

April 2026 Newsletter

17th April 2026

Message from the Head

I hope you and your families were able to enjoy some time together over the Easter break and were able to make use of the few good days weather we had.

As usual we have a very busy Summer term coming up. All the information you need is in the dates section of this letter. I would just like to highlight that the PTA are running a Spring, rather than Summer Fair which will take place on Friday 15th May rather than the usual date towards the end of June. Please note this change so you can come and support the PTA. Many thanks.

Rotary Club Swimathon at Kendal Leisure Centre

Twenty-two fantastic Y5 and Y6 swimmers took part in this popular event and raised an amazing £901.50 for CancerCare and school funds. We are very proud of them all. A huge thank you to the swimmers and their families for their enthusiasm and support. Jane Reedy



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.



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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 or you will be charged.

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.

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.

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EMRYS Concert & Music Workshop

We are delighted to host a special concert taking place at Ghyllside School next week, featuring an exciting young trio with connections to Cumbria.

Thursday 23rd April at 3:30pm
EMRYS – Walking & Music Tour of the Lake District

EMRYS are three emerging artists from the London jazz scene: Sam Nicholls (drums from Kendal), Isaac Burland (double bass) and Chris Outhwaite (piano).

In spring 2026, they will undertake a week-long walking tour across the Lake District, inspired by Simon Armitage's book *Walking Home*. Each day's walk across the fells and valleys will lead to an evening concert in churches, village halls and community spaces. Their Kendal concert forms part of this unique musical journey. Recordings from each concert on the tour will form the trio's debut album. Entry to all concerts on the tour is free, with audience members invited to donate towards the project. All are welcome to join the trio on each day's walk, more details of the routes, start times and meeting points can be found on their website emrysmusic.com



Further concerts take place in Penrith, Keswick, Cockermouth, Grasmere, Ambleside, Ulverston and Barrow. This imaginative project has been partly funded by the Principal's Award for Innovation from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, awarded to drummer Sam Nicholls upon graduating in 2025.

As a thank you for hosting the concert and as a thank you to Sam's primary school, EMRYS will provide free music workshops to all children in school from Rec to Y6. This will take place throughout the morning of Friday 24th April. Miss Crowley.

Lakeland Orienteering Club



Please see information about an upcoming Primary School Series aimed at KS2 children. This is a series of 4 events on Thursday afternoons from 3pm, with the final at Fell Foot on 14th May.

Children can enter any or all of the events, and there are 2 courses at each to try with the focus for the first 3 on practice and development.

The final event at Fell Foot is competitive with prizes awarded for individual and school winners. Further details are available the website events page: [Events - Lakeland Orienteering Club](#)

Ben Sofa, Jewish Visitor

Before the holidays, Y2 and Y5 had a visit from a Jewish speaker to enrich and complement their learning in RE and Worldviews.

We all enjoyed listening, thinking and asking questions. Jane Reedy



Dates for the diary

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| Monday 20 th – Thursday 24 th April: | Y5 Bikeability level 2 |
| Tuesday 21 st – Wednesday 22 nd April: | Y4 Brathay residential |
| Thursday 23 rd April: | EMRYS concert, 3.30 - 4.30pm, hall |
| Friday 24 th April: | Rec – Y6 EMRYS music workshop during the morning |
| Monday 27 th April: | Y4 visit by Norman Holloway |
| Friday 1 st May: | Mufti day for PTA Spring fair |
| Monday 4 th May: | May bank holiday |
| Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May: | Y6 SAT's |
| Friday 15 th May: | PTA Spring fair |
| Monday 18 th – Tuesday 19 th May: | Y3 Roman residential |
| Tuesday 19 th May: | KS1 Waterslide event afterschool – details to follow |
| Friday 22 nd May: | School finishes for half term, 3.20pm |
| Monday 1 st June: | School starts |
| Tuesday 2 nd June: | Whole school fun run |
| Wednesday 3 rd June: | KS2 Waterslide event afterschool – details to follow |
| Tuesday 9 th June: | Class photographs |
| Monday 15 th June: | Dominic Kelly, storyteller in school |
| Tuesday 16 th June: | Reception sports, 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 17 th June: | Y1 sports, pm |
| Thursday 18 th June: | KS2 sports, am |
| Thursday 18 th June: | Nursery picnic, pm |
| Friday 19 th June: | Y2 sports, am |
| Monday 22 nd June: | Nursery sports, 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 23 rd June: | Y3 & Y4 Heaves Farm trip, further information to follow |
| Wednesday 24 th June: | Y6 Junior citizens quiz, Kendal Fire Station, am |
| Friday 26 th June: | Y5 D&T, KKS, pm |
| Wednesday 8 th July: | Reports out to parents/carers |
| Thursday 9 th July: | Y5 Shrek, KKS, pm |
| Friday 10 th July: | Y6 Leavers Ceilidh, 6 - 8.30pm |
| Monday 13 th July: | Meet the next teacher/moving up sessions, details to follow |
| Wednesday 15 th July: | Y3 Music concert, pm, hall |
| Friday 17 th July: | Y6 Leavers assembly, 9 -10am |
| Friday 17 th July: | Term ends, 2pm |

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