



December, 2025



# Low Furness CE Primary School

*'Love your neighbour as yourself'*

**Mark 12:31**

## Dates for diaries

- 06.01.26 - INSET School closed
- 07.01.26 - Start of Spring term. Children back to school
- 07.01.26 - No after school club due to staff training
- 08.01.26 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming starts
- 13.01.26 - Year 4 Collective Worship
- 14.01.26 - Open the Book Collective Worship
- 15.01.26 - Year 3 & Swimming
- 21.01.26 - Year 3 Collective Worship
- 20.01.26 - Rev Hayley Collective Worship
- 22.01.26 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming
- 28.01.26 - Year 2 Collective Worship
- 28.01.26 - Year 5 & 6 London residential parent meeting 3.30pm onwards
- 29.01.26 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming
- 30.01.26 - Grandparents day - Further info to follow
- 04.02.26 - Year 5 & 6 Collective Worship
- 10.02.26 - Rev Hayley Collective Worship
- 10.02.26 - Image Musical Theatre in school - Whole school
- 11.02.26 - Open the Book Collective Worship
- 11.02.26 - Year 5 & 6 Dance platform at UVHS
- 12.02.26 - Year 1 Collective Worship
- 12.02.26 - Young Voices at Coop Arena in Manchester
- 13.02.26 - End of Spring 1st half
- 16.02.26 - 20.02.26 - HALF TERM
- 23.02.26 - Children back to school. Spring 2nd half
- 25.02.26 - 27.02.26 - Year 5 & 6 London Residential
- 26.02.26 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming
- 05.03.26 - World Book Day
- 05.03.26 - NO SWIMMING due to World Book Day
- 12.03.26 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming
- 19.03.26 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming
- 20.03.26 - 26.03.26 - Scholastic book fair in school
- 26.03.26 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming last session
- 26.03.26 - Easter service in Church 2pm
- 27.03.26 - End of Spring term. Break up for Easter
- 30.03.26 - Easter holidays
- 03.04.26 - Good Friday
- 05.04.26 - Easter Sunday
- 06.04.26 - Easter Monday
- 13.04.26 - Children back to school



## End of Autumn 2nd half - December 2025

Here we are at the end of another fantastic, hard-working and busy term, and the end of 2025. Autumn term is always a long term with so many exciting events happening. From school plays to cinema trips, this season of Advent has definitely been one filled with so much love and joy.

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 gave a wonderful performance of "Whoops-a-Daisy angel" as did all of our KS2 children in their performance of "No room at the inn". As always a huge thank you goes to all the staff for putting this together. The children were **OUTSTANDING!**

This term our overall attendance is 95.5%. Whilst this is slightly lower than our usual attendance and below average, this is still a fantastic overall attendance considering the significant number of children and families who have been absent due to the dreaded sickness and flu like bug that has been doing its rounds. Hopefully we have now seen the end of it and everyone stays well for the Christmas holidays.

I hope that you all have a relaxing holiday and wonderful, joyful and peaceful Christmas break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Wednesday 7th January 2026 for a great start to the New Year.

Mrs Rowland-Smith



## Collective Worship and Church

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

- **Tuesday 13th January** - Year 4 class led Collective Worship
- **Wednesday 21st January** - Year 3 class led Collective Worship
- **Wednesday 28th January** - Year 2 class led Collective Worship
- **Wednesday 4th February** - Year 5 & 6 class led Collective Worship
- **Thursday 12th February** - Year 1 class led Collective Worship

All Collective Worship pupil led sessions start at 10.15am

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

The Christingle service was a joyful, candlelit celebration that used the children's handmade symbolic oranges with a candle to represent Jesus as the light of the world.

Thank you to our Vision & Values crew for leading our service beautifully supported by Rev Brian Streeter.



### CHRISTMAS SERVICE - FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER



Thank you to our Year 6 children for leading us through a special festive and traditional Christmas service to end the year.

A beautiful retelling of the true meaning of Christmas & the Nativity.

**Luke 2:1-20**

## Courageous Advocacy - Season of Advent

During this season of Advent, our focus has been to spread joy and goodwill.

Each class has spent some time learning all about a specific charity and have prepared a random act of kindness to spread hope, peace, joy and love to those around us.

Our Year 1 & Year 2 children focussed on the first week of Advent: **HOPE**. The children created artwork and cards to give to the families & patients receiving support from Cancercare.



Second week of Advent: **PEACE**. Our Nursery & Reception children loved preparing and making thank you cards for everyone who works at the Blue light hub.



Third week of Advent: **JOY**. Our Year 3 & 4 children made some beautiful cards for the elderly in Residential homes. A selection of our Year 5 & 6 children then spread joy by delivering the cards to a local Nursing home & sang beautiful carols to the residents.



The fourth week of Advent focussed on **LOVE**, particularly the love of God demonstrated through the birth of Jesus. We spread love by our Year 5 & 6 writing letters & preparing cards for families and parishioners in our local community.



# Friends of Low Furness



## THANK YOU

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

- 🎬 Whole school cinema trip
- 🎄 Christmas Fayre raising over £2000!!
- 🎁 Party bags for our children's Christmas parties
- ♥️ Support during our numerous events throughout the term



## Curriculum in action - Autumn 2nd half term

### EYFS - Nursery & Reception

It has been a fun-filled term in EYFS. The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of fun activities on the run up to the festive season. All of the children were amazing in our Christmas play performance of 'Whoops-a-daisy angel' and we are so proud of them all! We have been making good progress with all areas of the curriculum and we are excited to build on our learning as we move into Spring term.



### Year 1

This term, Year 1 has engaged in a variety of exciting learning experiences. We explored plants and trees in Science, discovering different types and their natural habitats. In Geography, we learned about the seven continents and the five oceans. Additionally, we created thank you cards for CancerCare workers, showing appreciation for their vital contributions. In Religious Education, we studied the Christmas story and discussed why Jesus is special to Christians. We also enjoyed our Reindeer Run for Jigsaw, which was a fantastic event, and concluded our half term with a wonderful piece of writing titled "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." We look forward to more fun and learning in the new year.



### Year 2

In English we have been learning all about Mogs Christmas and the mischief she caused. We have been looking at expanded noun phrases, puns, conjunctions, emotions and writing in the first person. We have created film rolls and finished off by writing a diary entry as though we were Mog. There have been some fantastic pieces of writing-well done.

In Geography, we have learnt all about continents and oceans. In art, we have been using primary colours and looked at the work of Piet Mondrian, recreating one of his famous pieces of work. In Science, we have been learning all about trees and flowers and the changes they go through. Of course, we have also been enjoying our Christmas play rehearsals and the performances, the reindeer run, our Christmas party, making Christingles, visiting church, movie morning at the cinema, wear yellow day and enjoying meeting our cheeky class elf, Sprout.



## Curriculum in action - Autumn 2nd half term

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic half term. We are really enjoying our topic in history about the Stone Age and we went on a trip to Windermere to learn more. We have been busy preparing for Christmas with the Reindeer Run, the Christmas play and Christingle. We have really enjoyed our end of term writing about the Grinch. Happy Christmas from Year 3.

### Year 4

What a fun-filled term we have had in Year 4! This term, we began our History topic all about The Stone Age to Iron Age. We went on a class trip to Woodmatters where we made axes, lit fires using flint and steel, explored techniques for hunting and made decorative copper plates – great fun!

We also began work on our topic of 'Animals Including Humans' in Science and had a workshop with Mrs Batten, where we were taught the importance of looking after our teeth. We have also been to different sports events, including athletics and dodgeball, and we look forward to Spring where there will be lots more events.

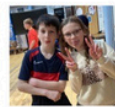
The Christmas festivities then hit Low Furness: Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch, Reindeer Run and our class party, just to name a few!

It has been a wonderful term for all of the children in Year 4 and we look forward to 2026!



## Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a busy half term ending with all the preparations for Christmas. They did a great job in their play, decorated the classroom, have made biscuits, calendars and cards for the parishioners of the local villages. They have enjoyed their Geography topic learning about the continents of Europe, North and South America and their biomes, they have shared their own knowledge and demonstrated excellent Atlas skills and reasoning about why animals thrive in particular places. Year 6 had a fantastic STEM visit to BAE, some of the children did a great job of singing at Aldingham Nursing Home, the RotaKids have been wholly involved in their projects and they all took part in our annual Reindeer Run. They have all earned a restful, fun and very merry Christmas!



## 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](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>

## Invitation to the Crib Service at Urswick Church

The beautiful annual Crib Service at Urswick Church is on Christmas Eve at 3pm.



## Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

With lots of love from all of us at Low Furness

### *A Christmas Prayer*

Lord, the door of the inn was open for Mary and Joseph when they had nowhere to stay. Help your church to open its doors to those who need food to eat and money to heat their homes.

The shepherds alone in the fields were visited by angels. May your church visit the lonely and isolated.

The wise men gave gifts to Jesus. May we give our lives to serve Christ and others this Christmas and forevermore.

Amen.



### **PRAYER TO END SCHOOL YEAR**

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.

We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.