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# Newsletter #9 – Autumn Term

**Class News**



This week, Class One have been learning all about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. The pupils have enjoyed creating colourful rangoli patterns using a variety of materials, exploring colour mixing and developing their fine motor skills. They also enjoyed tasting poppadoms and mango chutney before taking part in a Diwali-inspired dance.

Class Two have also been exploring Diwali as part of their RE Big Question: 'How might a celebration bring a community together?' We have learnt about the traditions associated with the Festival of Light, including diva lamps, which symbolise good overcoming evil and the beautiful patterns of mehndi. Through stories, music, dancing, yoga and creative activities, the pupils have discovered how Diwali brings families and communities together through shared celebrations.

Class Three have been really enjoying their new geography unit, which focuses on the importance of sustainability and looking after our planet. The pupils have been exploring what it means to live sustainably, thinking about how our everyday choices can have an impact on the environment and considering the ways in which we can all play our part in protecting the world around us. There have some brilliant discussions and lots of enthusiasm as the children develop their understanding of the importance of caring for our planet, both now and for future generations.

Class Four have had another really busy week. We have finished our second class novel of the school year, Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick. The pupils have absolutely loved reading the book together each morning and discussing its characters, plot and key themes. In English, we have also been busy writing information texts about the Gunpowder Plot. Meanwhile, in PE, three of our pupils planned and delivered a brilliant rugby session for the rest of the class. It was fantastic to see them taking responsibility, demonstrating their knowledge and developing their leadership skills!

**National Online Safety**

This week's National Online Safety guide is about advertisements that are aimed at children.

To create your own free National Online Safety account please click on the link below.

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

Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

**Attendance in School**

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| **Whole School Attendance** | **95.9%** |
| **W/C Wednesday 2nd September 2026** | **95.2%** |
| **W/C Monday 7th September 2026** | **94.07%** |
| **W/C Monday 14th September 2026** | **95.9%** |
| **W/C Monday 21st September 2026** | **98.67%** |
| **W/C Monday 28th September 2026** | **96.05%** |
| **W/C Monday 5th October 2026** | **93.75%** |
| **W/C Monday 12th October 2026** | **96.40%** |
| **W/C Monday 19th October 2026** | **97.37%** |
| **W/C Monday 2nd November 2026** | **97.29%** |

**Key Dates**

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