



February, 2025



Low Furness CE Primary School

'Learning Together Through Faith'

DATES FOR DIARIES - SPRING 2ND HALF

- 17/2/25 - 21/2/25 - **HALF TERM**
- 24/2/25 - Children back to school Spring 2nd half term
- 28/2/25 - 2nd instalment due for Brathay - KS2 residential
- 6/3/25 - World Book day
- 7/3/25 - Key steps Gymnastics competition at Dowdales
- **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP:**
- 27/2/25 - Year 5 Collective Worship ***change in date**
- 13/3/25 - Year 1 Collective Worship
- 20/3/25 - Reception Collective Worship
- 27/3/25 - Year 2 Collective Worship ***change in date**
- 28/3/25 - Celebrating the special ladies in our lives - Mothering Sunday Collective Worship- 2pm
- **OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAYS:**
- 31/03/25 - Year 3/4 Outdoor day
- 01/04/25 - Year 5 & EYFS Outdoor day
- 02/04/25 - Year 1 & Year 6 Outdoor day
- 03/04/25 - Year 2 Outdoor day
- 04/04/25 - Easter Service in Church. 2pm
- 04/04/25 - End of Spring term. Normal finish time of 3.15pm.
- **EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- Good Friday - 18th April
- Easter Monday - 21st April
- 22/04/25 - Children back to school -Summer 1st half term
- Early May Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY** - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
- 11th-13/6/25 - KS2 Brathay
- 20/6/25 - Celebrating the special men in our lives - Collective Worship 2pm



Spring term - 1st half term 2025

It has been an exciting, short yet very busy start to 2025 at Low Furness. I can't believe that we are already at half term.

I would like to begin with a warm welcome to Mrs Laura Clinton, who has joined our ELSA team as part of our work with the Furness Partnership Cluster. She has settled in wonderfully and the children are already building fantastic relationships with Mrs Clinton through our ELSA programme.

We have thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities over the course of the Spring term. Some of the activities have included: KS2 choir enjoyed a visit to Manchester for an amazing Young Voices concert; Year 5 & 6 participated in a a trip to Manchester to visit the Police museum as part of their crime & punishment topic; some children & families enjoyed a visit to Ulverston Pantomime; 8 children from Year 4-6 competed in the Cross country championships at Sedbergh School and some of our Year 5 & 6 children took part in dance platform at UVHS.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful half term break.

Mrs Rowland-Smith



Extra curricular activities

The following extra curricular clubs will run for the remainder of the Spring term. All clubs will run until the last week of term.



- Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics every Monday with Mrs Rowland-Smith
- KS2 Mindfulness every Monday with Miss Davies (please let the office know if you'd like to join this club)
- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Yoga every Wednesday with Miss Flynn
- KS2 Football club every Wednesday with Mr Wilson & Mrs Tracey
- KS2 Art & Crafts every Wednesday with Miss Doran
- KS2 Film club every Thursday with Mrs Marshall
- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 football skills with Onside Sports. (Paid club)



Homework



We have recently reviewed our homework policy and expectations. Our aim is to make homework manageable, meaningful and purposeful for our children. Therefore our homework is broken down into small daily skills work that is not seen as an onerous task.

The main focus of homework will be Maths and English key skills, with *occasional* tasks to extend and enhance learning across the curriculum.

Homework expectations will involve the following:

- Daily Reading - Reading expectations for every year group will be shared on our school app.
- Phonics and/or Spellings practise - 10 minutes daily.
- Key number facts: Times table rock stars & NumBots. This may include learning number facts and practice of calculation, including problem solving - 10 minutes daily.
- *Occasional* research/work into an aspect of the curriculum as preparation for, extension to, consolidation of or follow up to work carried out in class.

Please let us know your thoughts on homework by either speaking to Mrs Rowland-Smith or your child's class teacher.

OFSTED school inspection

On Tuesday 21st January, we had a 1 day OFSTED inspection with 2 inspectors from HMI.

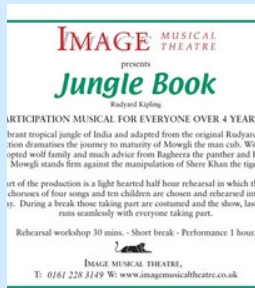
The report will be available to view around Easter and whilst we are not yet allowed to publicise the outcome of our inspection, I am proud to comment on the hard work of all our children and would like to say a very big thank you to all our staff for their continued hard work, devotion and love to all our children at Low Furness. We would also like to thank you all once again for the amazing support you continue to show us.



Friends of Low Furness

This term our fantastic Friends of Low Furness have supported...

- Whole school Theatre visit in school - The Jungle Book by Image Theatre group
- FLF Magic School disco
- New furniture to improve our staff room and to improve staff's mental health and well-being



Thank you



APPOINTMENTS reminder

Please can all appointments be made outside of school hours where possible to avoid disruption to the children's learning. We understand that in certain circumstances this isn't always achievable.

Thank you for your support.



PUPIL PREMIUM

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is extra government funding that childcare providers receive to improve the education of eligible children. The funding is for children aged:

- 9 months plus, and
- 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

The funding is paid to the childcare provider and can assist the improvement of a child's early education.

How to apply

- Please read the GOV.UK website for further information.
- To apply for early years pupil premium please email: fis@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

School life and Curriculum highlights

Another half term full of fun, love, happiness, hard-work and determination in everything the children have taken part in.

We hope you enjoy looking through some of the highlights from this term from each class.

Reception & Nursery



Year 5



Year 6



Year 3 & 4



Year 2



PIC-COLLAGE

Year 1



Attendance & Punctuality

National average = 96%

School target = 98%

Our current whole school attendance data is **98.3%**.

Outstanding overall attendance.



Dear God,
Thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.
Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth.
Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.
Through love and support, keep us happy, safe and peaceful over the half term break.
Amen

Safeguarding at Low Furness



- **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Clare Rowland-Smith, Headteacher
- **Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSL):** Tracey Tracey, Senior teacher and SENCO
- **Link Safeguarding Governor:** William Ross

As a school and as individuals we are committed to maintaining a culture of listening and respecting pupils, keeping them safe and making them feel safe in the knowledge that there are always sympathetic adults they can talk to. Please contact a member of our Safeguarding team if you have any concerns.

If you are worried that a child is at risk of immediate harm, please contact:
Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Hub on 0300 373 2724 or via email on:
safeguarding.hub@westmorlandandfurness.gov

You can also use the following link if you require any further information on Safeguarding:
<https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/westmorlandfurness/westmorlandprofessionals/default.asp>