

Personal Development opportunities across our curriculum

Academic Year 2025/27

What makes Ireby unique is our ability to utilise our local environment to support the delivery of our vision:

- Grow a strong and loving community: 'one big family,' using our unique talents and passions to serve and love one another.
- Support our children's academic, social and spiritual development: through a rich curriculum where all can flourish.
- Teach our children dignity and respect: through experiencing our world, meeting people, learning from them and participating positively in our communities

Rather than attempt to map a curriculum which adapts and changes over time and to our learners, below you will find an outline of the curriculum experiences our children have had over the past academic year and how they relate to the curriculum and their personal development:

Date	Subject	Experience	Impact
September 26	Music/ extra-curricular	Four children across KS 2 played int the Cumberland Community orchestra with 300 musicians and performed a concert in Keswick – violin and cello	Cultural capital Rich musical experience Meeting and performing with others
July 26	Year 5 and 6 science	Learning about invertebrates at Lake District Wildlife Park Four lessons on a Thursday afternoon at the LDWP as part of Life cycles in animals and plants. 	Meeting people, learning from experts
July 26	EYFS Under the sea topic	Visit Dobbies aquarium for the afternoon to learn about the tropical fish from local experts	Meeting people, real world experience

July 26	KS 2 Games lesson	Ghyll Scrambling – challenge, outdoor adventure, local experts – including water safety	Working together to meet a challenge 
July 26	Secondary transition	Children met other Year 6 children from local schools as part of their transition to secondary school – an afternoon of bushcraft and forest school at a local woodland	Transition and meeting people 
June 26	KS 1 Multisport festival	An afternoon of throwing, jumping and catching – competing with other schools	Competitive sports and meeting other people 

June 26	KS 2 Games lesson - Archery	An afternoon with archery experts as part of team building and outdoor learning	Meeting local experts and learning a new sport/ trying something new/ learning about safety 
June 26	Year 3 and 4 multisport festival	An afternoon of throwing, jumping and catching – competing with other schools	Competitive sports and meeting other people 
June 26	Geography Yr 5 and 6	Fieldwork study as children collected qualitative and quantitative data from members of the public in regard to our studies on Local geography – Crummock Water levels 	Meeting people, see our geography final reports, analysing our data 
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June 26	Year 3 and 4 geography	Field work trip to Aira Force to investigate a first-hand the features of a river	Real experience in our curriculum – meeting experts and outdoor learning 

June 26	KS 2 outdoor adventure games lesson	Working with outdoor bushcraft experts to create fire and learn how to be safe and work as a team	Meeting and learning from experts, keeping safe 
June 26	Geography Year 5 and 6	Geography field trip to Crummock Water to meet expert wildlife photographers/ former National Trust ranger, United Utilities representatives to find out about the impact of removing the weir at Crummock Water This visit was repeated on 2nd June to meet experts with a different opinion 	Meeting experts and people, learning real-life geography and impact on community, forming own opinions. 
June 26	EYFS Butterfly Cafe	Children in the EYFS visited a café in Glenridding to learn how to set a café up and serve people. They then baked cakes with our	Fantastic real life experience and learning skills for the real world in a r w context.

		cook back at school, set up their own café and invited parents in to serve them.  	
June 26	Yr 5 and 6 Geography	Representatives of United Utilities visited school to be questioned by our children on the impact of removing the weir.	Critical questions designed and asked Meeting experts, drawing conclusions 
June 26	KS 2 games lesson	All learnt outdoor skills relating to paddleboarding – outdoor adventure – paddled to an island as a team	Meeting experts, working together, water safety

			
June 26	Edinburgh residential	3 days in Edinburgh – away from home, art galleries, museums, enriching experiences in a city with mix of people and cultures	Meeting people, cultural capital 
June 26	KS 2 games lesson	All learnt outdoor skills relating to kayaking – outdoor adventure – paddled to an island as a team	Meeting experts, working together, water safety 
May 26	KS 1 Art	‘What is art?’ met with local artists at a local art gallery to learn about textures and designs from local artists – part of the sequence of lessons in KS 1 art	Meeting experts and people who inspire, real curriculum experience 

			
May 26	Gardening extra-curricular	Children worked with staff and a local business to grow vegetables and transform our school environment. Veg was then cooked with our children and school chefs and used for lunch in the canteen	Inspiring, extra-curricular experience, working with experts
May 26	Year 6 golf	Golfing games lesson at a local golf course	Learning a new skill and golfing etiquette 

May 26	Year 3 4 Football tournament	Attended a football competition against several other schools. They showed fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and respect towards each other and other teams.	Competition and respect 
April 26	Ireby orchestra performs – extra curricular	Many of our KS2 children perform with over 300 musicians as part of Cumbria Community Orchestra Day	Cultural capital Rich musical experience Meeting and performing with others
March 26	KS 2 art	KS 2 visited: Castle Rigg stone circle, Carlisle cathedral, local rivers and other places throughout the half-term as part of their photography project. Using state of the art cameras and software they learnt how to take and edit wonderful shots 	Spiritual, artistic, meeting experts, outdoor learning – photos appear on our school website every two years! 

March 26	Geography 5 and 6	Coastal fieldwork – visited 3 coastal areas to collect data for our fieldwork study to analyse 	Real geography – terrible weather – continuing in the face of adversity!
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Other photos from 2025/26:

