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Newsletter #8 – Autumn Term

As we reach the end of our first half term of the year, I would like to thank everyone who has supported school over the past few weeks. It has been a half term full of wonderful learning opportunities, memorable experiences and exciting visits. Highlights have included our fantastic day trip to London, paddleboarding on Killington Lake and our challenging walk up Latrigg. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and excellent behaviour our pupils have demonstrated throughout. Thank you to our families, staff and everyone who has helped make these experiences possible.

Class News

Class One have been enjoying the delightful story Leaf Man this week. The pupils engaged brilliantly with the text and took part in a range of activities to extend their learning about autumn. They printed pictures of Leaf Man and used autumn leaves to create their own Leaf Men on our loose parts table. The pupils also explored the magic of leaf rubbing, discovering the different shapes, patterns and textures revealed by each leaf. It has been a lovely way to celebrate the colours and treasures of autumn!

In Maths, Class Two have been investigating the relationship between the number of sides and vertices of 2D shapes. The pupils explored a range of shapes, spotted patterns and used their mathematical thinking to explain what they had discovered.

In Science, Class Two became investigators as they explored the question, Is it waterproof? They used a pipette to carefully place 3ml of water onto six different types of fabric, observing whether the water passed through the material or remained on the surface. The children made some excellent predictions and enjoyed testing their ideas to discover which materials were waterproof.

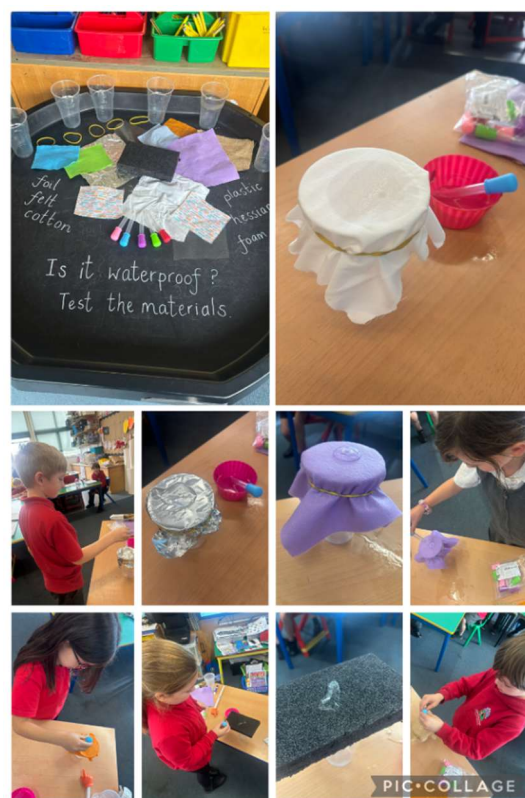
Class Four have been deepening their understanding of factors and multiples in Maths this week. The pupils loved putting their mathematical knowledge to the test with a challenging activity from the NRICH Mathematics Project. Working collaboratively, they had to build a sequence of numbers, ensuring that each number was either a factor or a multiple of the number before it. The challenge required plenty of careful thinking, problem-solving and teamwork. One group managed to create an incredible chain of 62 numbers! We were delighted to see the pupils applying their knowledge so enthusiastically and persevering with such a challenging mathematical task.

PTA cake competition and bake sale

A huge thank you and well done to our school's amazing spooky bakers! The entries were incredible and the kids raised over £120 for school which is fantastic! There were so many lovely bakes that there are some left over for after school today if you would like to buy some more spooky treats for the weekend!

Star bakers will be announced in celebration assembly on Friday.

Empty containers are on the bench inside school, please do collect yours so that they aren't there over half term!



National Online Safety

This week's National Online Safety guide is about road safety. To create your own free National Online Safety account please click on this link. <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/old-hutton-cofe-school>

Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

Attendance in School

Whole School Attendance	95.7%
W/C Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	95.2%
W/C Monday 7 th September 2026	94.07%
W/C Monday 14 th September 2026	95.9%
W/C Monday 21 st September 2026	98.67%
W/C Monday 28 th September 2026	96.05%
W/C Monday 5 th October 2026	93.75%
W/C Monday 12 th October 2026	96.40%
W/C Monday 19 th October 2026	97.37%



Key Dates

Monday 9 th November	Parents Evening 3.20pm – 5.20pm
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service 10.45am – 11.15am
Thursday 12 th November	Class One Open Afternoon 1.30pm – 3pm
Thursday 12 th November	Parents Evening 3.20pm – 5.20pm
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Nativity Performance at 1.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Fair 2.30pm – 4pm
Friday 18 th December	Break Up for Christmas Holidays at 2pm
Monday 10 th May – Thursday 13 th May 2027	SATs Week
Thursday 1 st July 2027	School Play at 6.30pm
Thursday 8 th July 2027	Sports Day
Thursday 15 th July 2027	Year Six Leavers Service at 1.30pm

School Year dates 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 18th December
(2pm finish)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Spring Term 2027

Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 25th March (2pm finish)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2028

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th July (2pm finish)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

2026/2027 Nursery Applications – We now accept nursery pupils from the day after they turn 3. Please contact school for the application process

For all applications please

visit <https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> for further information on how to apply.