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May Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Short message from the Head

This time last year I started the May newsletter with the words – ‘At last we’ve had some good weather!’ How different this Spring has been, I hope you and your families were able to enjoy some of the fantastic weather we had over the Easter break and are about to have over the bank holiday weekend.

Playdale

As I am sure you are aware we have been able to open the Playdale that has been installed over the Easter break. The children have really enjoyed playing on it as it obviously gives us more scope for the activities they can do at break and lunchtime.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA again for organising and many of you for supporting the project; it has been fantastic! We will be ‘officially’ opening the Playdale towards the end of term and celebrating all the generous donations and thoughtful fundraising the school community has done.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Lees, our site manager, who has been here through the holiday to liaise with the contractors and help make sure everything went to plan.

As you have been made aware our insurance does not allow the use of the playground before and after school hours. I understand that this may be disappointing for some parents but please rest assured that all the children will get opportunity to use the Playdale in school time now and for many years to come.

Message from the children in the School Council

We would like to thank the PTA, everyone who has spent money at the events and everyone who helped to raise money to pay for our new Playdale equipment. The PTA have set up many fun activities for us to go to and the children have also done various activities to raise money for our amazing Playdale. We love it! Thank you!

VE celebrations in school – 80 years since the end of WW2 which is being celebrated across the country on Thursday 8th May

We will be celebrating VE Day on the afternoon Thursday 8th May. We will be organising a number of activities in our classrooms as well as having an Afternoon Tea on the Playground. Please can the children dress up in red, white and blue for the day and also bring their own snack and drink to eat during Afternoon Tea (not fizzy drinks or nut-based products please.) The Nursery children will be holding their own activities throughout the day. Thank you for your support.

VE day Talk Homework – we have set a Whole School Homework to support our VE Day celebrations and this will go out with your child when they are usually set homework.

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Lego Donation



We were recently donated several boxes of new lego and duplo by the 5th and 8th Kendal Scout Group. This generous donation was handed over by Willow King to Mrs Mason and the children in Y1 are having plenty of fun playing with it! Thank you to the 5th and 8th Kendal Scout Group for your kindness!

Jewellery in PE

I am aware, through running club and watching PE lessons, that jewellery, and particularly earrings, are creeping back in. Children should not be wearing any jewellery in PE for health and safety reasons. This is a government directive. Ideally your child will not wear jewellery to school, but if they have studs in (no hoops or dangly earrings) please ensure they can take them out themselves. If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced can I ask that you wait to the start of the Summer holidays to do this.

Reminders from the School Office

- When your child is absent, it is important that you let us know before 9.30am by email, phone call or leaving an absence message on the answer machine. Also, please remember to cancel the pre-ordered school meal if they were due to have one.
- When your child has an appointment and is going to be late into school or collected early, please could you make sure the School Office is informed beforehand and provide the appointment card/letter/text.
- If there is a change of arrangement for collection of your child at the end of the day, please let the School Office know as soon as possible. It is difficult to pass a message to the class teacher at last minute.
- If your child has sickness/diarrhoea they must be absent from school for 48 hours after the last symptom.

Thank you in for your cooperation.

As usual, if you have any questions about the content of this letter, or anything else, please do not hesitate to give the School Office a ring.

Kind regards

Huw Davies, Headteacher

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Dates for the diary

Monday 5 th May:	May Day bank holiday
Tuesday 6 th – Friday 9 th May:	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 8 th May:	VE Celebrations - afternoon tea/red, white and blue
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May:	Y6 SAT's
Monday 12 th May:	Y3 Waterpark trip
Tuesday 13 th May:	Y2 Waterpark trip
Sunday 18 th May:	Y6 Expedition club mountain day
Monday 19 th – Tuesday 20 th May:	Y4 Brathay residential
Friday 23 rd May:	School finishes for half term, 3.20pm
Monday 2 nd June:	School starts
Tuesday 3 rd June:	Dominic Kelly, storyteller visit
Wednesday 4 th June:	Reception 2025 open evening, 6-7pm
Monday 9 th – Tuesday 10 th June:	Y3 Residential
Friday 13 th June:	Y5 QKS experience day
Friday 13 th June:	Y6 Class photographs
Monday 16 th June:	Nur-Y5 Class photographs
Tuesday 17 th June:	Reception Sports day, 1.30pm start (changed from am)
Tuesday 17 th June:	Y6 Junior Citizen day
Tuesday 17 th June:	Y1 Creative arts day, Kendal College
Wednesday 18 th June:	Y1 Sports day, 9.30am
Thursday 19 th June:	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports day, 9.15am
Friday 20 th June:	Y2 Sports day, 9.15am
Friday 27 th June:	Y5 Tech experience, KKS, am
Monday 30 th June:	Y6 KKS & QKS Induction day
Monday 7 th July:	Y3 Music concert, Hall, pm
Thursday 10 th July:	Y5 High School Musical, Brewery, pm
Friday 11 th July:	Y6 Leavers ceilidh
Monday 14 th July:	Meet the next teacher/moving up/parents evening - tbc
Friday 18 th July:	Y6 Leavers assembly, 9-10am
Friday 18 th July:	Term ends, 2pm

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