



Newsletter



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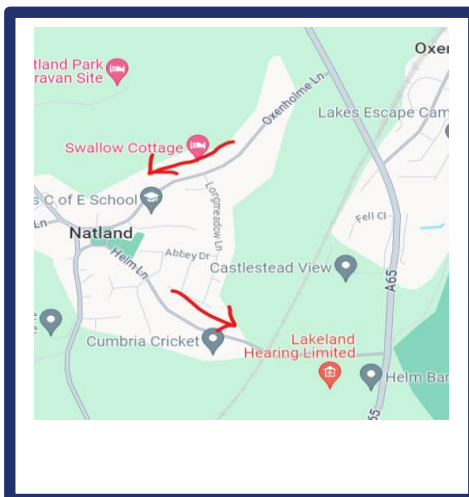
17th NOV



New Instagram Page

<https://www.instagram.com/stmarksschoolnatland/>





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 8:45 and 9:15am and 3:15 and 3:45pm



Come and view the Scholastic Book Fair before, or after, your Parent's Evening appointment.

A wonderful selection of books available to buy. ***Every book bought supports the school***



Start getting excited about our Reception class Nativity performance on Wednesday the 13th December at 1:15pm

Communication

Please can you all check your emails regularly. We will try and reduce the number of texts to a minimum, rather than text you every time an email is sent. We will still text if the communication is important.



**ST MARK'S SCHOOL
PTA**

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

**Thursday 16th November
7:30pm at St Mark's School**

**Please come along if you would
like to find out more about the PTA.
All welcome!**



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.

Huge thank you to the Young Farmers from Kent Estuary

Who tidied up our Hidden Haven during Half Term
We really appreciate it 😊





Wow! What an incredible response to the Autumn Feet First Challenge! A whopping 6803 children from 52 schools signed up to take part, compared to 4070 last year, so a huge thank you to everyone for their efforts. Even if everyone who took part made one extra active journey during the week, that's a huge impact on wellbeing, levels of physical activity, congestion, and emissions. Small actions really do add up!



EVENTS

A bit about CancerCare

2023 is an exciting year for CancerCare as we celebrate 40 years providing vital support to adults and children coping with cancer and bereavement across North Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Each year CancerCare helps thousands of people cope with the devastating effects of a cancer diagnosis or grief with free professional counselling and complementary therapy. We rely on public donations for more than 90% of the money we need to keep going and you can be sure that every penny you raise will go straight back into helping people in your community.

26th November - Lancaster Santa Dash and Grotto Experience (in conjunction with Lancaster BID Light switch on).

We would love as many people as possible to come and join our festive 1-mile fun run around the city centre where families can walk, jog, or run the accessible friendly route. And to make this year even better, children can enjoy our new Dash and Grotto experience as Father Christmas and his Elves have dashed in especially to visit Lancaster and see our festive runners. Children with a Dash & Grotto experience ticket can meet Father Christmas in his grotto to receive their medals, certificate, and a small gift.

And as a special treat, the child / family that raises the most sponsorship has the honour of turning on the Lancaster Christmas lights on stage with Father Christmas. So, pull on your festive jumper, flashing antlers or reindeer dust-powered trainers for Santa Dash 2023 ready to join us for a cracking, Christmas experience you will never forget!

Tickets available from £7 per person and family tickets available...visit our website for further information and tickets.
<https://cancercare.org.uk/news-and-events/santa-dash-and-grotto-experience>

17th December The BIG Santa Dash in conjunction with Lancaster Race Series.

For those wanting a more challenging festive run, we have joined with Lancaster Race Series for some exhilarating road races setting off from Lancaster Holiday Inn (Parking and registration at 3-1-5 Gym).

Dress up festive and lace up those trainers – whatever your ability there's a route to suit – a 1.5mile family fun run, a Christmas Cracker 10k and a Turkey Trot Half Marathon for the more adventurous. Everyone who enters will receive a special event t-shirt and a medal.

Tickets available from £10 per person and family tickets available...visit our website for further information and tickets.

<https://cancercare.org.uk/news-and-events/the-big-santa-dash>

IMPORTANT DATES

6 th -10 th November	Scholastic Book Fair
7 th November	KS1 Parent's evening 5-7pm
8 th November	KS2 Parent's evening 5-7pm
8 th November	Remembrance Service in the Church 2:30pm
8 th November	Road safety talks from the Police to KS1 and KS2 (in school time)
9 th November	KS2 Parent's evening 4-6pm
16 th November	PTA Annual General Meeting. 7:30pm
17 th November	Years 5 and 6 to the Kendal Mountain Film Festival in school time.
17 th November	Children in Need
22 nd and 23 rd November	SEN parent's afternoons 1pm-3:30pm and 12:00-4pm
27 th -1 st December	Year 6 Bikeability
1 st December	Year 6 Wreath Making in the Church

6 th December	Christmas Craft day and Elf Run – all classes
7 th December	Christmas Jumper day
7 th December	Years 5 and 6 to Panto in Lancaster
7 th December	Film Night and Parent's social (PTA event)
11 th December	Reception to Year 4 trip to see the Jungle Book at Kendal College
13 th December	Christmas Lunch - please book this special lunch on School Hub
13 th December	Parents invited for a mince pie and drinks at 1:15pm before the Reception Nativity performance at 1:45pm
15 th December	Christmas Coffee Morning (PTA event)
18 th December	Christmas service and Christingle in the Church 1:30
19 th December	Christmas Parties – all classes in the morning
19 th December	Carols around the Tree and raffle at 1:00pm
19 th December	End of Term at 1:30pm