



# 'Be Smart... Be the best that you can be...'



**St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School Newsletter No.8 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

Welcome back to the summer term — we're already three weeks in and school has been incredibly busy. With lighter mornings and evenings, the warmer weather lifting spirits across school, our outdoor swimming pool is back in full swing and Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 have loved their first few lessons. There is so much to look forward to this term as children take part in more outdoor learning, events and opportunities to build confidence, curiosity and friendships — we can't wait to share more with you.

**Staffing update** Today we say goodbye to Jade Bewley-Kowalski as she moves to a new post. We wish her every success and thank her for her contribution to St Martin and St Mary. We're also pleased to announce that our school office team is complete and we welcomed Zoe Cranmer after the Easter holidays. Thank you for your patience during this period of transition.

**Parking and school drive** — We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful when parking on the roads surrounding the school to ensure the safety and convenience of all our community members. Please also remember **not to drive up the school driveway** when dropping off children. This helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone. We have also seen an increase in pedestrians walking up the school drive, this is not safe- please use the footpath.

**Year 3 & 4 Liverpool and sleepover** We were delighted to welcome back our Year 4 children from Liverpool today. Staff have been sending regular updates and the children have had a fabulous time exploring the city. Last night's campover was a huge success — sausages, hot chocolate, s'mores and a cosy night in tents made for very happy (and tired!) children. Thank you, as always, to our wonderful staff for organising these memorable adventures and keeping our children safe and cheerful throughout the trips.

**Outstanding payments** — Please pay all outstanding payments as soon as possible. Wrap around care, swimming lessons and trips that are in arrears. If you are experiencing difficulty making payment, please contact the school office.

**Fundraising** Our local community are helping with fundraising for our ongoing costs of the swimming pool. Windermere Social Club are kindly running a bingo night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please drop off any raffle prizes at the office. South Lakes giveaways are running a competition to win tickets to Legoland with 50% of all tickets sales going directly to our pool fund. <https://southlakesgiveaways.co.uk/product/legolandcomp/>

**Year 6 Summit for school — Sunday 14 June 2026** Our Year 6 children will be taking part in an exciting summit challenge. Each house will tackle its own mighty fell: Helvellyn, Skiddaw, Bowfell or Great Gable. Led by the house captains, children will climb together, encourage one another and push for the summit. It promises to be a fantastic day of teamwork, resilience and school spirit. Support the event and our school pool. If you'd like to donate to support the event and the school pool, please visit: [Donate here](#)

**Cygnets Playgroup** Our school is still open each Wednesday to welcome younger children and their parents for a morning of play, craft, baking and much needed conversation. More details can be found on our website or by following this link; [Cygnets Playgroup](#)

**Arbor app** Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app. All communications/reminders will be through the app.

### **Pupil Premium**

Pupil Premium is additional funding provided to schools for students to help narrow the attainment gap. It is not a one-off payment for parents, but rather funding for the school to support eligible students. To see if you are eligible you can apply here: <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

**Governor vacancy** We have a vacancy for a parent governor, if you are interested please contact [admin@windermere.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@windermere.cumbria.sch.uk)

**Important Diary Dates - All dates are in the school calendar on our website for easy reference**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Theme/Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Friday	1/5/26	Year 4 Liverpool residential Year 3 sleepover	
Monday	4/5/26	Bank Holiday	
Thursday	7/5/26	Class Photos	
Friday	8/5/26	Swimming pool fundraiser Bingo & Raffle Year 5 Old Trafford Cricket	
Monday	11/5/26	SATS WEEK	
Thursday	21/5/26	PTA disco	
Monday	25/5/26	Half Term <b>2 weeks</b>	
Tuesday	9/6/26	Year 5 & 6 Nurse visits	
Monday	15/6/26	Y5/6 Loughrigg Year 1 and 2 start swimming	
Tuesday	16/6/26	Reception Maize Maze Year 5/6 Loughrigg	
Wednesday	17/6/26	Y6 Reasoning 1.45 Leaver's Service	The Lakes School Kendal Parish Church
Thursday	18/6/26	Year 5/6 Loughrigg	
Tuesday	23/6/26	Year 6 Induction Day Year 5 Swimming gala	The Lakes School
Thursday	25/6/26	Cumbria Youth Games	
Friday	26/6/26	PTA cake sale Year 3 swimming gala	
Monday	29/6/26	QKS induction Day	QKS
Tuesday	30/6/26	Year 5 Taster Day Year 6 Water Safety Fell Foot	The Lakes School
Wednesday	1/7/26	PTA Non Uniform	
Thursday	2/7/27	Sports Day	
Friday	3/7/26	1.30pm Mini Police Water Safety. PTA Summer Fair	
Tuesday	7/7/26	Year 6 swimming gala	
Thursday	9/7/26	EYFS/KS1 Transition morning 9.10-10.20	
Friday	10/7/26	KS1 Brathay Hall	
Tuesday	14/7/26	Whole School Transition morning 9.15-10.30	
Friday	17/7/26	Reports home	
Monday	20/7/26	KS1 Swimming gala Year 6 Leaver's Celebration	
Wednesday	22/7/26	Year 6 Leaver's Service	
Friday	24/7/26	End of term 2pm Y6 2.10pm	

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