



March/April Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the half-term break. Please note that this month's newsletter also covers April due to the Easter break.

World Book Day takes place next week, Thursday 5th March. This year's theme is based around 'Where's Wally?' books. Children can come dressed as characters from the books or in non-uniform.

A reminder that we are running a competition to design a new character for the Where's Wally Books. Prizes will be presented in an assembly on World Book Day. All children will receive a £1 book voucher which can be used to purchase a special World Book Day book or can be put towards the cost of a book. These are accepted at supermarkets and most book stores.

Parent's Evening takes place later this month (see diary dates). The online booking system will be used to book an appointment, details will be sent nearer the time. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's attainment and progress.

Fixed Penalty Fines I recently sent an email regarding the issuing of Fixed Penalty Fines from

March 13th for parking on the zig zag lines outside of school.

Uniform a reminder that jewellery, make-up, fake/gel nails or nail varnish is not to be worn in school. Only one pair of studs can be worn and must be able to be removed for PE and swimming. No bracelets and necklaces should be worn. We have high expectations for our uniform standards and do pride ourselves in how smart our children do look. These policies are for the safety and welfare for our pupils and are also carried through into secondary school. When your child joins Yarlside Academy you sign an agreement to adhere to our uniform policy and rules.

PTA the Valentine's Disco raised £353 thank you for all of your support. We are currently in the process of purchasing new playground equipment.

Comic Relief/World Down Syndrome Day is Friday 20th March, we will be wearing non-uniform or RED, wearing odd socks and contributing £1 for this. We will also be having a cake sale so children can bring some money for a cake too. Any cake donations will be welcome on this day.

Y6 SATs Tests avoid any medical appointments and

absences during Y6 SATs week 11th-15th May.

Nursery Applications September 2026 closing date for a Nursery place in September is Friday 20th March. Application forms are available at the school office. Children can start in a school nursery the term after they are 3 yrs old.

Yarlside Core Value for this half term is **Friendship**. Our assembly themes will be based around this alongside our PSHE teaching and other aspects of our curriculum subjects.

Easter Events due to a very busy school diary we won't be holding a coffee event for Easter, this will be replaced with an event in the Summer term. We will be holding our decorated egg and Easter bonnet competition. All entries are to be in school by Tuesday 24th March with presentation of prizes in Work of the Month Assembly. This year's categories and themes are:
Nursery/Reception: Books
Year 1 and 2: Sport
Year 3 and 4: Celebrities
Year 5 and 6: Films
 The decorated bonnet can be any theme and is open to all ages. support.

Mrs Pierce
Headteacher



Monday 2nd

March Diary Dates

- ☉ Mon 2nd Y3/4 Netball Festival, Furness Academy
- ☉ Tues 3rd Y6 Transition Festival, Kendal
- ☉ Tues 3rd Y5/6 Netball Festival, Furness Academy
- ☉ Wed 4th Dentist Epidemiology (5yr olds)
- ☉ Wed 4th Y6 Dock Museum Visit (pm)
- ☉ Thurs 5th World Book Day—Where's Wally? Fancy dress/non-uniform
- ☉ Fri 6th Gymnastics Competition, Dowdales
- ☉ Wk Beg 9th Science Week
- ☉ Mon 9th Professor Pumpernickle Roadshow Visit
- ☉ Mon 9th Girls Football Stanway Cup Y3/4 am Y5/6 pm
- ☉ Wed 11th Y5/6 Netball Competition, Furness Academy
- ☉ Thurs 12th Y5 Fitness and Wellbeing Transition Event, Furness Academy
- ☉ Tues 17th Y3/4 Netball Competition, Furness Academy
- ☉ Wed 18th Y6 Furness Academy Production
- ☉ Wed 18th Y2/3 Last Swimming
- ☉ Thurs 19th Swimming Competition, Blackpool
- ☉ Fri 20th Red Nose Day/World Down Syndrome Day
- ☉ Mon 23rd Rock Steady Assembly
- ☉ Tues 24th Y6 Mixed Football, Furness Academy
- ☉ Tues 24th & Wed 25th Parent's Evening
- ☉ Wed 25th Work of the Month, Infants 8:50am, Juniors 3pm
- ☉ Wed 25th Y6 Girls Football Competition, Furness Academy
- ☉ Thurs 26th Y3/4 Football County Cup, Furness Academy
- ☉ Fri 27th Break for Easter Holiday 1:30pm

April Diary Dates

- ☉ Mon 13th Return to School
- ☉ Tues 14th Y5 Football, Furness Academy
- ☉ Wed 15th Y5 Girls Football, Furness Academy
- ☉ Tues 21st Y2 Furness Abbey Trip
- ☉ Wed 22nd Y5 Magistrates Court Mock Court Case Trip
- ☉ Fri 24th Class Photographs, Tempest
- ☉ Tues 27th Y2 Track Event, Furness Academy
- ☉ Thurs 30th Y1 Track Event, Furness Academy
- ☉ Wed 29th-Fri 1st Y5 Residential, Amble-side

