January 2025 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. As always, we have lots of exciting plans for the spring term.
Our **Nursery** and **Reception** children will be enjoying learning linked to teddy bears and toys. They will investigate how toys work and what materials have been used to make them. They will also enjoy finding out how toys have changed over the years.
Year One children will be enjoying re-telling and acting out traditional tales, and learning about the castles in our local area.
Year Two children will be enjoying reading stories from around the world, learning about and revisiting the names of the five continents and seven oceans. They will also be learning about the events that led to the 'Great Fire of London'.
Year Three will begin their topic by being immersed in the story of the 'Iron Man'. They will investigate magnets and design and make their own robot from recyclable materials.
Year Four children will be looking at animals and the habitats they live in around the world. They will be focusing on environmental issues and how these are impacting on animal habitats.
Year Five children will be studying the space race between NASA and the Soviet Union and as scientists, they will look at light and astronomy.
Year Six children will focus on the mountains, from Mount Everest to Nine Standards Rigg. In history, they will be examining the exploits of key figures from the Heroic Age of Exploration, such as Edmund Hillary and George Mallory.

Uniform

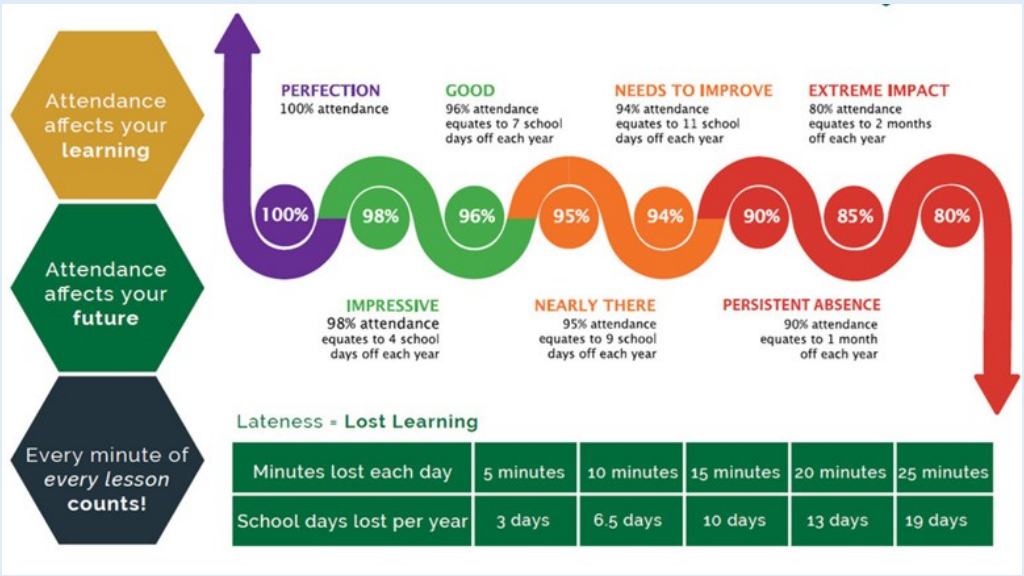
To help us return lost uniform, please ensure **all items are clearly named**.
Please ensure your child wears the appropriate school uniform and is dressed suitably for the changeable weather conditions. All children will need a warm waterproof coat.
They will also need outdoor trainers, warm tracksuit bottoms, jumper/hoodie, gloves and a hat for outdoor PE lessons.



Attendance Matters

All the children have received an attendance report for the Autumn Term 2025.
We aim for all children to achieve an attendance of at least 96%.
If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please speak to myself or their class teacher.
We want to work with you to ensure poor attendance does not affect your child's future.

Thank you



Polite Reminder

Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside school. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents. Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Please do not pull on to the zig zag lines when dropping off your child, these must be kept clear, so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road.

Dates for your Diary 2026

Monday 12th January, Fundraisers Meeting, Bay Horse, Winton @ 7.30pm

Friday 16th January, EVSP Swimming Gala @ Appleby Swimming Pool

Tuesday 27th January, Year 6 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Wednesday 4th February, Year 1 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Wednesday 11th February, Year 1 visit to Carlisle Castle

Thursday 12th February, Reception Class Assembly @ 3pm

Half-term, Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

Thursday 26th February, Year 3 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Thursday 5th March, Year 5 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Friday 6th March, WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

(The children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite story book character)

Thursday 19th March, Year 2 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Tuesday 24th March, Year 4 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Friday 27th March , Easter Service at Kirkby Stephen Parish Church @ 2.15pm

Friday 27th March, Last day of term, 3.30 Finish

Please note the children return to school on Monday 13th April

KSPS Fundraising News

The children's Christmas stalls raised an amazing £1,011.37 and their carol singing raised £1041.26 for school funds .
The fundraisers Santa's Grotto, raffle and refreshment stall was also a huge success.
Thank you to the fundraisers and everyone in the community
for their support.