

14th February 2025

FRIDAY NEWS

A nurturing family, learning together



Message from Mrs Pearson

Happy Valentine's Day, and happy last Friday before the half-term holidays. I hope that all our families have some lovely activities planned for over the coming week and manage to get outside and enjoy some family time.

On Wednesday this week, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Green accompanied a group of children to Settle Swimming Pool where they took part in a Swimming Gala. All our children represented our school very well with some individual and team successes. Well done to Eddie and Cheska who came 3rd in their races and also to both the boys relay teams who also came 3rd. Special congratulations to Oscar who came 1st in his race!

As previously mentioned in an earlier Friday News, when we return to school on Monday 24th February 2025 we will start a week long celebration of our tenth anniversary in the school building.

Celebrations will 'kick off' with a 'Community Coffee and Cake' afternoon in our School Hall, from 1.00pm until 3.00pm. Please do come along and join in with this whole community celebration and invite neighbours, family members and friends. No need to book.

On Friday 28th February, we are inviting children to join in with a special 'Anniversary Celebration Picnic Lunch'. There is no need to pre-order, Grab Bags can be ordered during registration. Meals for children in Nursery are priced at £2.50 each, Free for ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and £3.06 for children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Grab Bags are FREE for children eligible for Free School Meals. Payment for meals should be made via Parentpay. If you are unable to access your child's account, cash can be handed into the school office prior to ordering a meal. Thank you.

When we return to school on the 24th February, we will be serving our new Spring Menu meal choices.

Also during the first week back Class Teachers will be meeting with parents/carers on the evening of the 24th February and the afternoon of the 25th February. If you have requested an appointment, please look out in your child's book bag for appointment confirmation.

On the 26th February, children in Owl Class will be heading off to London. On the day of the visit can parents/carers please ensure that children are dropped off at Oxenholme Lake District Station for no later than **7.15am**. ALL children should bring with them a packed lunch with extra snacks, drinks, and a refillable water bottle. On the day, children should wear comfortable footwear, school jumpers and appropriate clothing/accessories for the weather. We are anticipating children to be back at **Oxenholme Station**, ready for collection by parents at **19.09pm**.

Miss Patel will be leaving us today. She has been teaching in Rabbit class for a few months now and we are very grateful for all that she has done in Rabbit class. She never envisaged staying as long as she has done and the travelling has become a bit too much so she is returning to teaching closer to her home. Miss Clarke will be joining Rabbit class after half term and is looking forward to meeting the children again.

Finally before we close for half-term can I please ask all parents/carers to check that their child's Parentpay account is up-to-date.

Have a lovely half-term. See you all on the 24th February.

Mrs C Pearson
Headteacher

Monday 24th February 2025

Italian Pasta Bake
Jacket Potato (v)

Rabbit Class PE
Badger Class PE

1.00pm – 3.00pm Community Coffee and Cake in the

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School Hall
3.30pm – 6.00pm Parent/Teacher Meetings

children)
Owl Class PE

Tuesday 25th February 2025

Minced Beef Loaded Wedges
Veggie Sausage (v)
Jacket Potato

3.00pm Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers welcome)

1.00pm – 3.30pm Parent/Teacher Meetings

Fox Class PE
Owl Class PE
3.30pm to 4.30pm KANGA After School Club

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Sausage and Mash
Pea-ter Croquette (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

7.15am – 19.00pm Houses of Parliament Visit (Year 6)

1.00pm Year 1 (Hedgehog Class) Forest School
Rabbit Class PE
Butterfly Class and Hedgehog Reception : PE
3.30pm to 4.20pm Ambitions Gymnastics After School Club

Thursday 27th February 2025

Chicken Korma
Cheese Whirl (v)
Jacket Potato (v)

1.00pm Forest School (Badger Class)
Hedgehog Class (Year 1) : PE

3.30pm Maths SATs Club (Invited children)

Friday 28th February 2025

Fun Day Friday – all children invited to join in and try a school lunch!

Celebration Anniversary Picnic
Choice of Sandwiches (Cheese/Ham/Tuna)

1.00pm Fox Class Swimming (including some Year 6

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As a school we cannot emphasise enough the importance of good attendance.

Attendance at our school NEEDS TO IMPROVE. If you need any support with your child around either attendance, or lateness issues, please get in touch with the School.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING

Children in Owl Class will be holding a fundraising 'Coffee Morning' at Bentham Town Hall on Saturday 1st March 2025 from 10.00am to 12.00 midday.

Children are trying to raise money to put towards this year's Leavers' Sweatshirts!

Can you help children by donating cakes, tombola prizes, helping children serve, or simply just turning up?

Any donations will be gratefully received, and can be either dropped off at school on Friday 28th February, or at the Town Hall for 9.45am on the day.

THANK YOU

MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 15th February 2025
4.00pm
St John's Low Bentham

Children and families welcome to come along and join in

Craft making, songs, story-telling and a meal

FREE of CHARGE
Just come along!

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

<p>MORRISONS Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>BILLS Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025.</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p> <p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 Daily at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p>LAS IGUANAS Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12.</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>TSF FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p>COODON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p>BUDGER KING From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app</p> <p>Zizzi From Monday 17th February until Sunday 2nd March 2025 kids eat free at Zizzi!</p> <p>COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025</p> <p>SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11.30am every day.</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The off is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays</p> <p>HARVESTER From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>BREWDOG Pre-book online using code: KIDS EAT FREE and Kids under 13 eat free (various dates, see link)</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.</p>
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illuminate Festival of Ideas
 Kirbytondale 8 - 23 February 2025

Welcome to illuminate: Festival of Ideas! Scheduled to take place from 8-23 Feb, the festival will bring dozens of events - live performances, films, workshops and speaker events plus lots of activities for families over the half term - to venues across town.

Visit <https://illuminate.kirbytondale.org> for use the QR code to browse the full selection and build your own festival itinerary. Let's make it an event to remember!

Festival Highlights

- Beautiful Mind** - Feb 14, St Mary's Church 7:30PM
- Kensuke's Kingdom** - Kids' Quiz, Wed 19 Feb, Lunsdale Hall
- Believe** - Feb 14, St Mary's Church 7:30PM
- Ben Reel** - Feb 21, St Mary's Church 7:30PM
- Wicked Little Letters**, Thu 13 Feb, Lunsdale Hall, 7PM
- Be Careful What You Say** - Feb 19, St Mary's Church 2:30PM
- Bank Rob & Stomach** - Wed 19 Feb, St Mary's Church 7:30PM
- The Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde** - Saturday 15 February 7:30pm

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

This Week, Wake-up-Wednesday is all about Online Relationships and Dating Apps.

Safety around dogs

The bond between your child and dog can bring fun and happiness to family life. We don't expect our own dog to bite, but any dog can bite if they feel they have no other option.

Children are most likely to be bitten at home, by a familiar dog. Luckily most bites are preventable and close supervision is key.

- A calm, happy dog** is less likely to react unsafely to children's natural exuberance.
 - Give your dog a safe space of their own where they can go if they need time out. Have a rule to leave them alone when they're there.
 - Keep them occupied - physical exercise and mental activity help keep your dog happy.
 - Teach your child to be calm and kind with your dog. Avoid shouting, teasing or restrictive cuddles.



- Close supervision** is the most important thing to keep children safe.
 - Watch, listen and remain close when your child and dog are together.
 - If either your dog or child seems unhappy, positively and calmly separate them. You can throw your dog a treat or toy, or lead your child away.
 - Understand your dog's body language so you can spot signs they feel uncomfortable or stressed.
 - When you know you'll be distracted during busier times, use safety gates to keep children and dogs separate. Or, take your child or dog with you.

- Your growing child** - as your child changes, the risks can change too.
 - Teach the rules to your child from an early age and keep explaining them as your child understands more.
 - As your child becomes more mobile, review changes needed, like adding safety gates.
 - Think ahead about your changing family life and new risks that can emerge. Read our fact sheet on bringing baby home.

- Trigger times** - teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are:
 - Sleeping - no-one likes to be woken up suddenly.
 - Eating or having a treat - they might think you're going to take their food.
 - Have a toy or something else they really like - they might not want to share!

- Still worried?**
 - If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
 - Visit the **Animal Behaviour and Training Council** website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.



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