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Friday 20th November 2026 Newsletter

What a week!!
So much brilliance and resilience on display throughout the school. The staff team have been remarkable – we have been really up against it in terms of illness but the determination to support children and colleagues alike has been fantastic!
The children have also sparkled – in all aspects of school life – showing our school at it's very best!

Cluster Cross-country @ the Racecourse

On an afternoon of terrible weather our children brought outrageous sunshine spirit. All sixteen children brought energy and determination to their performances. The Y5/6 Girls were the champions, with 2nd, 3rd, 7th & 8th place finishes – incredible! The Y3/4 boys finished a strong fourth and the other teams ran their hearts out, with a few more top ten finishes 😊

University Students

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, we were joined by 17 student teachers from the University of Cumbria, eager to learn their trade. They have left our school inspired by the children's focus on learning, kindness, and engagement.

Bishop Michael

It was brilliant to welcome the Bishop of Penrith to our school on Thursday. He had a fantastic time talking with our WoW leaders about the Roots to Success and how every child in school in included and given a voice. Bluebird Class quizzed him about his job and enjoyed looking at/wearing some of the bishop's clerical 'uniform'. He was bowled over by the children's singing and love of school here at Flookburgh.

Kendal Mountain Festival

Earlier today, Wainwright Class went to the Kendal Mountain Festival. They were inspired by crazy kayak adventures, explorations of the Amazon and a 'runner versus parachute' race. It was great to hear some of our children asking questions to the presenters in front of the whole auditorium.

FOFS Event Spotlight

Elf Dash – Friday 27th November (1:30 – 2:30pm)
Please come and support our annual Elf Dash around the village I support of St Mary's Hospice in Ulverston. We will need people cheering in the street, people to walk with some of the youngest children, people to get hot chocolate and marshmallows ready. Come and get stuck in. The children have brought home notes to support the fundraising – I wonder if we can beat last year's total? Just Giving Page
Please let the office know if you are able to help marshal the dash!

Christmas Nativity – 9th & 10th December

Dove and Hilltop Class are busy learning songs and lines for their Christmas play. Costumes are being prepared and the stage has been set. We can't wait to show you what they have been up to. Tickets are available from the office – £2.50 each.

Car Safety Reminder

The safety of our children must always be our top priority. Please take the time to drive around the village if you need to turn your vehicle around, rather than using the car park entrance or lane. We ask that we all take this request seriously and help us to keep every child safe.

Class Updates!

Hilltop Class

In HillTop this week we have been looking at the book 'Stanley's Stick'. This is a fantastic book to get children's imaginations going to imagine what a simple stick could be.
In Drawing Club, the children imagined their stick turned into a magic wand that turned the children into various creatures. In provision this week the children made creatures from natural materials, wound wool around sticks to practice fine motor control and made leaf pictures. The nursery children loved using ribbon sticks to make gross motor skills in Write Dance. They then practiced 'scrimbling' (pre-writing skills) using both hands to mark marks to the music.
In Math's this week, the reception children have been looking at the composition of numbers to 5 and breaking up numbers into parts e.g. 2 and 3 make 5, 3 and 1 make 4.
The children have loved playing vets in the Hilltop vets this week and the animals have been well looked after. There have been lots of discussions about bandaging up patients and giving medicines.

The children have loved starting to learn some of our Nativity songs and I'm sure you will have heard them start to sing them at home. If you would like to sing a long, here is a link for some of the songs.
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We still need any large cardboard boxes/ card to make some Star costumes for the Nativity. If you can help with this, please bring to the school office please. Thank you.















Class Updates!

Dove Class

We've had another exciting week in Dove Class!
In English, we have been exploring poetry and have really enjoyed reading The Owl and the Pussycat. We had lots of fun making puppets to act out the poem before getting creative and writing our very own nonsense poems!
In maths, we have continued developing our understanding of tens and ones and have moved on to exploring number lines and estimating numbers up to 100.
In science, we finished our Humans unit by learning about the importance of looking after our teeth and keeping ourselves clean and healthy. We particularly enjoyed a fun experiment using sesame seeds and hand sanitiser to explore how germs can spread!
In history, we had a lovely time looking back at the toys we played with as babies and comparing them to the toys we enjoy playing with now. It was interesting to see how our toys have changed as we have grown!
We have also been very busy practising for our Nativity, learning our songs and rehearsing our lines. The children are working so hard, and we are getting very excited to share our performance with you soon!
Finally, in Art, we loved exploring different ways to create dots - we used pens, oil pastels, crayons and felt tips to make lots of colourful creations inspired by our term's artist.

Reminders:
Nativity - Although it may seem early, your child has now been given their part and script for our KS1 Nativity, with their lines highlighted. Please encourage your child to practise their lines at home. We ask that scripts are brought into school every day, as we will be practising regularly in class.
PE - PE has now changed days, and will take place on a Monday and a Wednesday. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on both days, including appropriate footwear such as trainers or pumps.
Uniform - Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name, as lots of children are already losing cardigans and jumpers!
Reading - Please make sure your child brings in their reading wallet every day, with their reading book, reading record and library book. Reading and library books will be changed on a Friday. Please try and read with your child at home as much as possible and sign their reading record.
Homework - Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be returned by Friday.








Class Updates!

Bluebird Class

We have been very busy this week. On Monday, we had the first of our 2 D&T days. We looked at existing Christmas decorations, practised and developed our sewing skills and designed our very own Christmas decorations. In english this week, we have been focusing on writing letters. In maths, we have investigating the patterns that can be found between the 2, 4 and 8 times and how we can use these patterns to help us answer word questions.
In Science, we have looked at the different ways we can group and classify animals. On Wednesday, some of the children went to the Cross-Country event and those that were in school completes a STEM challenge to make a table that could hold a glue stick out of one page of A4 paper. In Geography, we have been looking at our county and the counties that border us.

Key Information:

- PE is on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If possible, please can PE kits be in all week and will be sent home at the end of the week.
- We will be completing our D& T projects next week on Monday. If you have any Christmas fabric such a table clothes, Christmas clothes or PJ's you no longer use, we would greatly appreciate any donations.

Wainwright Class

A Wonderful Week in Wainwright

Kendal Mountain Festival

The week finished on a high at Kendal Mountain Festival. The class listened to the hosts and guest speakers, watched videos about sport and the environment, and enjoyed a jam-packed show which finished with a BMX exhibition. Families are invited to ask their child about their favourite part of the show. Many thanks go to the adults who volunteered their time to help transport pupils to Kendal and back; the trip would not have happened without their support.

Mathematics and English

Student teachers visited the class and taught the pupils about prime numbers. Throughout the week, the class continued developing their understanding of number by exploring common multiples, common factors, square numbers and cube numbers. Next week, they will explore rules of divisibility. In English, the class started a new text called Holes. They followed Stanley Yelnats to Camp Green Lake, which has no lake, where Stanley must dig a hole each day in the hot, blazing heat with a group of delinquents. Stanley is not coping well so far, and the class has heard that he and his whole family are cursed. They are keen to find out why Stanley is cursed and whether he will break the curse.

Geography and Helping Others

In Geography, the class began exploring poverty and disease. They discussed foodbanks and how foodbanks help families in the UK. This led to a group idea about helping other families by donating unwanted items to charity shops before Christmas, so that old items can become someone else's new items. The pupils created a list called '12 Donations of Christmas', and some said that they would like to make a donation of their unwanted things. Any donations should be discussed and agreed with adults at home first, and taking part is an optional family activity. It was a lovely lesson to learn from.

More Information

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 2026

- Friday 27th November – Elf Dash (FoFS)

DECEMBER 2026

- Wednesday 2nd December – Learning Together Session (English), 9:00–10:30am
- Wednesday 9th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity, 1:30–2:30pm
- Thursday 10th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity, 5:00–6:00pm
- Friday 11th December – Christingle Preparation (children)
- Friday 11th December – Christingle Service at St John's, 2:00pm
- Monday 14th December – Bridge House Carols (TBC)
- Tuesday 15th December – Open Morning, 9:30–10:30am
- Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 17th December – Special Visit from Life Between the Ears (AM)
- Thursday 17th December – Christmas Parties, 1:00–3:00pm
- Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term (2:00pm finish)

As always, we will do our very best to keep to the scheduled dates. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, there may occasionally be a need to make amendments. Should this happen, we will ensure that everyone is kept informed and updated as soon as possible.

Governor Visit - Nov 2026

Patrick Freeman (LA Governor)

As part of my recent governor visits focusing on English and Mathematics, I was delighted to see a school where children are clearly proud of their learning and keen to talk about their progress. Pupils confidently explained what they had been learning, how they had improved, and the support they receive from staff. I was particularly impressed by the strong focus on reading, writing, vocabulary development and mathematical thinking, alongside the many opportunities children have to discuss their ideas, solve real-life problems and develop independence in their learning. Children shared brilliant writing of recent accounts of school trips, poems and about stories they were writing. It was evident that staff are highly committed to ensuring every child can succeed and thrive.

I was also very lucky to spend a playtime outside with many – who all showed a respect and care for their school and each other; this is a great reflection on both school staff but also from you as parents. The school children are a credit to you all.

Important Information

Communication via Arbor: Messages that used to be sent via text message will now be sent via our in-app messaging on your Arbor profile.

App & Notifications: To make sure you receive all updates, please download the Arbor App and enable notifications.

Urgent Messages: Any urgent information will still be sent directly via text message.

Support: If you experience any issues with setting up or using the Arbor App, please visit the school office and we will be happy to help.

School Lunches: The cut-off time for ordering school lunches is **Fridays at 9:00am**. Any school lunches ordered after this time will not be seen or processed.

Wrap-around Care:

If you would like to book your child onto one of our **Breakfast Club sessions** or **After School sessions (Nursery-Year 6)** please book via **Arbor** or call the school office and leave a voicemail. Phones will be checked before **3:00pm** and bookings will be confirmed.

Thank you.

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Wednesday
9th December
1:30pm

Thursday
10th December
5pm



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