



# Newsletter

13th April to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

## Upcoming Events

Monday 1st June

School starts at 8:40am

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Class Photos at 9am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Parent Maths Event at 1:30pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 MTC Test

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Phonics Screening Check

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Residential

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June

Muncaster Trip 1 Day or 2 Day

(NB School is open for those not attending)

22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Assessment Week

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Talent Show at 1:30pm

6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July

KS2 Swimming every afternoon

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Class 3 Play Performance 2pm

15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day at 1:30pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

School Closes at 1:15pm

## School Summary

It has been yet another whirl wind of a half term, with our pupils taking part in lots of learning and memorable events.

In class 1, our EYFS pupils have been learning about plants and growing their own beans to explore the different parts and find out what they need to live. Our KSI pupils have been looking at weather systems in Geography and exploring people's beliefs about God. All children have worked on their ball skills ... with the older pupils progressing to games of Hand Ball to show off their throwing, catching and passing skills.

Our Class 2 pupils have been learning about capacity and measurements in Maths and linking this to their exploration of solids, liquids and gases in Science. In art, they have been using pencil techniques to add tone and texture and in music they have been learning the Samba.

In Class 3, pupils have been studying the classic story of Goodnight Mr Tom and writing letters and diaries in the style of the characters. They have also learned about the significance of AI in computing and explored money in PSHE, learning how to save and keep money safe.

We of course have to give a special mention to our super Year 6 pupils who showed determination and resilience in completing their SATs exams this half term. A huge well done to them all - we were very proud!

We have also hosted our first Stay and Play sessions, with children from Lowca and the local area attending and having fun, but the key highlight has been our Character Curriculum events! Pupils throughout the school learned about the fantastic place we live in and celebrated being proud to be 'Cumbrian'. Our 'Fission' group discovered the journey of Sellafield, our 'Farming' group learned about the animals and crops that thrive in our beautiful countryside and our 'Fells' group learned how to plan routes, use maps and enjoy the views of the Lake District.

Wishing everyone a safe and sunny half term break!

*Mrs Walker*

## Clubs

Our Morning Club provision is available everyday from 8am and our Free 'Healthy' Breakfast Club is available to all pupils from 8:30 to 8:40am. Our After school clubs run on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and all sessions can be booked on Arbor. For the Summer Term our Wednesday sessions will be gardening, Thursday will be sports, led by our Sports Leaders and Friday will be stories and books.

# Safeguarding & Staffing Update

Thank you to the families who responded to our Parent Survey as part of Parents' Evening this half term. We are delighted that our pupils feel safe, happy and enjoy learning in our school and that 100% of parents would recommend our school to others.

In the last week of term, we successfully appointed a fantastic new teacher to join our team! We will be sharing more details about staffing arrangements in each class over the next few weeks including arrangements for transition sessions and Move Up events!



## Talent Show Returns!

A vibrant, colorful poster for 'LOWCA'S GOT TALENT!'. The background is dark blue with stars and spotlights. At the top, the Lowca logo features a tree and the text 'LOWCA Learning to Love, Loving to Learn'. The main title 'LOWCA'S GOT TALENT!' is in large, glowing, multi-colored letters. Below the title, a purple banner says 'A show for our amazing children!'. The date '3rd July' is written in large yellow letters. A white box with a dashed border contains the text: 'Do you have a special talent? Anyone can enter by signing up to: SING ★ DANCE ★ PERFORM MAGIC ★ SHARE THEIR TALENTS ★'. At the bottom, it says 'All entries must be received by the office Friday 26th June'. Silhouettes of a girl singing, a boy dancing, and a boy with a top hat are scattered around the poster.

We are pleased to announce that our talent show is back!!!

We would love for all children to get involved in something they are proud of and want to share with the world. This could be a hobby, crafts, singing, dancing, puppetry, sporting skills, gymnastics or even a unique party trick!

To take part, they must send a note to the office with their talent and any equipment or music that will be needed for their performance. Entries can be individuals, duos and groups.

Please encourage your child to join in and help them to practice their routine before the big day. The closing date for entries is 26<sup>th</sup> June so we can plan the order of the afternoon.

We will also be looking for some judges to join our panel - so if you can see yourself as the next Simon Cowell or Amana Holden then please let us know. You will need to be available for the afternoon of 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

# Kitchen Update



On Friday, we said a huge thank you to Janice Longstaff for being the best School Cook and for the dedication she has shown over the last 3 years making sure all of our pupils had the opportunity to enjoy delicious home cooked meals. We wish her lots of luck in her next adventure and hope she will pop in to see us all soon!

Until we are ready to re-open the kitchen, please remember that all pupils will need a packed lunch, everyday for this half term. Pupils who receive Free School Meals can order a packed lunch on Arbor. From 1<sup>st</sup> June, all meals for the following week will need to be ordered by 12pm on Friday afternoons so the orders can be passed to our caterer with plenty of notice.

All parents have been sent an invitation to sign up to payments via Arbor - we urge you to do this as soon as possible and to download the new Arbor app. This has replaced School Hub and will be used for booking Breakfast Club, After School and School Trips as well as School dinners in September. If you have any problems logging on or finding your way around, please contact the office or visit <https://support.arbor-education.com> and search for Parent Support.



# Sports Leader Update

This half term, we have been very busy as Sports Leaders! We have been running fun activities at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Billy & Ernie even ran their very own after-school sports club planned and organised entirely by themselves. We love encouraging children from every year group to join in and stay active in their own way. It has been amazing seeing so many children enjoying sports and trying new activities.

Year 5 and 6 also really enjoyed taking part in Sports Leadership training with Chantal Malan from our School Games team. We learned lots of new skills about teamwork, communication and leadership.



We are also very proud and excited that our school has achieved the School Games Gold Award for the second year running! This is because we take part in lots of sporting events and make sure there are opportunities every day for children to stay active and healthy.

Now we cannot wait to start planning Sports Day - it is going to be lots of fun!



# Curriculum Spotlight - Science



This year, Science has continued to inspire curiosity and exploration across the school through a range of exciting events and activities. During Space Week, pupils learned about careers in aerospace and their importance within the industry. We also celebrated Science Week, where children took part in engaging activities linked to the theme of Curiosity. KS2 pupils had the opportunity to speak with professionals from Orano about careers in STEM, while EYFS and KSI explored a variety of science-related jobs.

A key focus this year has been developing a love of Science through hands-on learning and exploration. We have also embedded the use of Concept Maps in Science assessments, allowing children to showcase their understanding of key vocabulary at the start and end of each unit. Pupils enjoy reflecting on these maps and seeing how much their knowledge and understanding have grown throughout their learning journey.

Miss Hadfield - Science Lead

