



GHYLLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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9th October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well. September at school has gone excellently. The children are very settled, back into our school routine and, particularly the older children, enjoying the various clubs that are running. Many thanks for your help in making our transition back to the school year so smooth.

Below are various pieces of information for parents in relation to upcoming events / dates, and to help us run school as smoothly as possible.

COMING UP SOON

MONDAY

12 Oct

Harvest Festival
Parish Church, 9.30am

TUESDAY

20 Oct

Reception open evening
5.00 – 7.00pm

FRIDAY

23 Oct

Half term begins
School finishes 3.20pm

SATURDAY

31 Oct

Y6 secondary
applications close
Apply online

Parent Trustees (Governors)

GET INVOLVED

We have a number 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.

What to do: if you are one of these, or have not previously talked to me about it but are interested, please 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.

Harvest Festival

EVENT

Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Monday 12th October** at the Parish Church for Y1 – Y6 children. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to join us.

- **Food donations (not fresh):** please send to school on Monday morning so they can be displayed in the foyer
- **9am:** all classes walk down to the Parish Church
- **9.30am:** the service starts

Please let your child's class teacher know if you can help walk to and from the church.

Y6 Secondary School Applications

DEADLINE

The closing date for online applications for the transfer to Secondary school is **Saturday 31st October**. If you have not already done so, please apply before **Friday 23rd October** when we break up for half-term, so we are in school to help with any difficulties you may have.

Apply online: <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools/apply-secondary-school-place>

Medicines in School

PLEASE READ

If your child is getting over an illness, so is 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. The paperwork will take five to ten minutes to complete. This may feel excessive, but we have to be particularly vigilant when administering controlled drugs in school. The medication will be administered 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.

Reception Open Evening & School Tours

SEPTEMBER 2027
STARTERS

We are holding our Reception 2027 open evening, **5.00 – 7.00pm, on Tuesday 20th October**. We are also holding school tours on:

- Thursday 22nd October at 9.30am
- Tuesday 3rd November at 9.30am & 1.30pm
- Thursday 5th November at 9.30am
- Tuesday 10th November at 9.30am & 1.30pm

If you have any friends who are looking for Reception places for September 2027 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.

Applications need to be made online by **Friday 15th January 2027**.

Apply online: <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools/apply-reception-place>

Kendal Musical Theatre

OUT OF SCHOOL

We have been asked to publicise KAOS Musical Theatre's performance of Annie, which a number of our pupils are taking part in.

Looking for some fantastic family fun this half term?

Come and see KAOS Musical Theatre's production of **Annie** at Kendal Town Hall, running from **27th – 31st October!** Expect big songs, brilliant performances, plenty of laughs and all the feel-good fun of this much-loved musical. It's the perfect half-term treat for the whole family, so grab your tickets now before they're gone!

Book your tickets: <https://trybooking.com/uk/gprv>

Dates for the Diary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Mon 12 th	Harvest Festival Y1–Y6, Parish Church, 9.30am
Tue 13 th	PTA meeting, staffroom, 7.30pm
Wed 14 th	Y5 Hawse End meeting, 3.30pm
Tue 20 th	Reception 2027 open evening, 5–7pm
Wed 21 st	Y1CM Library visit, am
Thu 22 nd	PTA Halloween disco
Fri 23 rd	School finishes for half term, 3.20pm

NOVEMBER

Mon 2 nd	School starts again
Wed 4 th	Y1TB Library visit, am
Thu 5 th	PTA hot chocolate / 2 nd hand uniform sale, after school
Mon 9 th	Individual and sibling school photographs
Wed 11 th	Y3 & Y4 Brewery cinema, am
Wed 11 th	Y5 Jewish speaker
Mon 16 th	Nasal flu immunisations, Rec–Y6
Tue 17 th	Parents evening
Wed 18 th	Parents evening
Thu 19 th	Parents evening
Fri 20 th	Y5 & Y6 Kendal Mountain Festival, Leisure Centre, am
Mon 23 rd	Y3 & Y4 Keswick theatre trip

DECEMBER

Tue 1 st	Y4 Box theatre, pm
Wed 2 nd	Y5 & Y6 Box theatre, am
Mon 7 th	Christingle assemblies for children
Wed 9 th	KS2 play for parents, 4pm
Thu 10 th	KS2 play for parents, 6pm
Tue 15 th	Carol service, Parish Church, am
Tue 15 th	Reception Nativity, 2pm
Wed 16 th	Y1 Nativity, 1.30pm
Thu 17 th	Y2 Nativity, 1.30pm
Fri 18 th	Term Ends, 2pm

January 2027

Mon 4 th	Staff inset day, children not in school
Tue 5 th Jan	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 give the office a ring.

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