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## Newsletter #3 – Spring Term

### **Forest School Session**

Last Friday, our Class Four pupils had another brilliant session at Forest School. They were challenged to put their survival skills to the test by building shelters that could withstand a rainstorm. The creativity and teamwork displayed by the pupils were truly impressive! Additionally, they constructed a swing and even made their own fires, further enhancing their outdoor learning experience.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Meanwhile, Class One has also been making the most of our wildlife area. They explored the differences between day and night while learning about various nocturnal animals. The pupils then took on the task of building shelters for a fox, badger, and owl, which sparked great enthusiasm and engagement in their learning.

### **Big Garden Birdwatch**

As a reminder, this weekend marks the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. We encourage all families to participate and enjoy observing the birds in your gardens. For more information on how to get involved, please visit the RSPB website.

### **New Year PTA Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who has already bought a raffle ticket to support the PTA funded activities for our children. The Raffle will be drawn next Friday, and we still have some tickets left if you want to increase your chances to win a fabulous prize. Ticket stubs and monies should be handed in to Angela in the office please. The PTA team thank you for your continued support!

### **Parking**

Lastly, we would like to remind all parents and carers to refrain from using driveways to turn around when dropping off or picking up pupils. We received an email along with a video clip this week from a concerned member of our local community showing a parent turning around on their driveway. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety and well-being of our school community.

### **National Online Safety**

This week's free guide from National Online Safety is about health and fitness apps.

If you would like your own free membership to National Online Safety, please click on the link below.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/old-hutton-cofe-school>

Thanks for your continued support

Nick



### Attendance in School

<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>94.03%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>95.62%</b>

### Key Dates

Class Three Residential	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Break Up for February Half Term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February

### School Year dates 2024-25

#### Spring Term 2025

Staff training day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (2pm finish)

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July (2pm finish)

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

### **2025/2026 Nursery Application Dates**

<b>When your child turns 3</b>	<b>Recommended time to apply</b>	<b>When your child would start nursery</b>
1 April to 31 August 2025	7 January to 4 April 2025	3 September 2025
1 September to 31 December 2025	22 April to 18 July 2025	7 January 2026
1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026	3 September to 19 December 2026	13 April 2026

For all applications please

visit <https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

for further information on how to apply.