



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



## ***St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School Newsletter No.8 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026***

As we break for our two-week half term today, I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy break. We look forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June for our final half term of the year. It really is incredible to pause and reflect on what our school community has achieved over the last twelve months — from sporting successes and exciting curriculum projects to the everyday kindness and curiosity our children bring to school. Thank you for your continued support in keeping on top of everything that happens in our busy days; it makes a real difference.

**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. The barrier will be in situ from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June and will only be opened for staff and planned visitors. 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 6 SATs** A huge well done to our Year 6 children for their hard work and brilliant resilience during the recent SATs — we are very proud of how they approached the tests with calm and determination. Next up we wish our Year 1 children every success with their phonics screening and our Year 4 children with the multiplication check; we know they will apply themselves brilliantly. Thank you to all staff and parents for the support that helps our children flourish.

**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** Thank you to our local community and Windermere Social Club for hosting a fabulous bingo fundraising evening. Together with our non-uniform day, we raised an incredible £2,360 — a huge achievement that will directly benefit our children and swimming pool. We'd also like to thank South Lakes Giveaways for running their competition — they raised just over £200 with the Legoland ticket raffle. Your support, time and generosity make a real difference to our school community pool. An application to the Windermere and Bowness Town council fund has been successful and we have been awarded £2000. Thank you!

**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. If you'd like to donate to support the event and the school pool, please visit: [Donate here](#) The pot currently stands just over £1500 lets see if we can smash £2000!

**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.

**PTA** What a fabulous time we all had at the disco. Special thank you to DJ Mark for giving up his time for free! The children loved your games and music. We have raised a whopping £1331.17. Thank you to all the support from staff and families.

### **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>

**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>
Monday	25/5/26	Half Term <b>2 weeks</b>	
Tuesday	9/6/26	Year 5 & 6 Nurse visits	
Monday	15/6/26	Y5/6N Loughrigg Year 1 and 2 start swimming	
Tuesday	16/6/26	Reception Maize Maze Year 5/6BW Loughrigg	
Wednesday	17/6/26	Y6 Reasoning 1.45 Leaver's Service	The Lakes School Kendal Parish Church
Thursday	18/6/26	Year 5/6F Loughrigg	
Tuesday	23/6/26	Year 6 Induction Day Year 5 Swimming gala	The Lakes School
Thursday	25/6/26	Cumbria Youth Games September Nursery Starters meeting 2pm Reception Starters Meeting 2:45pm	
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	
Monday	13/07/26	Year 6 Leaver's Concert 6pm	
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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