



February, 2026



# Low Furness CE Primary School

*'Love your neighbour as yourself'*

**Mark 12:31**



## Dates for diaries

- 23.02.26 - Back to school. 1st day of 2nd half term
- 23.02.26 - UVHS Tennis event - Selected chn
- 24.02.26 - Year 3 & 4 Girls football at Furness Academy - Selected chn
- 25.02.26-27.02.26 - Y5/6 London residential
- 26.02.26 - Y3/4 Swimming
- 26.02.26 - Year 4 Cyclewise in school. Consent needed by 22.02.26
- 04.03.26 - Year 1 Collective Worship
- 05.03.26 - No Swimming
- 05.03.26 - World Book Day
- 07.03.26 - Rota kids & Courageous Advocates coffee morning 10am
- 09.03.26 - Year 5 Taster day at UVHS this week
- 10.03.26 - Dental programme for Reception children
- 10.03.26 - Rev Hayley in Collective Worship
- 11.03.26 - EYFS Collective Worship
- 12.03.26 - Y3/4 Swimming
- 13.03.26 - You are cherished - Whole school Collective Worship 2pm
- 15.03.26 - Mothering Sunday
- 16.03.26 - Y6 Young Citizen scheme this week at Blue Light Hub
- 16.03.26 - Outdoor classroom days this week
- 16.03.26 - EYFS Outdoor Classroom day
- 17.03.26 - Year 3 & 4 Outdoor Classroom day
- 18.03.26 - Year 5 & 6 Outdoor Classroom day
- 19.03.26 - Year 1 & 2 Outdoor Classroom day
- 18.03.26 - Open the book Collective Worship
- 19.03.26 - Y3/4 Swimming
- 23.03.26 - Book fair in school all week
- 25.03.26 - Image Theatre in school
- 26.03.26 - Y3/4 Last Swimming session
- 26.03.26 - Easter service in Church 2pm
- 27.03.26 - Break up for Easter



## End of Spring 1st half - February 2026

We have had a very busy start to this Spring term and to 2026.

Lots of exciting and fun learning has continued throughout this half term and we hope you like reading a snap shot of your child's learning from this term.

This term we have seen a selection of our children taking part in various sporting activities which have included: cross-country, basketball and multi sports. As we move through the year and the weather begins to improve, we look forward to the Summer sports activities.

We were overjoyed to share the wonderful feedback from our recent SIAMS. The inspector truly saw the heart of our school, noting how our vision of love is the driving force of everything at our school.

Our Young Voices group had an unforgettable experience in Manchester at the Young Voices event this week. A huge thank you to the staff who supported the rehearsals and children on the night.

This week a selection of our Year 5 & 6 children took part in 'Dance Platform' at UHVS - the children were AMAZING!

Wishing you all a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Mrs Rowland-Smith



## Collective Worship and Church

Our **Collective Worship** timetable for next term is as follows:

- **Collective Worship - Spring 2nd half**
- Year 1 Collective Worship - Wednesday 4th March at 10.15am
- EYFS Collective Worship - Wednesday 11th March at 10.15am
- You are cherished - Celebrating all the special ladies in our lives. Whole school Collective Worship - Friday 13th March at 2pm
- Easter Service in Church - 2pm

All Collective Worship pupil led sessions start at 10.15am



## SIAMS report - January, 2026

### Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools - SIAMS



Our one-day SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) on Wednesday 14th January was a huge success and the outcome of the inspection was:

**Low Furness Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.**

This is very pleasing and is recognition of all our staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that your child/ren are aspiring to follow our newly refreshed school vision of 'Love your neighbour as yourself - Mark 12:31'.

We wanted to share the notable strengths that the report highlighted, as they really capture our vision for all our children, staff and community.

- Rooted in the Gospel according to Mark, the Christian vision resonates with the school's history and its current context. It is the driving force in securing flourishing for both adults and pupils.
- The curriculum is equally aspirational and supportive. Its carefully planned structure ensures that it is accessible, enabling pupils to thrive as a result.
- Collective worship is a much-valued start to the school day. It is a calm and safe space that is effective in inviting pupils to explore their own spirituality.
- Christian love is experienced daily through the positive relationships across the school community. This demonstrates the vision in action where both adults and pupils are valued and cherished.
- The religious education (RE) curriculum has been skilfully designed. Thus, the carefully selected variety of content and approaches make it relevant for pupils at Low Furness.

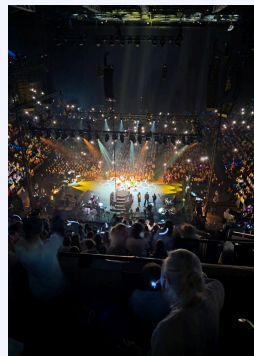


# Events at Low Furness

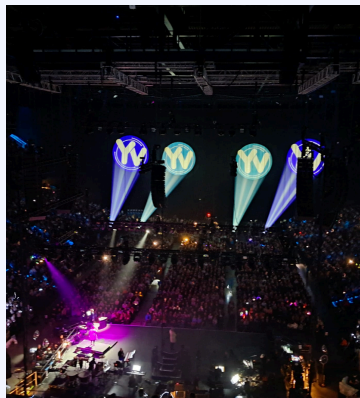


## YOUNG VOICES

Thank you to Mrs Troughton, Mrs Low, Ms Davies & Miss Kelly who took a selection of our Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 children to Young voices this week. The children and staff had an incredible time and as always were a credit to their families, self and school. ❤️



## SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS



## Curriculum in action - Autumn 2nd half term

### EYFS - Nursery & Reception

Nursery and Reception have enjoyed a very busy and exciting term with lots of wonderful learning taking place. We have focused on the topic People Who Help Us and have learned about the important roles of the fire brigade, paramedics and vets. The children created their own Florence Nightingale lamps, explored how X-rays help doctors and nurses, and took part in thoughtful discussions about how people care for us

We have been learning about the continents, with a special focus on Africa. Inspired by the story Handa's Surprise, the children tasted a range of fruits and made their own African fruit salad. They also enjoyed creating jewellery and exploring African music.

Alongside our topic work, the children continue to work hard in their daily Maths and English lessons and we are very proud of the progress they are making.



### Year 1

This term, Year 1 have loved learning about the United Kingdom in Geography. We have explored the meaning of capital cities and can name the 4 capital cities in the UK. We have explored different materials in Science. Allowing us to think about how different materials can be described. The children have written some fantastic pieces of writing this half term, showing off all of their amazing skills. In RE, we have been exploring the question What God means to Christians? During this topic, we have looked at different parables that show what Christians believe. We really enjoyed Grandparents Day, playing different games with our special loved ones. We look forward to continuing our learning after half term. Well done, Year 1.

## Year 2.

What a busy half term we've had. In English, we have done lots of written work based on the book *Be More Bernard*. We've created story maps, character descriptions, developed work around our own animal, used adverbs, adjectives, expanded noun phrases (pew) which cumulated with writing our own independent story based on the story. We have also created a double page spread full on information about our animal.

In Geography, we have completed our work based on the continents, seas, the countries, capital cities and seas around the UK. It's been tough learning all that information, but we think we've nailed it! In DT we made moving pictures and in Art we've looked at print making.

We've learnt all about 2D and 3D shapes, money and have just started our new maths topic all about multiplication and division so we will soon be coming home singing lots of songs to help remember our times tables. TT Rockstars will be a great help with this topic.

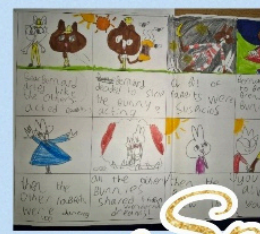
We've continued to work hard with our independence and developing our stamina to produce more work along with following instructions carefully!

We've had great fun and can't believe we are already half way through Year 2.

## Year 3

Photos include - Class Worship, Miracles (turning water into wine), Cancer Day, Learning about our bodies in science, making catapults in DT.

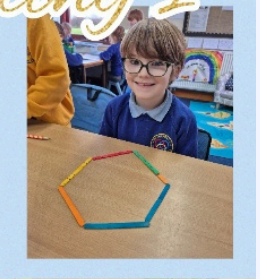
Jasper was a cat. He had gleaming, jade green eyes and satin, soft ginger fur. Most of the time he slept quietly, snoozing in the slither of gleaming sunlight, which came through the open window. A happy purr would escape every now and then. Other times, he was fierce and hunted sneakily for tiny mice. His movements were deadly as he crept and pounced suddenly.



Spring 1



I started to do things different by drinking when the others were laughing. When the others began to bark. At bedtime I began to take some risks. Then at Lyla and Lala's award dinner I dressed up in sparkly disco disco clothes, roller skates and a sparkly magenta and ivory bra. I had so much fun I curled up like a black cat in the limousine light it was wonderful. All the others were shocked but one girl Daisy wasn't she started to love it and everyone else did too! Once we were all booped at I asked the question I was dying to ask. 'Do you all dream of dog sex?' I asked. 'I dream of fingers!' Daisy said and I even dream of flying to the moon! Dan said I dream of being said Daisy. Soon we all realised that being yourself is the best thing you can be.



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## Year 4

What a great start to 2026!

In Maths, we have been working hard on our arithmetic and have been studying the column methods of addition, subtraction and multiplication. The children have done exceptionally well on this and I am very proud.

In English, we have been studying the book 'The Night Bus Hero'. This book explores the themes of bullying, homelessness and the power of empathy, kindness and personal change.

This term, we have continued with our History topic all about The Stone Age to Iron Age. We have explored the different periods and how life changed over time.

We concluded our topic of 'Animals Including Humans' in Science by having a fantastic workshop delivered to us by Dr Greaves. We looked at the human body in detail and discussed how we care for our own – thank you Dr Greaves! We then moved on to our next topic of 'Forces' and have completed experiments involving friction and measuring forces using a force meter.

In RE, we have explored the Bible to see how Jesus has power and authority in order to help us to understand why Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God.

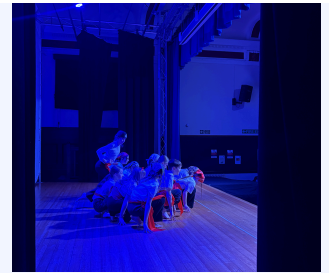
We have also started our swimming sessions at Dalton Leisure Centre which are going extremely well. The 'Grandparent and Special Relative Day' was also a huge success – we had so much fun playing games from the past!

It has been a fantastic start to the new calendar year. We are all working hard and look forward to a busy next term.

Thank you

## Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have done some fantastic work learning all about the biomes of the World and linking this to their factual writing about global warming and creative writing about homes of polar bears. In PE, they have done some challenging balancing and various gymnastics moves and linked these into short routines. Some of the class have taken part in 'Dance Platform' with a superb pirate-themed dance and we joined a live assembly with around 4,500 other classes, from around the world, to mark 'Children's Mental Health Week'.



## 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](https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/safeguarding) on 0300 373 2724 or via email on:  
[safeguarding.hub@westmorlandandfurness.gov](mailto: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>

## Congratulations to Miss Doran

Miss Doran starts at Dalton St Mary's as their new SENDCO after half term every Thursday and Friday.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hannah Croskery who will teach our Year 1 class every Thursday and Friday.



**Wishing you all a happy and peaceful half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

