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St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School

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St Martin and St Mary Church of England Primary School Newsletter No.9 – Friday 26th June 2026

So much has happened since we returned from half term and there is still lots to pack in before the end of term. Year 6 enjoyed their moving-on services at Kendal Parish Church, our swimmers have been competing brilliantly in the galas— a real showcase of teamwork and resilience. We've even survived a heat wave and the children have been absolute stars throughout. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have made these events possible; there's still plenty more to look forward to as we finish the term together.

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. We have also seen an increase in pedestrians walking up the school drive, this is not safe- please use the footpath.

Year 6 Concert – 13th & 14th July at 6pm - Year 6 are rehearsing in full flow for their end-of-year production, Let Loose — a fun, adventurous story about a group of children on a five-day residential to Slippery Slopes Activity Centre. Expect plenty of laughter, teamwork, rivalry and a (very) secret midnight feast as the children bring the story to life. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for children and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis from the following link — please buy early to avoid disappointment.
https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/113144

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.

Year 6 challenge — summit success! On 14th June our Year 6 walking teams conquered Great Gable, Helvellyn, Skiddaw and Bowfell — an incredible effort. Together they have raised over £3,000 for the school swimming pool. Huge congratulations to every child who took part for their resilience, teamwork and determination. Thank you also to staff, parents and local supporters who helped with planning and sponsorship — your support made this possible.

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 Our hardworking PTA continues to raise funds that make so many of our children's experiences possible. Today's infamous cake sale was a huge success — thank you to everyone who baked, donated and bought cakes. The children loved it and the money raised will go straight back into school activities and resources. Reminder: our Summer Fair is on Friday 3 July. If you can help on the day (stalls, games, setting up or clearing away), please contact Amy Thompson as soon as possible.

Transition You should now have been informed of your child's class teacher for next year. If you have not received this, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Our first transition morning (Reception and Key Stage 1) is on Thursday 9 July 2026. The whole-school transition morning is on Tuesday 14 July 2026.

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

Swimming Pool A quick reminder that our community swimming pool is available for family use after school on

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. To book your place: https://windermereswimmingpool.co.uk/book/

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

Date	Day	Theme/Event	Notes
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 1pm Mini Police art project	
Thursday	2/7/27	Sports Day	Key Stage 1 9.15am Key Stage 2 1.15pm
Friday	3/7/26	Year 6 NISCU Moving on 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 Year 4 swimming gala	
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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