



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final day before February half term, it's hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown by. The last few weeks have been packed with learning, creativity and memorable moments across the school, and it's been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and resilience shining through, even during the colder winter days. In this final newsletter of the half term, we'd like to share a few highlights, celebrate successes, and look ahead to what's coming next. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – we hope you all enjoy a well-earned and restful break.

Key dates for the next 2 weeks:

Feb 23 rd	Spring 2 starts
Feb 24 th	Rec and Y6 Height and Weight checks
Feb 27 th	Year 1 Sharing Assembly
Feb 27 th	Choir- Young Voices
March 2nd-6th	World Book Week
March 9 th	Reception Farm Trip
March 9 th	Rock Steady show



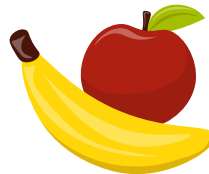
Goodbye and Good Luck!



This term we say a fond farewell to two very special members of our team.

We would like to thank Miss Brooker, our wonderful Teaching Assistant, who will be moving on to an exciting new chapter. Miss Brooker has been a valued member of our school community and has supported so many of our children with kindness, patience and dedication. She will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils alike, and we wish her every success in her new role. We also send our very best wishes to Mrs Slatter, who will soon be starting her maternity leave. We are so excited for her as she prepares to welcome her little one, and we wish her lots of happiness and special family time in the months ahead.

Healthy Snack Reminder



We'd like to remind children and families to bring a healthy snack for break time each day. Recently, we've noticed an increase in children bringing crisps as their snack, and we'd really appreciate your support in helping us steer back towards healthier choices.

A healthy snack might include things like fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, rice cakes, breadsticks, or a small sandwich. These options help keep children energised and ready to learn throughout the day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in promoting healthy habits at school – it really does make a difference.



Year 6 Residential to Kilvrough



Last week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Kilvrough, packed with adventure, challenge and unforgettable experiences. Over the course of the week, the children took part in a wide range of activities including caving, canoeing and a variety of teamwork challenges, all of which encouraged them to step outside their comfort zones and support one another.

One of the highlights for many was the night walk to the castle, which required confidence, cooperation and a real sense of determination, as well as a coastal walk down to the beach where pupils could take in the scenery and reflect on their achievements. Throughout the residential, the children were a credit to the school – they were mature, sensible and incredibly supportive of one another. They showed great resilience when faced with challenges and embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and positivity. We are extremely proud of how they represented the school and of the personal growth they demonstrated during the trip.



A trip To The Farm

This week, the children enjoyed a fantastic visit to Roves Farm, and what a memorable day it was! They were absolutely delighted to meet the animals—especially the beautiful, wriggly piglet and the very hungry lambs who were more than happy to receive some gentle strokes and attention. It was a joy to see the children showing such confidence and kindness with the animals.

Afterwards, they had a brilliant time exploring the adventure playground, making the most of the fresh country air. It was wonderful to watch them playing so beautifully together, supporting one another, and embracing every moment of the farm experience.

The children behaved impeccably throughout the entire trip and were a real credit to the school. We are incredibly proud of them—well done, everyone!





This Week's School Disco – A Huge Thank You!



What a fantastic evening we had at this week's school Disco! It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying themselves, dancing, laughing, and making special memories with their friends. The atmosphere was full of excitement, and it truly was a great experience for everyone involved.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting the event and for looking after your children before and after the Disco. Your support helps make events like this such a success.

And an extra-special BIG thank you to the FoWPA for all their hard work in planning, organising, and running such a brilliant event. Their dedication and teamwork created an amazing evening and helped raise an impressive **£1,261.32p** for our school. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do for our community.

Thank you again to everyone who took part—we can't wait for the next one!



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as it is half term)

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