

# June 2026 Newsletter

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## Message from the Head

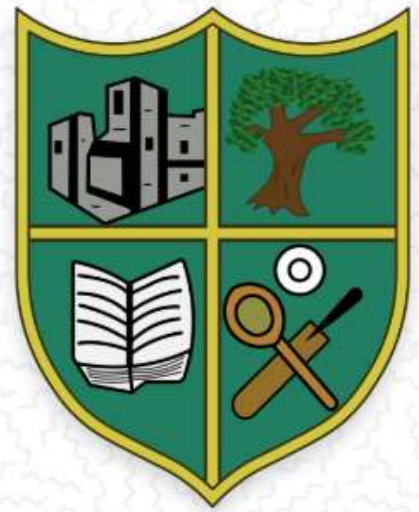
I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

Since my last letter we have had many trips from school. At the end of last half term, Y3's spent two days at Hadrian's Wall learning all about the Romans, before half term our Y4's were out walking, canoeing and ghyll scrambling in the Lake and we have had Y2 and Y3 go to Waterpark. Over the coming weekend 30 of our Y6 children will be completing their expedition club expedition on the Langdale Fells.



The outdoor activity and residential trips that we run are increasingly time consuming to organise due to the information required by the local authority to authorise them; I think I spend more time doing the paper work than we were out walking for on our recent expedition club Coniston mountain day. Despite this increasing workload the staff here are still prepared to put in the time and effort to make these experiences happen for our children. As a result, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have organised these experiences, and also to the staff, trustees, parents and ex parents who have volunteered their time to help run them. Taking a large number of children on these experiences is invariably adult intensive so could not be done without these people giving up their own time / evenings / weekends to make the trips work. Our children are exceptionally lucky to have adults in our school community who are willing to do this. Many schools haven't.

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## Staffing Changes

It is with equal sadness for us and excitement for her that I need to let you all know that our School Business Manager, Nicola Audin, will be moving on to pastures new in September as over the half term break she secured the position of Dallam School Business Manager where she will be overseeing their finance team. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Nicola all the best for the future. We are advertising for a new School Business Manager and Finance and Admin Assistant at the moment.

**Please see our School Website for our [current vacancies](#).**

In the last week of the last half term we appointed Mr Daniel Bush to a permanent position here at Ghyllside. Dan is presently working in Y6 alongside Mrs Meyfroidt where he has really hit the floor running. I am sure he will be an excellent addition to our staff team.

## Music Lessons in School

We are planning for next year's instrumental tuition in school. At Ghyllside, we are immensely fortunate to work with the very best music teachers in Cumbria and children are able to learn any of the following instruments in school:

- ❖ Strings: piano, harp, guitar, violin, viola, cello and double bass
- ❖ Woodwind: flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon and saxophone
- ❖ Percussions: drums
- ❖ Vocal: singing (musical theatre and traditional)
- ❖ Brass: cornet, horn and trombone



In order to meet the huge demand for instrumental lessons in school and to use only the best teachers for our children, we use teachers from the Cumbria Music Hub and teachers who work in school as freelance teachers. Piano and drums are taught on an individual basis and lessons are usually between 20 and 30 minutes depending on age.

Other instruments are taught in small groups (2 – 4) and are approximately 30 minutes. Further information about the cost of lessons and instrument provision is available in our music lesson letter available from the school office (available after next week). If your child would like to learn a musical instrument or would like to try a musical instrument in a taster session, please contact the office for an information letter which will be available later this month or please do come and find me on the main yard after school (Monday – Wednesday). Before deciding upon an instrument, it is worth noting that we do have a few guidelines in place to ensure children begin a particular instrument at the “right” age. These are guidance and exceptional circumstances are always considered.

If in doubt, the piano is the best instrument to start with as it provides perfect foundations for reading treble and bass clef, learning music theory and general musicianship.

Guitar is best started in Y4. Children need to have developed the physical capability to manage the instrument.

Woodwind and brass instruments are also best started in Y4 when children have their adult front teeth.

*Many thanks, Miss Crowley*

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the families who came to the Spring Fair. It was a massive team effort before and during the day. We rely so much on our community's support, and this year our PTA offered more fun activities than ever before.

All money raised goes directly back into supporting our children's activities and events at school.

**A fantastic £1,500 was raised!**

What a wonderful event – huge thanks from the PTA to all our volunteers and attendees.



REMINDER – PTA AGM 7.30pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the staffroom. All welcome! For a virtual link please email [pta@ghyllside.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:pta@ghyllside.cumbria.sch.uk)

## Medication in School

If your child is in a position where they are getting over an illness, so are well enough to be in school, but may be completing a course of antibiotics then we would obviously prefer them to be here than at home. In this case if they have medicine that needs administering during the school day the much preferred solution is that a parent/carer or family member comes in to facilitate this.

If this is not possible and the prescribed medication is required **4 times per day**, then it is **very important** that the parent brings the medication to the front desk where they will need to fill in the correct paperwork for one of our staff to administer it.

This will be done by one of the Senior Leadership Team in accordance with the prescription instructions. If this protocol is not followed **we cannot** administer the medication.

Please do not:

- Try to hand the medication to a class teacher or teaching assistant at drop off
- Send medication and instructions into school with your child for them to self-administer
- Send the medication in your child's book bag with a note.

***Many thanks for your support and help with the safe administering of medication in school.***

## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June:	Class photographs
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June:	KS1 Waterslide event, after school
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June:	Reception 2026 new starter evening, 6pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June:	Dominic Kelly, storyteller in school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Reception sports, 1.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y1 sports, 1.15pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	KS2 Waterslide event, after school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June:	KS2 sports, 9.10am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June:	Nursery picnic, pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y2 sports, 9.15am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	Muslim speaker in assembly then Y3&Y6
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June:	Nursery sports, 1.30pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June:	Y3 & Y4 Heaves Farm trip
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y6 Junior citizens quiz, Kendal Fire Station, am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y5 D&T, KKS, pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y6 Induction day at KKS & QKS
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June:	PTA AGM, 7.30pm, staff room
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July:	PTA Disco
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July:	Reports out to parents/carers
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y5 Shrek, KKS, pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July:	Summer music concert, 3.30 – 4.45pm, Hall
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Leavers Ceilidh, 6 - 8.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July:	Meet the next teacher/moving up sessions – details to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y3 Music concert, 2.30pm, hall
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Leavers assembly, 9 -10am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Waterslide, pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July:	Term ends, 2pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September:	Staff inset day, children not in school
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September:	Autumn term begins

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