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## **June 2025 Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope this letter finds you all well.

### **Thank you**

Since my last letter we have had many trips from school. Earlier this week the Y3 pupils spent two days at Hadrian's Wall learning all about the Romans. Before half term, our Y4's were off adventuring - walking, canoeing and ghyll scrambling in the Lake District. In addition, both Y2 and Y3 have enjoyed visits to Coniston Waterpark. This coming weekend, 38 of our Y6 children will be completing their Expedition Club challenge 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 spent 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. This isn't the case in every school and we are very grateful.

### **Sports days**

The forecast is looking positive for next week (fingers crossed) so we are hopeful that all of our sports days will run as planned. See the end of this letter for days and times.

### **Fun run**

We will be holding a non-sponsored fun run for all the children on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Please can all the children come to school in running kit / house colours on the day.

### **Join our Team**

We have job vacancies for cleaners and an office administrative assistant. If you are passionate about working with children and supporting a vibrant school community, we would like to hear from you! Please see the school website for full job description details.

### **PTA Summer Fair**

The PTA Summer fair will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June straight after school until 5pm. Please join us for lots of family fun including games, bouncy castles, raffles and more!

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### **Music Lessons: Instrumental tuition in school**

We are making arrangements 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

Percussion: 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 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

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.

Kind regards



Huw Davies

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## Dates for the diary

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y6 Expedition club
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June:	Nur-Y5 Class photographs
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	Reception Sports day, 1.30pm start ( <b>changed from am</b> )
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y6 Junior Citizen day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y1 Creative arts day, Kendal College
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y1 Sports day, 9.30am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports day, 1pm ( <b>changed from am</b> )
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y2 Sports day, 9.15am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June:	Mufti day, bring a tombola prize for PTA Summer fair
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June:	Fun run
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y6 KKS parent/carer and student evening, 5.30 – 6.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y5 Tech experience, KKS, am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y3 and Y6 Imran visit, am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June:	PTA Summer fair, after school until 5pm, <b>CASH ONLY</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June:	Y6 KKS & QKS Induction day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y3 Music concert, Hall, pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July:	Reports out to parents/carers
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y5 High School Musical, Brewery, pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July;	Summer music concert, 3.30-4.45pm, hall
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Leavers ceilidh
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	Meet the next teacher/moving up/parents evening – details to follow
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Leavers assembly, 9-10am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Term ends, 2pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September:	Staff inset day, children not in school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September:	Staff inset day, children not in school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September:	Autumn term begins

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