



Patterdale C of E School



A loving family in a unique environment

Newsletter

First Half Summer Term 2025

We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break and had chance to have a big rest. The weather has allowed for lots of outdoor fun so hopefully the children have got plenty of fresh air and exercise.

We are looking forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Homework Summer Term



We are continuing to focus on **Reading**, **Spelling** and **Times Tables**.

This homework is mainly on the computer/tablet/phone: playing games that support/reinforce all of the learning going on in school. Therefore your children should be actively playing **Times Tables Rock Stars** and **Spelling Shed** a minimum of 4 times a week, for 6 minutes a time. This practise has been very successful for children who have been using these programmes regularly. A little and often approach is better than playing it for hours! It is great to see so many heat maps turning green. Remember to turn your heat maps green play 'Garage'. Please log this in the back of their homework book.

Your child needs to **read** at least four times a week and for this to be noted in their reading record. Please, please can all parents hear their children read (regardless of their age) regularly. Don't forget reading to them is also important and a lovely quality activity to do together. **Four reads will be checked each Friday.**

Summer Resources in School

P.E. Bag

Their bag should contain; **trainers**, P.E t-shirt, dark shorts, dark leggings/joggers and spare socks and pants.

Outdoor Clothing

Each child needs a waterproof coat, waterproof leggings and wellies in school **every** day. Also named sun hat and named sun cream.

Water bottle

A named water bottle to be taken home **each** day to be cleaned.

Uniform

All items need to be **NAMED**

Book Bag

A packet of tissues that your child can keep in their tray.

Footwear

Your child can either wear shoes **or hard soled slippers whilst indoors** – they do not need both. The slippers need to be sensible, no logos or characters please. These need to be fitted, not with an open back.

Therefore, your child needs 1 pair of indoor shoes, wellies and trainers for outdoors, which can also be used for P.E.

Collective Worship Tuesday

For the summer term, **Collective Worship** at St Patrick's Church (2:45pm-3.15pm) will be on a Tuesday with Andrew, you and all of the community are all very welcome to join us. However, there will be no worship in church on Tuesday 6th and 13th of May so please pick up your children from school on those days.

Facebook



We would encourage you all to log in to the school Facebook page as this is where you will find out what we have been up to on a daily basis. **Please share widely.**

Start and End of the Day

The school front door is open at 8:45am so our lessons can start at 8:50am. Children must be supervised whilst they are waiting for the door to be opened.

If you need your child to arrive earlier, we do run an ad hoc breakfast club at a cost of £2:50. We ask that you give us 24hours notice if you need breakfast club.

Children in Year 6 can walk to school unaccompanied if school has prior knowledge. These children will be let in school as they arrive.

Home Time: School finishes at 3:15pm. Please be prompt collecting your child. Keldas from the outdoor area and Helvellyn from the side yard, (as the weather is now glorious!!)

Solihul Training

Westmorland and Furness Council have funded all parents to access Solihul Training. This training is fantastic and gives courses you can complete on a range of topics linked to your child. You can also access courses for the teenage years! (I found these very useful navigating these tricky years!!). Please have a look, they are definitely worth the time.

Here is the link: <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/courses>

The password is Wordsworth.

After School Clubs this half term

Please email school for those clubs you would like to take part in.

Monday

- Mrs Butcher 3:15-5pm

Tuesday

- Mrs Butcher 3:15- 5pm

Wednesday

- Mrs Butcher 3:15- 5pm

Thursday

- Miss Kendall and Mrs Curry 3:15- 5pm

£2:50 a session

Fundraising

200 Club – It's now time to renew your number.

Big Breakfast – 26th April 2025

Country Fair – Sunday 29th June 2025

Children's Cancer Run –15th July

Boundary Walk – Saturday 5th July 2025

Summer Term Support group meeting time and date to be confirmed.

Cycling

This term the Keldas class (including nursery) will be taking part in cycling sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. All the children will need to bring to school a well maintained bike which has all of its brakes working, the seat and handlebars at the correct height and the tyres blown up. The children will also need a cycle helmet and a full set of waterproofs, as we will be going outside whatever the weather.



Internet Safety Talk for Parents

28th April 3:15pm

We have organised for an officer from Cumbria Police (Niall McNicholas) to come and talk to you on the topic of internet safety. We have had a couple of concerned parents who have experienced issues with their children and their use of the internet. The officer will talk to parents about how to keep your children safe.

School will provide child care.

Our School Vision

Lifting our eyes to the hills, we are a happy school filled with love for our place and all people. We recognise and nurture the uniqueness of everyone.

Derwent Hill Residential

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

This year we will be staying overnight in at Derwent Hill Outdoor Centre, Portinscale in the corporate wing. We will be staying along one corridor in our own part of the building; the children will be in twin rooms that are all en-suite. We leave on Monday 7st July and return on Wednesday 9rd July. All Helvellyn class will be going. Our activity programme is to be finalised, we'll let you know specific details at our parent meeting on Wednesday 11th June 2:45pm.

We ask for a minimum **voluntary contribution of £125 per child** (50% of the cost) with the rest being paid for by School.

[Derwent Hill – Outdoor Education and Training in the Lake District](#)

Parent Audit

In the coming weeks you will be sent out a questionnaire which gives you the opportunity to share with us your views on the school.

First Day Back

On the first day of term, the whole school will be travelling to Keswick in the morning, to visit the knitted bible story exhibition. We will be back for lunch.

Many thanks for reading this newsletter and for your continued support.

Nicky and Nicola

Dates For Your Diary

April

22nd First day of term

Visit to Keswick knitted Bible story exhibition – whole school

Tennis coaching with Ben starts (every Tuesday for the whole term)

26th Big Breakfast

28th Parent Internet Safety Talk 3:15pm

May

5th May Day Bank Holiday

7th Playgroup

Mr Gilby from UCC to talk to Year 5 and 6

8th VE day

Week Beginning 12th SATs week for Year 6

12th Ruth in school

14th Tim and Trace's last visit before retiring

23rd Half Term

June

2nd School Starts

2nd – 13th Compulsory Times Tables Test for Year 4

4th Playgroup

6th Helvellyn Farm Visit

11th Helvellyn Parent Meeting for residential

19th Year 5/6 walk up Helvellyn (weather dependant)

23rd School photos

27th Open water swimming Helvellyn class

29th Country Fair

July

1st July School Nurse talk on puberty and sex education for Y5/6

2nd July whole school walk to Lanty's Tarn

3rd July – Transition Day

7th – 9th Helvellyn residential at Derwent Hill

7th Keldas Teddy Bear picnic – bring a bear

8th Keldas BBQ

11th Inter-school cross country

10th EYFS Parent Consultations

Week beginning 14th Reports out to parents.

15th Our school cross country and Children's Cancer Run, in the afternoon.

16th School Sports 9am

18th Term Ends

September 3rd New Term Starts