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## Newsletter #9 – Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a fantastic half-term holiday! It has been wonderful to see all our pupils return to school, eager to learn and excited to catch up with their friends. As we dive into this busy half-term, I wanted to share some key dates for your calendars to ensure you don't miss any of the exciting events we have planned.

### **Key Dates for Your Calendar**

#### **Class One and Two Nativity Performance**

Date: Thursday 12th December

Time: 9:30 AM

#### **Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day**

Date: Friday 13th December

#### **Christmas Fair**

Date: Tuesday 17th December

Time: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Village Hall

#### **Christmas Party**

Date: Thursday 19th December

#### **Carol Service:**

Date: Friday 20th December

Time: 1:15 PM

### **Wildlife Area**

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Hayes and her family for their hard work over the half-term break. They came into school to fit a new canopy in our wildlife area, allowing our pupils to enjoy this space all year round.

### **Reading Ambassadors**

Lastly, I am thrilled to share that our new reading ambassadors did a brilliant job on Tuesday introducing this year's reading challenge to Class Three. The pupils in Class Three have been tasked with reading six handpicked books. Upon completing the challenge, they will have the exciting opportunity to vote for their favourite book, alongside other pupils from across Cumbria.



### **National Online Safety**

This week's free guide from national Online Safety is about the online game Fortnite. A guide explains that Fortnite has a 12+ age rating. It also explains what the game is about and its potential risks for children.

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

## PTA Update

The PTA have teamed up with Donate Clothes 4 Sammy, a charity run by Leukaemia & Myeloma Research UK. We will be holding a clothes, shoes, and toys collection on Thursday 21st November. The more items we collect, the more we raise for our school, Sammys charity and help the environment. WIN!

**Collection bags will be sent home next week.**

Please see below a list of what is accepted and what is not, ↓

### We accept...

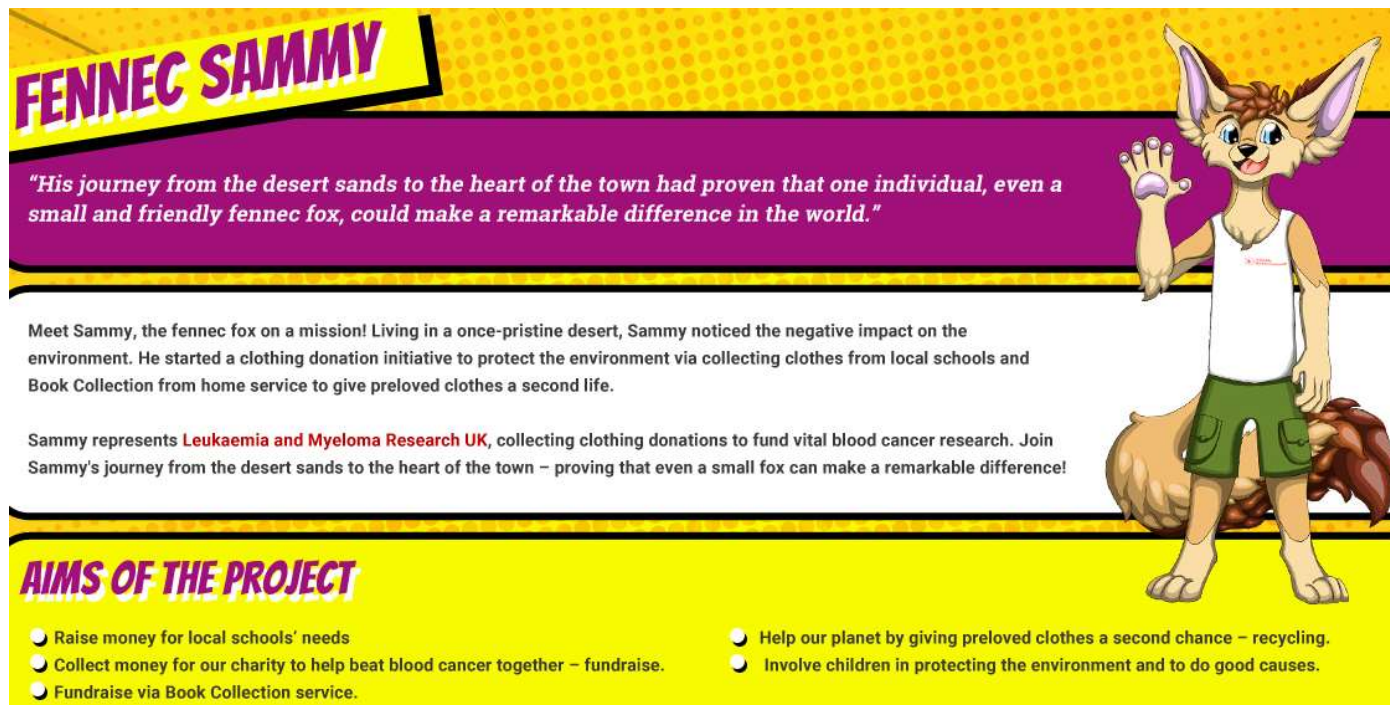
Good quality, dry, clean clothing  
Handbags & accessories  
Toys in new & working condition  
Paired, clean undamaged shoes  
Costume Jewellery  
Cosmetics (unused)

### We can't accept,

Dirty, ripped, or broken items of clothing and underwear  
Unpaired items of clothing, broken or damaged accessories and bags  
Very used, damaged, or broken toys with missing pieces  
Broken and very worn unpaired shoes  
Opened and used cosmetic products  
Uniforms

Good timing for a pre-Christmas clear out!??

Spread the word, tell your family, neighbours, and friends!!



## **FENNEC SAMMY**

*"His journey from the desert sands to the heart of the town had proven that one individual, even a small and friendly fennec fox, could make a remarkable difference in the world."*

Meet Sammy, the fennec fox on a mission! Living in a once-pristine desert, Sammy noticed the negative impact on the environment. He started a clothing donation initiative to protect the environment via collecting clothes from local schools and Book Collection from home service to give preloved clothes a second life.

Sammy represents **Leukaemia and Myeloma Research UK**, collecting clothing donations to fund vital blood cancer research. Join Sammy's journey from the desert sands to the heart of the town – proving that even a small fox can make a remarkable difference!

### **AIMS OF THE PROJECT**

- Raise money for local schools' needs
- Collect money for our charity to help beat blood cancer together – fundraise.
- Fundraise via Book Collection service.
- Help our planet by giving preloved clothes a second chance – recycling.
- Involve children in protecting the environment and to do good causes.

Thank you!

PTA team

## Attendance in School

<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>94.36%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>97.97%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>96.51%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>95.22%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>97.83%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>97.01%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>95.76%</b>
<b>Attendance W/C Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>94.57%</b>

## Key Dates

Class One and Two Nativity	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Fair	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – 5pm
Christmas Party	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Carol Service	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 1pm
Break Up for Christmas Holidays	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

## School Year dates 2024-25

### Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December (2pm finish)

### 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

## 2024/2025 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 September to 31 December 2024	16 April to 19 July 2024	7 January 2025
1 January to 31 March 2025	4 September to 20 December 2024	22 April 2025

## 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

## 2025/2026 Secondary School Application Dates

The closing date for applications for September 2025 is 31 October 2024

## 2025/2026 Reception Primary School Application Dates

The closing date for applications for September 2025 is 15 January 2025

For all applications please visit:

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