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Newsletter

Summer Term 2026

Week 10



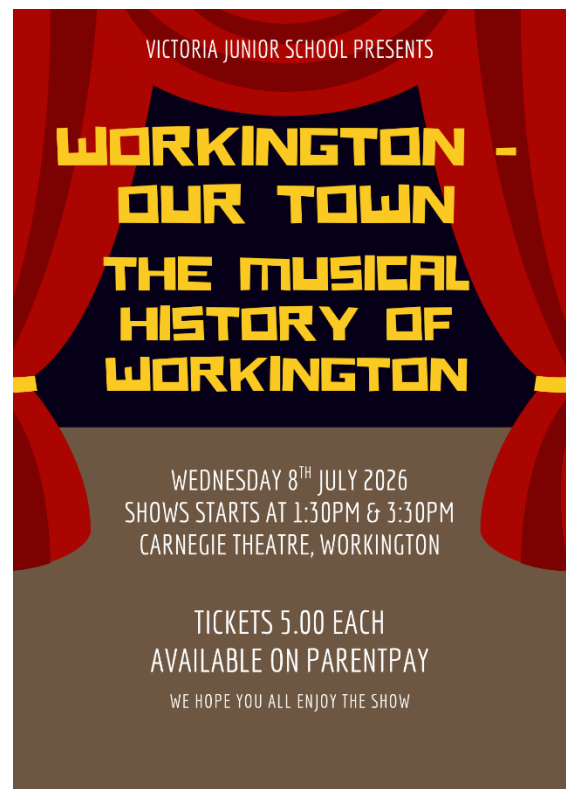
Every student. Every day.

Talent Show

Well done to all of our pupils who took part in the talent show yesterday, we had such a wide range of talents, and we hope all parents enjoyed it!

Carnegie Summer Show

This year, our Summer show will take place on Wednesday 8th July at the Carnegie Theatre. The show is called Workington - Our Town, and this is where we celebrate the history of the town, we live in. We have two performances, 1:30pm and 3:30pm. Tickets are available now for £5 each via ParentPay. Tickets are first come first served. Please ensure you are selecting the correct time of performance that you require. Tickets will be sent out the week of the show.



Team Bassenthwaite

A very busy week in the sunshine for Team Bassenthwaite!

This week as clever writers, we have been writing our own biographies about Beatrix Potter. First, we carried out some collaborative research to gather some basic facts, then we started to build sentences using the conjunctions 'before, while and after' to show the order in which things happened. Bassenthwaite

have written some lovely biographies and even managed to independently improve their writing by adding in some previous skills.

As mathematicians this week, we have been looking at 'sets' and sharing these into equal and unequal groups. We have been using fractions represent our equal groups and looking at how this changes the denominator.

In this week's French lesson, we have been looking at animals and matching their English names to the French. We practiced saying these out loud and writing them into our books.

On Thursday, Susan from Phunky Foods came in and we made some healthy wraps. This links in with our previous learning of keeping ourselves healthy and making healthy choices. The children enjoyed cutting up their chosen ingredients and persevering to wrap their wraps independently.

This week because the weather has been so lovely, we have also enjoyed lots of time outside. We have explored the den building area and worked together in small teams to create some wonderful shelters!

Well done Team, a brilliant week, let's hope the sunshine lasts!



Team Buttermere

We've had a lovely week in Buttermere Class this week! In English, we have been learning about Beatrix Potter and her bunnies, using conjunctions at the beginning of our sentences as part of our biography writing based on Beatrix Potter's life. In Maths, we have been exploring non-unit fractions and developing our understanding of equal parts and fractions of shapes and quantities. In Geography, we have been learning about the beautiful Lake District and discovering what makes this area so special. In Science, we have been learning about plants and using our scientific skills to collect and present data through graph work. Well done to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the week - keep it up!



Team Crummock

As writers this week in Team Crummock, we have been using conjunctions to express why something has happened in our biographies about Beatrix Potter's life. As mathematicians this week, we have been learning about fractions, and have used them to answer questions and solve problems. In RE, we have continued to discover how different religions use music in their lives. This week we focussing on Sikhism. We have had an exciting Thursday this week. We have used our maths skill to solve a variety of different and fun activities. Throughout the day, we were taken out in small groups to see Susan, from Funky Foods, to create some delicious, fresh and healthy wraps. As geographers, we have been discovering the different ways that lakes are formed, focussing then on how the majority of the lakes in the Lake District were formed. As it has been really hot this week, we have been treated to ice lollies, which we enjoyed in the sunshine.



Team Derwentwater

We have had another fantastic week of learning in Derwentwater, with pupils showing great enthusiasm and determination across all areas of the curriculum.

In Literacy, pupils have been writing their own biographies. They have explored the key features of this text type and used their research skills to write informative and engaging pieces. This week in Maths, pupils have been learning about symmetry. They have identified lines of symmetry in different shapes and created their own symmetrical patterns.

In Science, pupils completed their end-of-topic test, giving them the opportunity to showcase all the knowledge and understanding they have developed throughout the unit.

In Geography, pupils have been using atlases to locate the United Kingdom and the Mediterranean. They have developed their map-reading skills and improved their understanding of different regions and their locations.

In RE, pupils have been learning about Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the challenges he faced while spreading the message of Islam. They have shown thoughtful discussion and respect throughout the topic.

In Computing, pupils have been programming their own games. They have enjoyed developing their coding skills and solving problems to make their games interactive and engaging.

In PE, our focus has been athletics. Pupils have practised a variety of running, jumping and throwing activities while developing their technique and teamwork skills.

Pupils have continued rehearsing for the summer production, working hard to learn songs and prepare for their performance.

In keyboard lessons, pupils have been rehearsing a song for their final performance. Their confidence and musical ability continue to grow with each practice session.

In French, pupils have been learning how to give opinions about food. They have practised using simple phrases to express likes and dislikes and have enjoyed applying their new vocabulary in conversations.

Team Coniston

Another fantastic week here in Team Coniston.

As clever writers this week, we completed writing a biography of Stuart Green, our football coach.

Our focus skill has been using subordinating conjunctions in our writing. Team Coniston wrote some excellent biographies.

They have all worked extremely hard to include this plus other punctuation and grammar work we have completed over the last few weeks.

Our reading lessons have continued to look at explanatory texts, especially looking at Food and digestion as this is what we are learning about in our science lessons.

As mathematicians this week, we continued to look at mixed number fractions. This week, in particular, we are adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.

As scientists, we continued learning about Digestion. This week we labelled parts of the digestive system and discovered what their role is.

Miss Marrs kindly led a demonstration of the digestive system using chocolate brownies and a pair of tights!

In RE we continued to learn about the Prophet Mohammed and in French we continued to say our opinions about food.

As geographers, we continued to look at Cumbria and the Mediterranean.

As part of our PSHE lessons we discussed what and how our body tells us when we are unwell.

On Wednesday, we took part in assembly about mental health and on Thursday it was Maths puzzle day. Alongside this, Team Coniston are busy rehearsing for the Summer show. Look out for the photographs on Class Dojo.
Keep working hard Team Coniston



Team Loweswater

Team Loweswater have had a fantastic week! In our literacy lessons we have been learning about explanatory texts. We have linked this to our science work on digestion where we have been learning about the role of different organs in the digestive system. In science we watched a demonstration of the role organs have in digestion! In maths this week we have been learning about shape and symmetry. We have classified triangles and explored lines of symmetry. We also attended a puzzle session with year 3 where we had to work in teams. RE this week we have continued our work on the Prophet

Mohammad. This week we thought about the challenges the Prophet Mohammad faced in life. In French this week we further developed our use of language related to food by giving our opinions about different foods.



Team Ullswater

What a busy week for Team Ullswater! And, in glorious sunshine too! It really has felt like the Summer term this week. As Writers, we have been using lots of metaphorical language and our imaginations to describe the awe and wonder a child might feel, experiencing the countryside for the first time. We have used a picture book to build and develop a whole story in our writing, creating perfect moments and different experiences for the young boy. As Mathematicians, we have been comparing and ordering angles, identifying the key features of these and learning how to estimate their sizes using facts we already know. We have been practising for both the talent show and the Summer show this week, learning the lyrics and some of the

moves to complement our fantastic song, which you will be able to see in two weeks.

As Historians, we have been looking about what shops, resources and facilities you might find in villages, cities and towns and comparing all three. We were then able to locate and identify some of the different types of settlements in our local area and slightly further afield.

As Artists, we have been practising our sketching techniques and will continue to do this. We have found that our careful drawing, sketching and shading practise will also help our handwriting!

We have begun our end of year assessments this week and I am currently writing the reports to tell you all about the wonderful progress everyone has made this year. I look forward to adding their latest results to these to really show off our knowledge!



Team Grasmere

In Maths, we have continued to find equivalent fractions and using this knowledge to add and subtract fractions and putting fractions with different denominators in size order.

In science, we have been learning about how our heart keeps us alive. We learnt that our heart is an involuntary muscle and we came up with some actions to remember how the heart pumps blood around the body.

In our English lesson, we have been recognising features of instructional texts. Grasmere then gave Mrs Corkhill verbal instructions on how to make a salad wrap. We realised how specific and clear we had to be with our instructions! We have then written our own instructions on how to make a salad wrap.

We had a special visit from storyteller Ian Douglas. Together we looked at artist Ken Kiff and some of his work. Ian then told us a story and we each chose one part of this story to imagine in our minds before sketching this scene. We then used a variety of materials including pencils, pastels, crayons and charcoal to produce our own Ken Kiff inspired artwork.

Our year 6's have been working hard on their Leavers Performance, we can't wait for you to see it!

Well done Team Grasmere, keep it up!



Team Ennerdale

Ennerdale have had a scorching week! The sunshine has been with us all week and we've done our best to stay cool by introducing a new classroom fan, turning off unnecessary lights, increasing our water intake and minimising movement around the classroom. To help us beat the heat, everyone enjoyed ice lollies and ice pops throughout the week. In English, we completed and evaluated our writing before beginning our exciting new unit, Mars Transmission, which tells the story of an astronaut stranded on Mars. In Maths, we have been multiplying proper fractions by whole numbers where the product is greater than one whole. In Science, we learnt about puberty for boys, with the class approaching the lesson maturely and asking thoughtful questions. During PE with Kane, pupils headed outside into the glorious sunshine and were challenged to create a game requiring the least amount of movement, which they did brilliantly. We have also been very busy rehearsing for our Summer Show and the performance is coming together

really well. Finally, congratulations to Emmie, our Reading Heroes Competition winner, and to Jacob, our Class Dojo Draw winner. Well done to you both and have a fantastic weekend!



Team Thirlmere

It's been another busy week for Team Thirlmere! In Geography, we sketched a map of Keswick, paying close attention to the symbols used and focused on the details of roads and buildings, using a grid to support our drawing. On Tuesday, we had the pleasure of working with Ian Douglas. He told us the story of 'How the sun came to be', we then created some art inspired by Ken Kiff and illustrated the story Ian told us. We used a variety of materials: pastels, crayons, pencils and charcoal, to create our art work. I was very pleased with how Thirlmere approached the task and the work that they produced!

Also on Tuesday, the second half of Team Thirlmere took part in Phunky Foods! We enjoyed making our own pizzas from scratch using yoghurt and flour to make the base.

We started some filming for our Leavers Assembly, utilising the wonderful weather! We are very excited for you to see it.

We enjoyed football in the sun with Stuart on Wednesday morning.

Team Thirlmere have also been busy preparing for the Summer Show, Mr Milner has created an amazing show and we will do our best to do it justice! Although it's been very warm this week.



Team Windermere

Windermere have had a good week, doing all sorts of different activities. On Tuesday we were lucky enough to have a story and art workshop with storyteller Ian Douglas. He told us the story of 'How the sun came to be', we then created some art inspired by Ken Kiff and illustrated the story Ian told us. We used a variety of materials: pastels,

crayons, pencils and charcoal, to create our art work.

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On Wednesday after a pretty poor match from England Vs Ghana, pupils had to write a football commentary for clips from the game. They had to find out information about the players and make predictions about the next couple of matches. It was great to see everyone engaged.

In RE, we thought about our own beliefs and the beliefs that other people hold, learning how important it is to respect the views of others.

We have started filming some of our videos for our leavers assembly and are looking forward to presenting this to parents at the end of the year.

We have continued with Music, rehearsing for the school musical. We've also had football with Stuart Green and PE!

Another busy week in Windermere..



**Do you have concerns
about a child in Cumberland?**



If you are worried that a child is at risk of immediate harm please contact:

**Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on
0333 240 1727**

Email: safeguarding.hub@cumberland.gov.uk

(PLEASE PASSWORD PROTECT THE EMAIL AND SEND THE PASSWORD
IN A FURTHER EMAIL)

**Out of working hours – contact the
Emergency Duty Team on 0300 373 2724**

To speak to a Local Authority Designated Officer
(LADO) for advice call

0300 303 3892

or email lado@cumbria.gov.uk

To speak to the Cumberland Early Help Team call

0300 303 3896

Or email early.help@cumberland.gov.uk

Kym Allan Safeguarding, Health and Safety Consultants Ltd.
April 2023

**Please note:
Diary dates are subject to
change - please check back
weekly for updates**

30th - Y2 Transition Day

July

1st - Cricket competition

1st - Sports Day

2nd - Year 5 Phunky Foods

3rd - Year 5/6 Girls Football tournament

3rd - Romeo and Juliet - Years 5 & 6 in
Vulcans Park

8th - Summer Show at Carnegie Theatre

9th - End of year discos

10th - Enterprise Day

13th - Year 4 Phunky Foods

14th - Year 6 Prom

14th - Crummock class to LEVELS

14th - Phunky Foods Y4

15th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

17th - Break up for Summer 1pm

**Please place Uniform orders by the
26th June 2026 or before**

**To enable us to deliver your main school uniform orders
before the last day of the summer term**

Please could you advise parents to register on the home page for a Access code
www.oneidentity.co.uk



Scan to Order

Orders after this date will be delivered when the school reopens in September
there is the option of paying for home delivery.

We aim to deliver all home delivery orders to UK mainland addresses within 14 days between
15th August to 15th September please order before if possible

Victoria School Nursery, Infant and Junior Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Starts: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Half Term: Friday 22nd May - Friday 29th May 2026

Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

Good Friday: 3rd April

Easter Sunday: 5th April

Easter Monday: 6th April

May bank holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

INSET are determined locally

Please note these may differ from Cumbria County Council term dates