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YEWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Yewdale Primary School

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CHRISTMAS SHOP STILL OPEN

We're now part way through the Christmas Fundraiser.
Thank you to everyone who has already taken part.

If you haven't ordered yet there's still time to support the school's fundraising efforts by purchasing a range of items featuring your child's artwork.

Your child's order form has been sent home with them

ONLINE SHOP CLOSES

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 2026

the school office on 01228 830036





As part of our school uniform, children may wear **plain black polishable trainers**. Running-style trainers, trainers with logos, coloured soles or bright details are **not permitted**. Please ensure any trainers worn to school meet our uniform requirements.

For safety reasons, children should only wear **small stud earrings** to school. Hoop earrings are not permitted. Please also ensure earrings are removed on PE days.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 24th Nov	NHS Reception Hearing Screen
Fri 27th Nov	Panto for Children
Tues 8th Dec	Hazel & Maple Class Nativity
Mon 14th Dec – Fri 18th Dec	Christmas Jumper Week Children can wear Christmas Jumpers all week if they wish
Mon 14th Dec	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert
Tues 15th Dec	Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Thurs 17th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Rootin Tootin Nativity
Fri 18th Dec	3.15pm School finishes for Christmas
Mon 4th Jan	8.45am School Re-Opens

Our total raised for Children in Need was…

£160



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Message from Mr Graham-Sharpe

Autumn 2 is now well underway, and it has been wonderful to see our enrichment programme up and running, with so many students taking advantage of the wide range of opportunities available beyond the classroom.

Thank you to all parents who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. It was a pleasure to welcome so many families into school.

As the festive season approaches, we are looking forward to a range of Christmas activities and events over the coming weeks, providing opportunities for our students to celebrate, perform and create special memories together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Parking and Behaviour Reminder

We continue to receive complaints about unsafe parking at drop-off and collection times. Parking in a way that blocks roads, driveways, pavements, or creates a risk to children is unacceptable.

We have also received reports of members of the public being subjected to verbal abuse when raising concerns. This behaviour will not be tolerated. Residents have been advised to contact the police directly if they experience any further abuse or threatening behaviour.

Please ensure that anyone who collects or drops off your child, including grandparents, relatives, childminders, or friends, is aware of this message and follows it. The safety of our children and respect for our local community must be everyone's priority.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FIRST NATIVITY

PTA Refreshments will be available

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER
2.15PM

All parents of Hazel and Maple class are invited to attend the Early Years Nativity on Tuesday 8th December.

You do not need a ticket for the nativity however due to space only 3 people per child can attend



Year 1 & 2 proudly present

A Rootin' Tootin' Nativity

PTA Refreshments will be available

Thursday 17th December

9.30am & 5.45pm

Join us for a fun filled fun take on the traditional nativity story



Tickets for the Show

A ticket will be required to attend this show.

A slip will be sent home with your child. Please indicate on the slip which performance you would like to attend and the number of tickets you require. We will do our best to accommodate all extra ticket requests. However, each family will be guaranteed two tickets for their chosen performance.

YEWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 15th December
2.30pm

PTA Refreshments will be available

Year 3 and 4

Christmas

CAROL CONCERT



Only children in years 3 & 4 will be singing at this concert. You do not need a ticket for the carol concert but due to space, places are limited to maximum of 2 adults per child.

YEWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 14th December
2.30pm

PTA Refreshments will be available

Year 5 and 6

Christmas

CAROL CONCERT



Only children in years 5 & 6 will be singing at this concert. You do not need a ticket for the carol concert but due to space places are limited to maximum of 2 adults per child.

Our weekly Attendance

YEWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November



Whole school

93.40%



MAPLE CLASS	98.80%
HAZEL CLASS	95.31%
WILLOW CLASS	94.48%
ASPEN CLASS	97.53%
ROWAN CLASS	81.54%
BIRCH CLASS	95.79%
ALDER CLASS	92.63%
HAWTHORN CLASS	91.85%
OAK CLASS	95.00%
CEDAR CLASS	96.52%
ELM CLASS	87.31%

STAR OF THE WEEK









Elm – Robin

Cedar – Ellis

Oak – Charlotte

Hawthorn – Olivia G

Birch – Willow

Alder – Harry

Aspen/Rowan – James

Willow – Aubree

Hazel – Olivia H

Maple – Grace













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House Team Points

ENNERDALE	DODD	WHINLATTER	GRIZEDALE
346	282	331	373

Total House Points awarded this week so far:

1,332

Our winners this week are **Grizedale.**

Well done!

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Cumbria Education Trust

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

All students across CET are invited to submit designs for our Annual CET Christmas Card.
We would like the card to showcase:

A CUMBRIAN CHRISTMAS

As well as reflecting on CET's values, key events or achievements from across the year, truly embodying the meaning of Christmas.

There will be two winners:
One Primary entry and One Secondary entry.
The winners will receive a prize and their designs will be CET's official Christmas Cards for 2026

HOW TO ENTER

1. Design your card on an A4 piece of paper
2. Take a photo of your design
3. Email the image to:
   EventsTeam@cumbriaeducationtrust.org

Please submit your designs by:

Tuesday 1st December 2026



The Lookout Community Hub
Christmas Activities!

Wednesday 23rd of December- St Barnabas Church- 11am to 3pm
Christmas meal and Party!

Tuesday 29th of December- St Lukes Church- 11am to 2pm
Inflatables, food and fun!

Thursday 31st of December- St Lukes Church- 11am to 3pm
New year Celebration- Glow Disco!

Monday 4th of January- Trip to Fusion- 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Activities are funded for those eligible - Places are limited
Children MUST be accompanied by an adult
All places MUST be booked through the online booking system

Lookout Community Hub

We look forward to seeing you!

Cumberland Council

Department for Education









UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S WATER CONFIDENCE

Your child doesn't just learn to swim with Better Swim School; they build the confidence and water safety skills to last a lifetime.

- Accredited teaching for ages 4-16 years
- Water safety built into every lesson
- Ability-based classes, progressing at their own pace
- Same-day, same-time lessons, every week
- Free public swim access for extra practice

OUR PROMISE? THEY'LL GET THERE

If your child's been in lessons for at least two years and hasn't hit the swimming standards by 10 years, they get free lessons until they do. That's the Better Swim School Guarantee.

LESSONS BACKED BY THE BEST

Better is part of GLL, the UK's largest swimming lesson provider, and proud to be the first Water Safety Education Partner for the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK). It means every parent choosing Better Swim School can be confident they're backed by two organisations that take water safety as seriously as you do.

RLSS UK WATER SAFETY EDUCATION PARTNER

To be eligible for the Better Swim School Guarantee, pupils must attend and complete a minimum of 75 programmed lessons within two years before turning ten years old. Better Swim School Guarantee full terms and conditions available at better.org.uk/offer-terms.

SWIMMING LESSONS NEAR YOU

The Sands Centre
Newmarket Road
Carlisle
CA1 1JQ

Trinity Leisure Centre
Strand Road
Carlisle
CA1 1JB

Scan the QR code or search Better Swim School to join and find out more.

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SPACE

Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally

SPACE is a free programme for any parent or carer who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions — as well as their own.

What the Course Covers:

- ✓ Understanding toxic stress and the fight/flight response
- ✓ Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- ✓ Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- ✓ Managing different emotions
- ✓ Rupture and repair
- ✓ Building resilience in ourselves and our children

Twilight Session in January 2027 5pm - 7pm
Ran from The Lookout in Raffles

Do you struggle to attend programmes due to being delivered in the daytime? I have the solution!

Please contact me on either

dlundtraumaspecialist@gmail.com, 07776971671

or pms me on my FB page Donna Lund Trauma Specialist