



*Learning together, valuing all,
enjoying and achieving*

Sunday 31st May 2026

Dear Families,

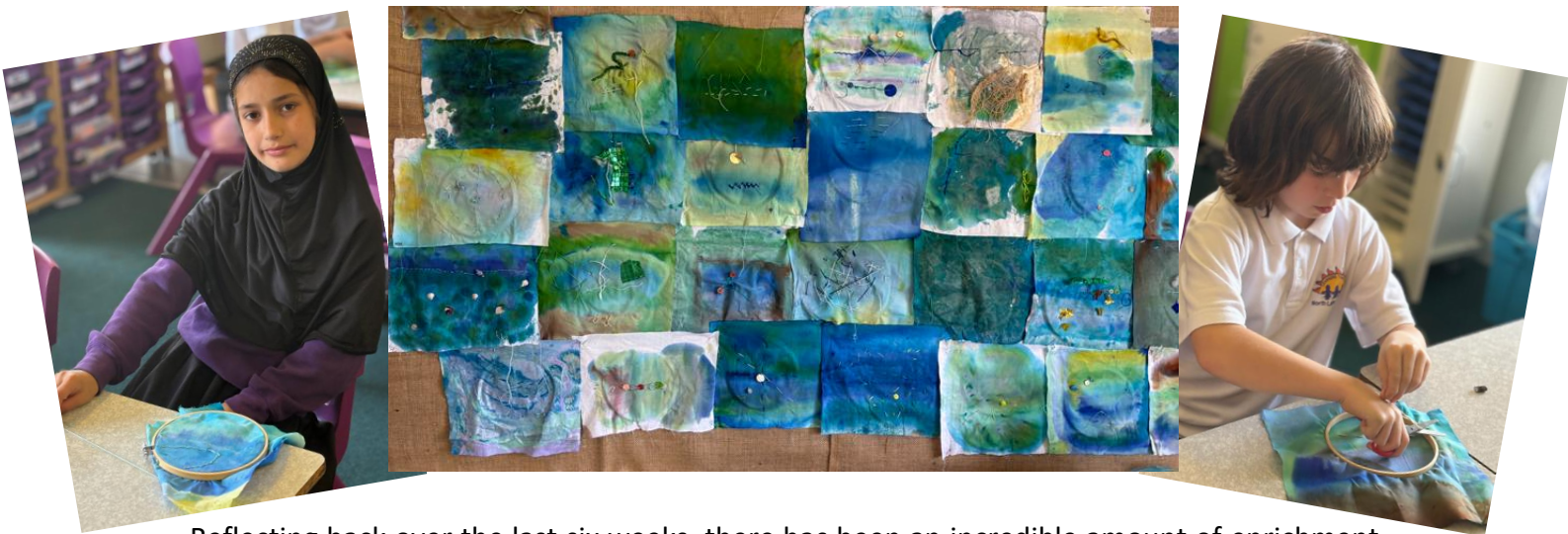
What an exciting end to the half term we've had at North Lakes! There's been so much happening across the school, and I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful experiences our pupils have enjoyed and celebrate the successes we've seen.



In the last week, there was an abundance of activities: All classes have been working on art projects, Year 5 had a fantastic visit to Brougham Castle, where they were able to step back in time and learn about its rich history. Meanwhile, Year 3 were busy making a splash with their swimming lessons at Penrith Leisure Centre, and both Year 4 and Year 6 took part in Bikeability sessions, developing their cycling skills and confidence on the road.



Rydal Class enjoyed their final session at Branch Out, and we're delighted that Elterwater will be heading there this Tuesday. **If your child is in Elterwater, please do ensure they wear long trousers, long-sleeved tops and appropriate footwear for their session.**



Reflecting back over the last six weeks, there has been an incredible amount of enrichment offered to our children to support their learning including: year 5 residential to Robinwood, Grasmere to Sunbeams and RDA, 10 children to London for the Mini Marathon, whole school Colour Run, Forest School, year 5 and year 6 visits to Brougham Castle, Year 4 visit to Lowther Castle, Year 3 and 4 Dance display, sports events including rugby, tennis and hockey, Year 6 SATs breakfast club and after SATs party, Year 3 swimming and year 4 and 6 Bikeability, pupil Voice sessions and VIP assemblies. It has been a jam-packed half term filled with fun and excitement.

One of the highlights for staff in school has been listening to the children working within the Rock Steady Bands. The growth in the children's confidence has been wonderful to witness, and it's clear they're thoroughly enjoying every session.

We've also been developing our school gardens into exciting outdoor spaces where our pupils can learn and explore, and we can't wait to share more updates and photos about this project with you over the coming weeks.

To celebrate the end of such a busy half term, our positivity group arranged for every child to receive an ice lolly on the final day. It was a brilliant way to end the term, and the children were absolutely delighted with their cool treat as the weather had warmed up. This half term, the positivity group will be selling ice lollies to help fund some of their pupil voice ideas, so do keep an eye out for further information about when these will be available.

This half term we have many exciting events to look forward to.

This Wednesday is our Sports Day Part One: Warrior Event, and a letter was shared on 22nd May from Mrs Greenwood with all the details. Please do refer back to this for information.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils performing **Madagascar on Tuesday 14th July**. The Year 6 children auditioned for their parts and have already begun rehearsals, whilst also designing tickets and posters. Further information about how to purchase tickets will be coming your way soon.

A polite reminder that PE starts again this week, so do ensure your **child has their PE kit** in school and that they are **wearing plain black trainers**. Parents will be contacted if children are not in the correct uniform.

Finally, I'm delighted to let you know that our new website is now live at <https://www.northlakes.cumbria.sch.uk/>. We've been fortunate to work with former pupil

Tia Johnston, who has created the visuals and been instrumental in designing our new site alongside Mrs Greenwood. Do keep checking the website calendar for updates on upcoming events.

We look forward to welcoming everyone into school tomorrow morning – please ensure school dinners are booked.

Nicole Spibey

Headteacher

Upcoming Diary Dates this half term.

**Year 3
Cross Country
tomorrow**



Monday 1 st June	Year 3 Cross Country
Tuesday 2 nd June	Wheelchair Basketball
Tuesday 2 nd June	Elterwater Class to Branch Out Forest School
Wednesday 3 rd June	Sports Day Part One: Warrior event
Thursday 4 th June	Year 2 families to visit North Lakes School 9am-11am
Friday 5 th June	M&M Theatre production Pinocchio all school
Tuesday 9 th June	EVSP Cricket event
Tuesday 9 th June	2:45pm Newcastle Building Society parent workshop
Thursday 11 th June	Year 3 children to visit Brunswick School
Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Big Green Week Bee Visit
Monday 15 th June	Year 6 Residential to York
Tuesday 16 th June	EVSP Girls Cricket event
Tuesday 16 th June	NO FOREST SCHOOLS ELTERWATER
Friday 19 th June	Grasmere Swimming
Monday 22 nd June	Year 6 Eamont Trail visit
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day Finals (afternoon)
Thursday 25 th June	Year 2 children and Teachers from Brunswick visit Year 3 children
Friday 26 th June	Year 5 children Eamont Trail Visit
Monday 29 th June	Rydal Class Outdoor Day
Tuesday 30 th June	Windermere Class Outdoor Day
Wednesday 1 st July	Elterwater Class Outdoor Day
Thursday 2 nd July	Penrith Transition day
Monday 6 th July	Grasmere Swimming
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 3 children to Methodist Church to watch Year 2 leavers event
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 3&4 Cricket
Tuesday 7 th July	Last Elterwater Forest School Branch Out session
Friday 10 th July	Shap Swimming Gala
Monday 13 th July	Grasmere Swimming
Tuesday 14 th July	Madagascar Production matinee and evening performances
Thursday 16 th July	Whole School visit to St Anne's Beach
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 leaver assembly
Friday 17 th July	End of Summer Term
Wednesday 2 nd September	Start of Autumn Term