

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Families,

Last week, our Year 6 children completed their SATs, and we were so impressed by their perseverance and resilience as they worked through several challenging papers. What made the week particularly special was the whole-school effort to support the year 6 children. Our staff led breakfast club each morning, giving the children a chance to chat with their friends, enjoy some toast and juice, and prepare themselves mentally for the assessments. Our governors came in to help, and the rest of the school embraced changes to their classrooms and timetables to support this important time for our year 6 children.



After the SATs, the children celebrated their hard work with a fabulous SATs party, complete with Musical Bingo and a cosy film in their pyjamas. It was a lovely way to mark the end of their SATs.



On Friday, our Year 6 children took a trip to Brougham Castle as part of their History topic, exploring how Penrith has changed over the millennium. They had a wonderful time investigating the castle remains and even took part in their very own Task Master challenge!



Whilst Year 6 were out, Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed Golden time with a range of activities including parachute games, bingo, Lego, arts & crafts, and sports. It was a fabulous end to a very busy week.

I'm also delighted to let you know that Mrs Morrisey is expecting her first baby in September! We are over the moon and cannot wait to meet baby Morrisey in the Autumn term.

Looking ahead, we have some important reminders for families.

- **Year 3 children will be swimming all week at Penrith Leisure Centre, so please ensure they bring their swimming costumes and a towel each day.**
- **Year 5 children are visiting Brougham Castle this week and will need a warm waterproof coat and sensible footwear.**
- **Year 6 and year 4 children participating in Bikeability this week will need their bikes and a helmet.**

We also have an exciting event coming up this Friday at 3:45pm, Newcastle Building Society will be delivering a talk for all families in school. They will be sharing supportive information on budgeting and how to manage finances during the cost of living crisis. All families are welcome to attend.



Finally, this week will be Rydal's last week at Branch Out. The children have had a brilliant time in the forest. After half term, Elterwater class will be visiting Branch Out. If your child is in Elterwater, a letter with further information will be coming out this week.

This term has flown by and we break up this Friday for half term. Summer Term 2 will start on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

We hope you had a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all this morning for another exciting and busy week.

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