hotel* and met the characters—a raccoon, skunk, beaver and bear. The children researched each animal and used their facts to write impressive non-chronological reports with clear headings and fun information.

In Maths, we worked with numbers to 50, practising partitioning into tens and ones using equipment and written methods. The children's confidence is really growing.

In Science, the class learned how to describe and group animals, linking to the mammals from the story. They enjoyed classifying them and discussing similarities and differences.

In Geography, we explored the four seasons and their weather, then the children wrote about their favourite season and explained why.

Thursday was World Book Day, and the costumes were fantastic! The children enjoyed a book hunt in the yard, designed bookmarks, and recreated book covers in their own style.

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

Raghav Harrison and **Albert Reeves**

Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy and exciting week of learning!

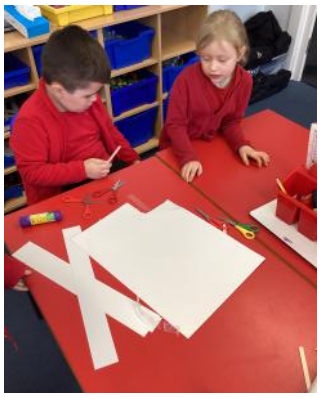
In History, the children continued their work on significant individuals. After learning about Amelia Earhart last week, they moved on to exploring the lives of the Wright Brothers. The class learned how Orville and Wilbur Wright designed and built the first successful aeroplane and how their inventions changed travel forever.

In English, the children have been focusing on writing open and closed questions. They practised identifying the difference between the two and used question words with confidence.

In Maths, Year 2 continued their work on multiplication. They explored arrays, sharing, and worked hard on their 2× and 3× tables, using practical activities .

Thursday was World Book Day, and the children looked wonderful in their costumes! They enjoyed a variety of reading activities throughout the day and loved sharing their favourite stories with friends.

To finish the week, the class had a special DT afternoon. Working in groups, the children were challenged to design and build a chair for a teddy. They showed fantastic teamwork, creativity, and problem□solving skills as they tested different materials and strengthened their structures.



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

Iyla-Beau Park and **Harlan Walker**

Year 3

This week we loved celebrating World Book Day in class. The children had a wonderful time sharing their favourite books and explaining why they enjoy them. We transformed our classroom into a cosy reading space using cushions and fairy lights, which made it the perfect environment to relax and enjoy stories together.

In PE, we continued building on the skills we started learning last week. The children worked hard to practise and improve their bowling skills, focusing on control and accuracy. It was great to see their confidence and teamwork developing during the activities.

In History, we began exploring the start of the Roman reign. The children were introduced to key vocabulary including *empire*, *invasion*, and *settlement*. We discussed what these words mean and even applied them to real-life situations today to help deepen our understanding. We also explored the Roman history timeline and started to think about where the Roman period fits within history.

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

Sonny Sowerby and **Grace Farmer**

Year 4

This week in maths, we have been finishing our unit on *perimeter*. The children have been working on finding the perimeter of both regular and irregular polygons. They practised using multiplication to work out the perimeter of regular shapes by multiplying one side length by the number of sides.

In English, we explored our river poem in more depth. The children looked closely at each verse and then created their own versions by changing key features. They worked especially hard to include rhyming lines and to develop their own poetic ideas.

In D&T, we investigated how to improve plain biscuits. The children suggested extra ingredients to enhance flavour and texture, then designed their own biscuit brand. They also created packaging ideas, including a name and box design for their product.

During the afternoons, we have been working extremely hard to perfect our performance and we looking forward to share it in the coming weeks.

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

Paizlie Lawson and **Knox Hodgson**

Year 5

This week in Maths, the children worked on dividing 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, dividing with remainders, and multiplying 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. In English, they finished their lighthouse diary entries and continued their learning inspired by *Wonder*.

In Science, they explored how the Earth's rotation creates day and night. For DT, the class discussed how to make recipes healthier, looking closely at a bolognaise recipe and considering swaps such as leaner meats, extra vegetables or reducing added salt. On Tuesday we took part in Mars Day, the children learnt fascinating facts—did you know Mars has the tallest volcano in the solar system, Olympus Mons, nearly three times the height of Mount Everest?— we also designed and made bionic hands!

In History we explored Viking trading routes and why trade was essential to Viking life. The class also enjoyed decorating our classroom door for World Book Day by sketching eyes based on the cover of our class book, and our footballers made us very proud when they represented the school at a tournament at Netherhall!

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

Marlo Henderson and **Charlie Ross**

YEAR 6

This week in Year 6, we have made an exciting start to our algebra unit by exploring function machines and learning how they work. The children have been applying their understanding through reasoning and problem-solving activities as we continue to build confidence in the run-up to SATs.

In English, we have been developing our reading comprehension skills and focusing on the use of colons in SPaG. The children have been learning how colons can be used to introduce a list or provide an explanation, and they have enjoyed putting this into practice in their own writing.

On Monday, we took our science learning outdoors and made great use of the nursery outdoor area. Thinking like real scientists, the children asked questions, made predictions, and carried out an investigation to explore the question: Does a change in shape affect whether a natural object will float? They loved collecting natural materials and then testing their ideas through hands-on experimentation.

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

Alexis Bainbridge and **Ben Bromley**

Key Dates

March

11th/12th—Parent Teacher Meetings

11th—Y5 to Theatre by the Lake

16th—PPDC afternoon 1:30pm Pick up

18th—KS2 Easter workshop at church

18th—Chocolate Bingo (FODS) 6pm

19th—Hoodwinked—Y3/4 Show—**4pm**

25th—World Maths Day

27th—Easter Extravaganza Afternoon

27th—Break up at **3:15pm**

April

13th—Term 3 begins

27th—Reception and Y1 Dental Checks

May

4th—Bank Holiday

11th—12th—Y4 Hawes End

11th—14th—Year 6 SATs

16th—Summer Fete

19th—KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm

20th—KS2 Sports Day 1:30pm

21st—Class Photos

Cups

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

Early Years— **Aurora Grimble**

Key Stage 1— **Madihah Barlow**

LKS2—**Nancy Bethwaite**

UKS2— **Mitchell Nicol**

Attendance

Attendance for week ending **06/03/2026**

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

Whole School Attendance = 96.5%

Reception	98%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	94%
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:

0333 240 1727

Cumberland Safeguarding Children Partnership

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—Jon Stewart

Special Events

Social Prescribing Day celebration events

Thursday 26 March 2026, 11am - 2pm

Maryport Library, Lawson Street, Maryport CA15 6ND and Millom Library, Salthouse Road, Millom LA18 5AB

- Mini health checks
- Wellbeing activities
- Wellbeing support

Free tea, coffee and cake (while stocks last).

Find out more at cumberland.gov.uk

Regular events at Maryport Library

Cumbria Community Havens Mental Health Support Group
Monday - 10:30am-1pm
A safe and comfortable environment for you to talk about anything and get some advice and guidance where needed. It's free to access for anyone aged 18 and over. No appointment is required, just come along.
Everyone is welcome!

Digital Confidence Drop-In
First Monday, 1:30-3pm
A relaxed and friendly drop-in session to help you feel more confident using everyday technology.

Databank
If you're struggling to afford an internet connection or to top up your mobile phone, then the National Databank can help you. Please speak to a member of staff for more details.

Maryport Book Club
First Tuesday, 2pm - 3pm
Friendly reading group, meet on the first Tuesday of the month. New members welcome.

Craft & Chat
Wednesday, 1:30pm-3:30pm
Friendly craft club. Come along and meet new people, everyone welcome.

Board Games
Join us for some fun and competitive board gaming. Drop-in anytime!

Lego & Duplo
Lego themed fun for children and their grown-ups! Drop-in anytime! Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Mindful Colouring
Colour yourself to calm. Join us anytime for the soothing art of colouring.

Piece and Quiet
Join us anytime and immerse yourself in a jigsaw puzzle.

Police Drop-in Surgery
Come along to discuss any policing and community issues in your area. Please speak to a member of staff for more details.
Next Drop-in:
Tuesday 10 March 3-4pm