



Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2024

Please do not use the new class emails for absence notifications – we **may miss this** important information if you do



New monthly online safety newsletter coming your way

Cross Country Stars



We are SO proud of all the pupils who competed in the Cumbria Cross Country Trials



Mini Mark's Playgroup

9-11am every Monday in the School Hall – please share this information with your friends. Lisa Parkin includes a music session and story time. Drinks and biscuits are provided

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2023

This certificate is presented to **St Mark's CofE Primary School** & friends

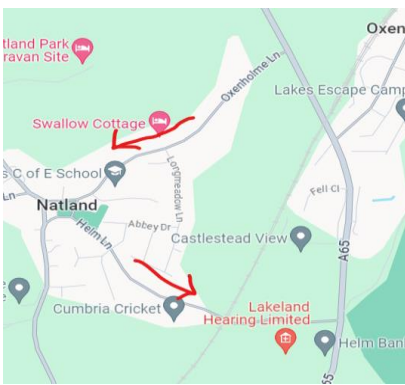
For your kind contribution of **£306.95**

To help support those affected by cancer. Thank you.

Celine

Celine & the Coffee Morning Team

13 Dec 2023



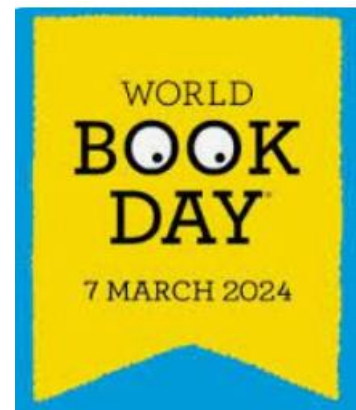
The one-way system is making a difference!!

Thanks to everyone who has changed their route to help out – it is hugely appreciated. One way operational between 8.45am and 9.15am and 3.15pm and 3.45pm

ST MARK'S PTA PRESENTS
SPRING DISCO
 Thursday 22nd February
 KS1 - 5:30pm - 6:15pm
 KS2 - 6:30pm - 7:15pm
£3
 INCLUDES DRINK AND SNACK
 Booking and more info coming soon!



Please label all clothes that come to school. We try to support pupil's independence, but this is hard when so many school uniform items are unnamed.



<https://www.theschoolrun.com/cheap-and-easy-ideas-last-minute-world-book-day-costumes>

A HUGE thank you to Gemma Blackburn for taking such wonderful Nursery photos for us.



IMPORTANT DATES

Year 5 Collective Worship (Year 5 parents welcome)	5 th Feb at 3.10pm
Children's Mental Health Week	5 th – 9 th Feb
Safer Internet Day	6 th Feb
Young Voices	7 th Feb
PTA Fun Friday Cookie Sale after school	9 th Feb
Half Term	12 th -16 th Feb
Kwik cricket at the Lakes School for Years 3 and 4	19 th Feb
Ash Wednesday in St Mark's Church, Natland	21 st Feb
PTA Disco	22 nd Feb
Founders Day (pupils who are Scouts or Beavers can come to school in their uniforms)	22 nd Feb
Parent's Evening KS1 and KS2	27 th Feb 4-6pm
Parent's Evening KS1 and KS2	29 th Feb 5-7pm
Dental Survey for 5 year olds	1 st March
Year 4 Collective Worship	4 th March
Year 3 to Concert in Kendal Town Hall	6 th March
Wonderdome visits St Mark's	6 th March tbc

World Book Day	7 th March
Feet First Active Travel Week	18 th -22 nd March
Brewery Dance Platform performance (Year 5)	19 th March
Author Visit	21 st March
Music/choir show	21 st March 4pm
Kirkbie Kendal moving up evening for Year 5	21 st March
Chocolate Bingo	27 th March
Mufti day (bring in chocolate)	27 th March
End of Term	28 th March

Do you need a bit of extra help?

Click here to see if you are eligible

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

- where possible all parents and guardians should [apply online](#) - you will receive an immediate response advising you whether you are eligible or not
- if you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team - telephone: **01228 606060**

Pupil premium and free school meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

With this money, St Mark's can provide the following for your child:

- additional staff to teach your child in smaller groups to focus closely on their learning needs;
- subsidise your child's extracurricular activities;
- subsidise peripatetic music lessons for your child;
- subsidise the purchase of additional resources or equipment for your child;
- subsidise educational and residential visits organised as part of the school curriculum

your child would also be eligible for a clothing grant of £25.00 per school year.

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Louise Hinton

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.