

October 2025 Newsletter

3rd October 2025

AUTUMN UPDATE

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

Kirkbarrow Foodshare

I have been asked to let families know about Kirkbarrow Foodshare. This is a confidential scheme set up and run by members of the Kirkbarrow community to support families or individuals who are finding it difficult to meet the rising costs of living.

If your family needs a free food delivery please contact Rose Tideswell either through email – rosetideswell@gmail.com – or through text – 07580775153 – with the number of people it is for and the address for it to be delivered to. Please feel free to share this information. This information will not be shared and deliveries will be made discreetly.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The closing date for online applications for the transfer to Secondary school is Friday 31st October. If you have not already done so, can you please apply before Friday 24th October when we break up for half-term so we are in school to help with any difficulties you may have. You need to apply online by visiting the following website:

[Apply for a secondary school place | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)



Humanist Speaker, Wednesday 8th October

In school we celebrate and learn about both religious and non-religious worldviews. We are very excited to be welcoming Keith Pennington, a Humanist speaker into Y3 to Y6 classes. We hope it promotes some deep thinking, discussions and learning both in and out of school.



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Parent Trustees (Governors)

We have a couple of Trustee vacancies on our Governing body. The Trustees are the voluntary body that works together to steer the strategic direction of the school. I know I had a couple of parents who have previously expressed an interest in joining our Trustees when the opportunity arose. If you are one of these, or have not previously talked to me about it but are interested, please can you phone the office to arrange a chat with me so I can talk you through what is involved and see if it is for you.

Middy Supervisors

We have a number of vacancies for Middy Supervisors. If a few hours work in the middle of the day would suit you, and you would like to join our school team, please give the office a ring to find out more details.

Reception Open Evening and School Tours

We are holding our Reception Open Evening, 5.00 – 7.00pm, on Tuesday 21st October

We are also holding school tours on the:

- 23rd October at 9.30am
- 5th November at 9.30am & 1.30pm
- 6th November at 9.30am
- 11th November at 1.30pm

If you know any parents who are looking for Reception places for Summer 2026 please let them know. If they are unable to make any of the above please just tell them to ring the office to arrange an alternative.

Harvest Festival

Monday 6th October at the Parish Church

Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to join us. Please send any food donations (not fresh) to school on Monday morning so they can be displayed in the foyer. At around 9am all classes will walk down to the Parish Church ready for the service to start at 9.30am. Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help walk to and from the church.



SUNDAY FUN DAY!!

There will be a **Sunday Fun Day** family event, taking place at **Kendal Leisure Centre** on **Sunday 2nd November**, from **10:30am to 2:30pm**, all welcome. This free event is designed to bring families and the community together for a day of fun, activity, and community spirit. Highlights include:

- ★ **Swimming Pool Fun**
- ★ **Sports & Activity Tasters**
- ★ **Wellbeing Marketplace** with interactive activities
- ★ **SEND Quieter Time:** 1:30–2:30pm

Lost Property

Please can we ask that parents check their children's bags for lost property and return any jumpers, coats etc. that are not theirs that they may have inadvertently bought home from school. Many thanks for your help with this.

Nut Allergies

There are several children in school who have an allergy to nuts including:

Peanuts

Peanut Butter

Nut oils

Nut flavourings etc

Touching, eating or even inhaling these items may provoke a severe allergic reaction. For the safety of these pupils, we are asking parents not to send any food containing any nut products to school.

Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

Dates for the diary

Monday 6 th October:	Harvest festival, 9.30am, Parish Church
Wednesday 8 th October:	Keith Pennington, Humanist speaker, Y3-Y6
Tuesday 14 th October:	Y5 Hawse End meeting, 5pm
Wednesday 15 th October:	Y6 Martin Mere trip
Friday 17 th October:	PTA Halloween disco
Monday 20 th October:	Y6 Smartphone education day
Tuesday 21 st October:	Reception 2026 open evening 5-7pm
Thursday 23 rd October:	School tour for Reception 2026, 9.30am
Friday 24 th October:	School finishes for half term, 3.20pm
Monday 3 rd November:	School starts
Wednesday 5 th November:	School tour for Reception 2026, 9.30am and 1.30pm
Thursday 6 th November:	School tour for Reception 2026, 9.30am
Monday 10 th November:	Individual and sibling school photographs
Tuesday 11 th November:	School tour for Reception 2026, 1.30pm
Friday 14 th November:	Children in need
Tuesday 18 th November:	Nursery stay and play
Tuesday 18 th November:	Parents evening
Wednesday 19 th November:	Nasal flu immunisations, Rec-Y6
Wednesday 19 th November:	Parents evening
Thursday 20 th November:	Parents evening
Friday 21 st November:	Y5 and Y6 Kendal mountain festival, am, Leisure Centre
Wednesday 26 th November:	Y4 Film festival, Brewery
Friday 5 th December:	Y5 & Y6 Kendal College Box Theatre, am
Monday 8 th December:	Christingle assemblies for children
Tuesday 9 th December:	Y4 Kendal College Box Theatre, am
Tuesday 9 th December:	Nursery nativity, pm
Wednesday 10 th December:	Y1 Kendal College Box Theatre, pm
Wednesday 10 th December:	KS2 Christmas performance, 4pm
Thursday 11 th December:	Christmas jumper day
Thursday 11 th December:	Y3 Kendal College Box Theatre, am
Thursday 11 th December:	KS2 Christmas performance, 6pm
Tuesday 16 th December:	Reception nativity, 2pm
Wednesday 17 th December:	Y2 nativity, pm
Thursday 18 th December:	Y1 nativity, am
Friday 19 th December:	Term ends, 2pm
Tuesday 6 th January 2026:	Staff inset day, children not in school
Wednesday 7 th January 2026:	Children return to school for Spring term

As usual, if you have any questions about the content of this letter, or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Our Mission: Ghyllside Primary School – Growing Hearts and Minds
Our Values: Inspiring Healthy Inclusive Nurturing Experiences