



Newsletter Friday 24th April 2026

The summer is now in full swing and none of us can quite believe that we are in the final third of the year. We hope that you have all had a restful Easter break and are looking forward to a proper Dales summer!



Consultation Questionnaire

It has been lovely to see so many of you during parent/carer consultations and find out how your children are doing in school. We have handed questionnaires out each evening and would welcome any feedback from you about the aspects of school which are going well, as well as those which could be improved. We will collate the responses and let you know the results before half term.

Uniform Exchange



As the days get warmer, we are looking at moving towards more summery clothes. Although there is no requirement to do so, many of the girls like wearing summer dresses. Our uniform exchange is working really well, but we currently only have 4 dresses. Any donations welcome!

We would also really appreciate someone who could make the rail a bit less 'wobbly'. Please contact the school if you think you might be able to help. Thank you in anticipation.

Lost property

We have a lot of spare clothes which have been left in school so please feel free to come and have a look. We will have a look through it as well, see if we can return items to their owners and then add anything left to our exchange.

Active Uniform



We already promote active uniform and outdoor play across the school and from September this approach will be strengthened to ensure pupils are fully equipped for active, high-quality play throughout the day. Building on our work with OPAL to enhance playtimes, and as we join the *Made to Move* campaign, we will be clarifying our expectations around active and all-weather clothing. This includes practical active uniform items and suitable clothing for all seasons, ensuring children can play, explore and be active in most weathers. Further details will be shared with families ahead of September.

<https://activeuniform.org/>

Outstanding payments

Arbor is now running well and it is much more efficient to have everything in one system. Please keep on top of your balances as we currently have nearly £1000 owed for school lunches and we would appreciate it if any outstanding balances should be cleared as soon as possible.

For support or queries, the school office is happy to assist.



Every student. Every day.

. Our current whole-school attendance stands at **95.8%**, which is higher than national and a strong reflection of the commitment many families show to regular school attendance. Every day at school really does count—missing even a small amount of time can add up and have an impact on learning. School attendance is carefully monitored by the government and extensive evidence shows a clear link between good attendance and strong academic achievement. We encourage all families to keep prioritising coming to school every day where possible, so every child can make the most of their learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mobile phones in school

We have noticed that some of our older children have begun bringing mobile phones into school. While we understand that there may be occasions where this feels necessary, pupils should not routinely have access to mobile phones during the school day.

If you believe your child needs to bring a mobile phone into school, for example due to arrangements for after-school contact, please inform your child's class teacher. Any phones brought into school will be handed in on arrival and securely looked after by staff until the end of

the school day, when they will be returned to pupils.

We ask for your support in reinforcing that mobile phones should not be used on school grounds during the day. This approach helps us maintain a safe, focused learning environment for all pupils.

This arrangement will be reviewed in line with any planned changes to legislation and further guidance will be shared with parents and carers as appropriate

Future dates— please keep looking for updates

Monday 4th May – May Day – school closed

Wednesday 6th May - Year 4 visit to Foxglove Covert; Library visit for Year 1 and 5

11th May – 14th May – Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 19th May - Year 3 visit Housesteads Fort

Friday 22nd May - Year 5 visit to Durham Cathedral

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Wednesday 3rd June – Library visit for Year 3

Friday 5th June – Swaledale Festival Concert

Monday 8th June – 10th June – Year 4 at Carlton Lodge

Wednesday 10th June – Library visit for Year 6

Friday 19th June – Great Get Together Picnic

Monday 6th July – Rocksteady Concert

Thursday 9th July – Year 5 visit to Grinton Moor

Friday 17th July – Break up for the summer