



May Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

We are now well into our final term of the school year! We are looking forward to the outdoor learning opportunities that the Summer Term brings.

Welcome I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Lodge who has joined the Yarlside team as the new office administrator. Mrs Lodge has replaced Mrs Jackson who has now retired and fully enjoying her new found freedom!

Parent Governors thank you for taking the time to elect our new parent Governors. Thank you to all who nominated themselves for the role. I am delighted to welcome back Catherine Raey and Deborah Oates who are experienced, valued members of the board. Also welcome to Rory Marshall who has also been appointed to the Governing Body.

Leaving School Promptly a reminder that we ask you to vacate the school premises at the end of the school day as quickly as possible. This is to assist us with our school Safeguarding procedures. On some days we have had as many as 40+ children still on the premises with the addition of parents and grandparents. This makes it very difficult to supervise our children who are booked into our after school club provision and extra curricular clubs. We

have also had incidences of children remaining on site, playing unsupervised which has caused parents worry when they haven't returned home on time. This again is difficult for school to monitor due to the amount of people remaining in the playground. Please pass this on to grandparents or adults who collect your children. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Summer Uniform children can now wear the Summer uniform, grey shorts, royal blue polo shirt and yellow gingham dresses/playsuits, with a white cardigan. Please be mindful of the weather as we are still experiencing cold days, when it is more sensible to wear the warmer Winter uniform. Black sensible shoes still need to be worn, no open-toe sandals or bright patterned socks.

Warmer Weather as we approach the Summer months please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school. Caps can be worn at playtime and sunscreen needs to be applied before school.

SATs Tests please avoid any medical appointments and absences during the Y6 end of key stage SATs tests which take place the week beginning 11th May. Children are unable to re-sit any tests if they are missed.

Yarlside Core Value for this half term is **TEAMWORK** as we prepare for Sports Day.

Our assembly themes will be based around this alongside our PSHE teaching and other aspects of our curriculum subjects.

Mobile Phones are not allowed in school. If your child needs their phone for after school eg change over of homes. This must be agreed with the class teacher and handed in and switched off at the start of the day.

Sports Day will take place on the last day of this half-term. Gates will open at 12:15pm ready for a 12:30pm start. Children will be placed into their coloured teams and take part in a number of fun, competitive traditional sports. We really enjoy the afternoon and encourage the children to try their best whilst having lots of fun! Refreshments will be on sale, however we do struggle for volunteers on this day so if you can help out for a small period of time please look out for the PTA requests for support.

Ice Pop Friday has resumed for the Summer Term.

These are on sale in our school tuck shop each Friday morning—20p.

Thank You for your support on Comic Relief Day. We raised £352.85 for the charity from our non-uniform and cake sale.

Mrs Pierce
Headteacher



Tuesday 28th April

May Diary Dates

- ☉ Mon 4th Bank Holiday
- ☉ Wed 6th Reception Trip to Greenlands Farm
- ☉ Thurs 7th—Fri 8th Y4 Residential, York
- ☉ Fri 8th Nur Prince & Princess Day
- ☉ Wk Beg Mon 11th KS2 SATs Tests
- ☉ Tues 12th Nursery School Trip, Ford Park
- ☉ Mon 18th Imran, Muslim Services Visit
- ☉ Mon 18th Y3/4 Tri Golf Challenge, Furness Academy
- ☉ Tues 19th Work of the Month Infant 8:50am, Junior 3pm
- ☉ Tues 19th Y5/6 Tri—Golf Challenge, Furness Academy
- ☉ Wed 20th Y5 Dock Museum Trip
- ☉ Thurs 21st Y5/6 Tag Rugby Comp, Barrow Raiders (am)
- ☉ Fri 22nd Y5/6 Girls Tag Rugby Comp, Barrow Raiders (am)
- ☉ Fri 22nd Sports Day 12:30pm
- ☉ Fri 22nd break for Half Term

June Diary Dates

- ☉ Mon 1st Return to School—Summer 2
- ☉ Mon 1st Y3/4 Hockey Comp, Furness Academy
- ☉ Tues 2nd Y4 Multiplication Check Week
- ☉ Tues 2nd Y5/6 Hockey Comp, Furness Academy
- ☉ Wk Beg Mon 8th Y1 Phonic Screening Week
- ☉ Tues 9th Rec Hearing Screening
- ☉ Wed 10th Y5/6 Tennis, Hawcoat Park
- ☉ Thurs 11th KS1 Festival of Sport, Furness Academy
- ☉ Mon 15th Y2 Coniston Trip
- ☉ Mon 15th Y3/4 Athletics Comp, Furness Academy
- ☉ Tues 16th Y5/6 Orienteering, Barrow Park
- ☉ Tues 16th Reception '26 Parent Induction Evening 4:30pm
- ☉ Fri 19th Y5/6 Father's Day Event (pm)
- ☉ Tues 23rd Y1 Maze Farm Park Trip
- ☉ Wk Beg Mon 22nd Y6 Cyclewise
- ☉ Tues 23rd Y1 Lakeland Maze Farm Trip
- ☉ Tues 23rd Y5/6 Athletics Competition, Furness Academy
- ☉ Tues 23rd Nursery Parent Induction Evening 4:30pm
- ☉ Mon 29th, Tues 30th Y6 Transition Days
- ☉ Tues 30th Move up Morning

