



Newsletter

16th April - 24th May 2024

Upcoming Events

Monday 3rd June
Summer Term 2 Starts 8:40am

Tuesday 4th June
C3 Trip to Carlisle Castle

Friday 7th June
Lowca's Got Talent 10am

Friday 21st June
C3 Family Friday Lunch 12:30pm

Thursday 27th June
Character Curriculum Trips

Friday 28th June
PTA Euro Day

Monday 1st July
Class 2 Parent Assembly 9am

1st - 5th July (every pm)
Swimming Week Y3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 3rd July
Move Up Morning

Wednesday 3rd - 5th July
Year 6 Manchester Residential

Friday 12th July
Summer Fayre 1pm-3pm

Monday 15th July
C1 Trip to St Bees Beach TBC

Wednesday 17th July
C3 Summer Play 2pm & 4pm

Friday 19th July
School Closes 1:15pm

School Summary

It has been another busy half term with lots of fantastic learning experiences and things to celebrate!

Class 1 have been reading a story called Pumpkin Soup where one of its characters went missing! Luckily they made some brilliant posters to let people know, and he was found safe and well. They also made a delicious home-made soup in DT and tested different textures to see which was the favourite.

In Class 2 they have been working hard in Geography and learning all about different types of settlements from Hamlets, to Villages, Towns and Cities and even went on a trip to locate examples of each within Cumbria.

Class 3 have been learning all about Planets and the Solar System in Science and making sun dials to demonstrate the movement of the earth. The Year 6 pupils were amazing with their confident and mature attitudes as they sat their final Statutory Assessment Tests - we are all very proud of them and they enjoyed a special party afterwards.

We ended the half term with a visit from Ofsted, and each and every one of our pupils and staff showed them what a lovely, happy school family we are. Thank you to the parents who completed their survey, we look forward to sharing the results with you soon.

Mrs Walker

Clubs



Our Clubs from last half term are still running every day and in addition we have a special Amateur Dramatics Club starting this half term. This will be on Wednesdays and will be delivered by our talented and award winning Teaching Assistant, Miss Smith. Pupils must be able to attend all sessions as the club will be building up to an end of year performance! Sign up now on School Hub

Safeguarding

Our whole school attendance for this half term has been 94% which is below both our National and School Targets. Thank you to those who have supported the school's ethos and work to improve attendance from previous years by following the NHS Guidance, however, parents are reminded to be mindful of taking time out of school for holidays, especially during the Summer Term as this is when internal and external assessments are completed and this can have an impact on accurate assessment of understanding, identification of gaps as well as pupil confidence. From September 2024, new rules will be in place to set out how families will be sanctioned for allowing pupils to miss school ... please see this website for more information [DFE Attendance](#)

Last week pupils celebrated National Safeguarding Week and had lots of input on how to keep themselves safe both in school, out of school and online. The pupil 'Safeguards' supported Ms Lawson in an opening assembly and children learned about Stranger Danger, open water, fire safety, dangers in the house and road safety. They were also reminded about Trusted Adults and speaking to people if they had any concerns, or reporting things that had made them feel uncomfortable as well as supporting friends to do the same.



As part of this week, we also shared information with parents about the importance of parking safely outside of school and our PCSO, Sam Watson, will be visiting school after the holidays to support this further. In addition, two of our Reception Pupils have made a poster that will be outside during key times as a reminder.

Following several complaints and a near miss collision, the problem is largely in relation to parents parking on the double yellow lines leading down from the school, which blocks the visibility for cars coming around the bend.

We appreciate that space outside of the school is very limited, and in some cases parking places are taken up by residents' vehicles, but the safety of our pupils, parents and community is paramount, so please support this and park responsibly at all times.





Family Support

Thank you to those parents who have joined our ADHD workshops and provided positive feedback - Miss Henderson will be running these each half term to ensure that parents continue to be supported and form parent networks outside of school.

The 'Family Hub on the Harbour' is a great resource for parents and families to use and it is absolutely free! They provide support and guidance on all issues from toileting / incontinence, speech and language, finance, housing, teenage anxiety and much more.

They have a lovely, warm facility which provides places to play, seek medical support, private advice or have a cuppa and a cake, and they also run clubs and sessions for babies and toddlers, SEND support and Parent Guidance. Please see their website for more details.

[Family Hub](#)



Character Curriculum

This half term, our Character Curriculum has supported children with their Growth Mindset and helped them to understand how to overcome failure, build resilience and appreciate that everyone makes mistakes and that's what helps us to learn and grow. Children made posters to share their ideas and key take-aways as reminders for their classrooms.

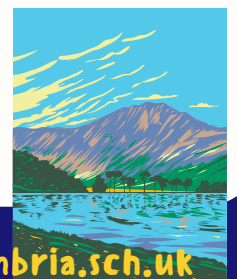
Next half term, we are taking a different approach and focusing on what it means to be Cumbrian. Following the Cumbrian Award initiative led by our Year 5 and 6 pupils, we have extended this across the whole school and each class is investigating a theme, including a trip and assembly performance about what they learned over the six week period.

Class 1 will be exploring the world of literacy and studying our famous Cumbrian author, Beatrix Potter. They will be learning about her life, her books, her character inspiration and visiting her original home in Windermere ... as well as meeting Peter Rabbit himself!

Class 2 will be looking into our local history and heritage, exploring the industries of coal mining and Micklam Brickworks, with lots of guests coming into to share their memories. They will be visiting the Beacon Museum and walking the trail of the coastal path to Haig Pit and the infamous McGarry steps.

Class 3 will be investigating the fabulous geography of our area and finding out how the land was changed during the ice-age. They will be putting their map reading skills to the test and planning their own expedition around Buttermere, with a lovely reward of a farm-made Lake District Ice-Cream ... if they survive!

These trips have been part funded by the school - please make sure you have given consent or provided any additional payments on School Hub by 16th June.





Community News

If you know of any events in our community or an activity that our families may be interested in please get in touch with the office and let us know.

Lowca Community School
SUMMER FAIR
FRIDAY
12th July
1-3pm
 Come and join the fun

- Bouncy Castle
- Bring and Buy
- Pre-loved Clothing & Uniform
- Afternoon Tea
- Emergency Services
- Ice-cream Truck
- Fairground games
- Family Hub Stall
- FacePainting

and much, much more!
Open to everyone!

If you, or anyone you know, would like to have a 'bring and buy' stall at our school event, please contact the office. Tables will be very limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis for just £10 per table.

Donations of any clean, good condition uniform and prizes for the Tombola or the Raffle would be very much appreciated. Please contact Miss High or Mrs Buchanan from the School PTA to find out more.

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 ESTD 2023

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SUN, 4 AUG AT 14:00
TROUBLE ON VOLCANO ISLAND - Carnegie Theatre &

