



15/03/2024

Another extremely busy week for the pupils. They have thoroughly enjoyed the range of science activities and the photos of all the learning are shared on class dojo class stories. For the first time we have had ducks in School, five ducks hatched and are all thriving. The pupils have been watching them hatch and then they were moved into their new home and it has been a magical experience for them to see how the life cycle works for all the pupils.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the STEM open day and we were delighted to have so many parents/carers and family members in school working with the pupils. Thank you.

Today the pupils dressed as scientists, plants or animals and the costumes look brilliant.

The two weeks of science activities have provided our pupils with a wide range of knowledge and skills along with a long of fun and enjoyment.

Thank you everyone for your support and I would like to thank our science leaders, Miss Arthur and Mrs Martin for their organisation with this and to all the staff for making it happen.

Attendance

Attendance is very important for all pupils registered to our school. While we appreciate there are times when pupils are unwell and we are aware of this. Pupils need to be in school so they are not missing their learning and development. We have had a number of pupils arriving late to school. Pupils must be at school ready for 8:45am or 12noon for the nursery pupils. If pupils arrive late they are missing key parts of their day.

Last week we were slightly down with attendance at 94.6% compared to the national of 94.8%.

We have had a number of illnesses and confirmed cases of scarlet fever and chicken pox. Please see the guidance that has been emailed to all parents/carers. We have increased our hand washing and the use of hand sanitisers in schools as an extra precaution.



Spring term reports to parent/carers

Change of date. The reports will be handed to parents/ carers on Wednesday 27th March.

Easter free school meals holiday vouchers

The Easter holiday vouchers will be issued on 25th March for all eligible pupils. The total for each voucher will be £53.40.

U Dance

We have 25 pupils in year one who have shown an interest in dance and drama and will take part in U Dance West on Wednesday 20th March. They have been very busy practicing their routine ready for their performance. Well done to our U dancers.



Afterschool clubs

Afterschool clubs will be starting to support pupils with the phonics assessment and the "junior challenge" clubs to ensure the pupils can achieve their full potential. Thank you for supporting this.

Phonics screening

The club will run every week and will start on:

Monday 11th March for all year two children who are retaking their Phonics screening

Wednesday 13th March for all year one children

Please collect your child at 3:45pm.

SATs which is referred to as "Junior challenge club" will take place every Wednesday afterschool for all year two pupils.

Please collect your child at 4pm.

Thank you for your support for your child.

World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday 21st March is a global awareness day for Down Syndrome and on this day, we are going to be having an 'Odd socks day' in which pupils can come to school wearing odd socks in exchange for a £1 donation. All money raised will go to Down Syndrome Association charity.

This donation can be made via ParentPay. Thank you for your support.



Holiday dates

Our holiday dates slightly vary from Cumberland Council please see attached information.

Car park and parking

We have a lot of pupils and parents/carers entering the school each day. Please park considerably and no parking on the double yellow lines on Islay place. The resident need access to their homes. The school car park is used for staff only. Parents/carers cannot use the car park in the morning or afterschool. Thank you

Bikes/ scooters

For the safety of the pupils - no adult bikes or scooters are allowed onto the school premises at any time. If you do bring one please can you ensure that they are left outside the gates.

Free school meal and uniform grant

Your School Needs You! If you are entitled to claim for Free School Meals, please apply so we can access more funding for our School, and help more young people to experience and enjoy, grow and develop, learn and achieve.

My child is eligible for Free School Meals but I don't want to take up the offer - why am I being encouraged to apply?

For every child that is entitled to Free School Meals the school receives **extra funding** to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. This is called the Pupil Premium Grant; the school can use this in any way they choose but many use it to provide reduced cost trips or help with uniforms and additional support in class time, and after school. Your child can still bring a packed lunch if they

prefer but by applying through Cumbria's portal, you ensure their school receives this additional grant.

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children (Ad) and for service families. The funding goes direct to your school and makes a real difference to the opportunities and support available to all our young people



**Cumberland
Council**

As Cumbria has now split into the counties of Cumberland and Westmorland Safeguarding still remains a top priority for all of us. If you have concerns about a child in Cumberland please be aware that the number has changed for the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub and they can now be contacted on 0333 240 1727.

Baby Rainbows

Baby Rainbows runs every Thursday at 1:30pm - 3:00pm for under Two-year olds. Come and join us for a cake and a cuppa with other parents/carers.



Rainbow Nursery

This week in Rainbow Nursery we have enjoyed a visit from Zoobidoo. During the visit we were able to look, touch and hold a variety of animals. We also found out where the animals lived and what they liked to eat. We were then able to talk about this during circle time back in Nursery.

Do you have concerns about a child in Cumberland?



If you are worried that a child is at risk of immediate harm please contact:

**Cumberland Safeguarding Hub on
0333 240 1727**

Email: safeguarding.hub@cumberland.gov.uk
(PLEASE PASSWORD PROTECT THE EMAIL AND SEND THE PASSWORD
IN A FURTHER EMAIL)

**Out of working hours – contact the
Emergency Duty Team on 0300 373 2724**

**To speak to a Local Authority Designated Officer
(LADO) for advice call**

0300 303 3892
or email lado@cumbria.gov.uk

To speak to the Cumberland Early Help Team call

0300 303 3896
Or email early.help@cumberland.gov.uk

Kym Allan Safeguarding, Health and Safety Consultants Ltd.
April 2023



3 Year Olds

This week the 3-year-old nursery pupils have been continuing their learning of science. We have had another week of working as scientifically and we have welcomed many visitors.

Zoobido arrived in school and the pupils were very curious to see what

was hiding in the boxes. They enjoyed making prediction and discussing as a group what animals they may see!

The pupils were very gentle when holding the animals and reptiles. The pupils met lots of different animals that they may be familiar with and some animals and reptiles from different countries. The pupils got to hold rabbits, a snake, a tortoise, mini beasts, a ferret and more! They were brave!

Also, this week, the pupils have been planting sunflower seeds. The pupils can talk about the sequence of planting a seed and what plants need to grow. The whole school are taking part in a sunflower growing competition and the nursery pupils are very keen to have some of the tallest. Some of the pupils were able to make links to experiences of planting and growing flowers that we have done previously.

To end the week, we welcomed parents and carers into school to work scientifically with the pupils. We had a range of challenges and experiments for everyone to take part in. Thank you to everyone who came. The pupils dressed as scientists and parts of nature on Friday, which was an excellent way to end two weeks of learning about science and more. One final experiment ended the week and we hope you try this one at home. The experiment is set on Class Dojo for you to complete.

Reception Pillar

Pillar class have had another fantastic week celebrating British Science week. This week we have been learning about what plants need to grow. We then persevered to use our listening skills to help us follow simple instructions to plant our own sunflower seeds. On Monday during our whole school assembly, we thoroughly enjoyed learning about Christine and Dave's very important job of driving the blood bikes. We learned all about what they do as part of their job, how they help people and we asked questions to develop our understanding.





Blencathra

This week in Blencathra we have been continuing our science week. The children have had a lovely time inviting grown-up into our Reception unit to engage in some STEM activities together. We have been using our imagination to make bridges, boats, houses and constructions using a range of materials. It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into school and we hope these sessions were enjoyed by all.



Great Gable

We have had another exciting science week in Great Gable! We have continued with our phonics learning every day and everyone is making excellent progress. In Mathematics this week we have been continuing to explore the composition of numbers

within ten, we have been learning about doubling and focusing on the 'special case' of when two equal parts combine to make a whole. We have continued with our Talk Through Stories sessions and this week's book is 'Hugless Douglas'. We had a visit from Christine and Dave who drive the blood bikes and learned lots about their jobs. Our Jigsaw session this week was all about bedtime routines and the special things that we all do at bedtime. We loved having our parents in on Thursday to engage in lots of exciting STEM activities. We had a delivery of duck eggs that have all hatched and we can't wait to watch the five ducklings grow and help to take care of them. On Friday we enjoyed dressing up as scientists, plants and animals. What a brilliant week we have all had in Great Gable.



Year 1

Helvellyn

Helvellyn enjoyed their visit from the blood bikes. The children learnt all about their mission of providing rapid response medical transport services to the NHS free of charge. Members of the blood bikes are volunteers who give up their free time to transport blood, platelets, samples, surgical instruments, Human donor milk and many other clinical products across the UK & Ireland.

Continuing on from Science Week, the children enjoyed having their parents, grandparents and family members coming into school to share some STEM activities. They found both activities incredibly exciting and became quite competitive.

In RE, Helvellyn have explored the Easter Story and were able to retell the main events in the story, ready for Palm Sunday fast approaching. The children were like Lucy the Empathy and Listening Llama to describe why the people of Jerusalem admired Jesus.



STEM activities. One activity was to create a parachute for an egg. We worked collaboratively like Colin the Crocodile with our parents and had 30 minutes to create our parachute. We all came together to test them to see whose egg would not crack when dropped from a certain height. Our other STEM activity focused on making bottle rockets. We had 30 minutes to work with our parents to create our rockets. We then came together, and tested these to see who's could go the furthest. It was lovely to see parents come into school and share their learning with the children.

As mathematicians, we are still focusing on solving addition and subtraction word problems. We have been looking at different questions and focusing on looking at the vocabulary to see whether we need to add or subtract to find our answer. We have also been practicing our number sentences and number families.

As designers, we have started our learning on Wheels and Axles. The intent of the first 2 lessons was to understand how wheels move and use our noticing skills to notice what can stop wheels from turning. Our next 2 lessons will focus on children creating their own moving vehicles.

As young writers, we have been looking at exclamation marks and how to use these accurately in our sentences. The children came up with some lovely sentences that included exclamation marks.



Catbells

Another science-filled week here in Catbells! This week, we have planted our own sunflowers and we can't wait to watch them grow! On Thursday, we welcomed parents into our class for

In our RE lesson this week, we are still focusing on why Jesus was welcomed like a celebrity on Psalm Sunday. The intent of this week's lesson was to retell some of the Easter Story before and during Psalm Sunday.

In our PSHE lesson this week, we still focusing on keeping our bodies and

mind healthy and safe. The intent of this week's lesson was to understand that medicines can help us and to understand how to use them safely.

Alongside the busy week, we had an assembly from the Blood Bikes. We started our phonics screening afterschool club to support us in the run up to the phonics screening check. Finally, today we are celebrating National Recycling Day by thinking about the ways we recycle in school. #litterheroes.



Year 2

Red Pike

This week in Red Pike, we have continued our Science week activities! The Rainbow Room have been tasked with a very important job of looking after some duckling eggs! On Tuesday, we received a delivery of 5 duckling eggs along with all the equipment we need to care for them. During Maths time, the children were shocked when they noticed one of the eggs had a crack and the shell had begun to break! They quietly and

carefully observed the baby duckling emerge from its egg! The Rainbow Room decided to name our new addition Rainbow! 🌈 They were so proud of their newest arrival, they shared the exciting news with Red Pike and we all got chance to meet little Rainbow! By Thursday morning, all five ducklings had made an appearance and have been named Rainbow, Jemima, Woody, Buzz and Arthur!

In PSHE, we have been learning how to keep safe around household items we use to minimise the risk of germs. We had to sort pictures into safe and unsafe items and explain to our partners why they were safe/unsafe! By the end of our lesson, we could recognise items that were safe and items only adults could touch and use. We began to discuss the importance of washing our hands and keeping our environment clean to minimise the risk of germs and bacteria making our bodies poorly!

On Thursday, we welcomed our special grown-ups into school to complete some STEM activities! It was great to share our Scientific learning with our grown-ups! We really enjoyed making snow, a storm in a jar and completing some planting!

The Rainbow Room ended the week with some yummy smoothies that they had made using their chopping skills. We talked about the importance of a healthy balanced diet, that was nutritional for our bodies!





Skiddaw

Skiddaw have had a fantastic and busy week! On Monday, we all enjoyed our visit from the Blood Bikes where the children were able to ask insightful questions to deepen their understanding of this vital service. On Tuesday we had a great afternoon planting our sunflowers. We will be excited to watch them grow over the next few weeks. On Wednesday we continued our rehearsals for our upcoming Easter service. As Mathematicians, we have continued our learning of 2D Shapes. Not only did we learn to identify various shapes, but we also explored patterns, experimented with rotations, and observed how shapes can be transformed. As scientists we have continued with observations of our plant experiment, and we all participated in our exciting science experiments on Thursday. Finally, on Friday, we delved deeper into the Easter story during our RE session.



Scafell Pike

Our second science week has been very eventful. The children have planted sunflowers to monitor growth before the children bring them home for a competition to see who can grow the largest sunflower. We have also been watching and feeding our cress and wild flowers.

We were delighted to see so many of you in our class for our science experiments this week and we hope you enjoyed your time as much as the children did.

In maths we have continued to look at shapes and have tried to move them using instructions. After following instructions in maths, we moved onto writing instructions in our literacy books about our end of the day routine and how we have planted our seeds.



Attendance

Attendance expectations

Attendance is mandatory.

Parents/carers have a duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at Nursery/ school where the child is a registered pupil.

The school expectations for attendance are:

The policies and procedures of Victoria School apply to all pupils aged 2-11 years old.

Regular attendance at school is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to extend their potential. Regular and punctual school attendance is important. Pupils need to attend school regularly if they are to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them by law.

We will work with all pupils and discuss their attendance with them. This is to educate our pupils on the importance of attending school and how good attendance benefits their learning and development. Each classroom will have an attendance display to help encourage the pupils to develop good habits. We will work closely with our parents/carers to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to attend school on time and regularly. We will work closely with our attendance officer and access and inclusion team to ensure that any persistent attendance issues are dealt with quickly and efficiently. Absence from school is a potential safeguarding risk and we have a duty to ensure that we know where the pupil is and the

reason for their absence under of role of keeping children safe in education.

Victoria School fully recognises its responsibilities to ensure pupils are in school and on time, therefore having access to learning for the maximum number of days and hours.

Our policy applies to all children registered at this Nursery/ school and this policy is made available to all parents/carers of pupils who are registered at our school on our school website.

This policy has been written to adhere to the relevant Children Acts, Education Acts, Regulations and Guidance from the Department for Education in addition to guidance from the Local Authority. It reflects the changes introduced by the government in relation to COVID 19 changes.

Although parents/carers have the legal responsibility for ensuring their child's good attendance, the Headteachers and Governors at our school work together with other professionals and agencies to ensure that all pupils are encouraged and supported to develop good attendance habits. Procedures in this policy are followed to ensure this happens.

Children who are persistently late or absent soon fall behind with their learning, socially, emotionally and academically. Children who are absent from school frequently develop large gaps in their learning which will impact on their progress and their ability to meet age related learning expectations. A child whose attendance drops to 90% each year will, over their time at primary School,

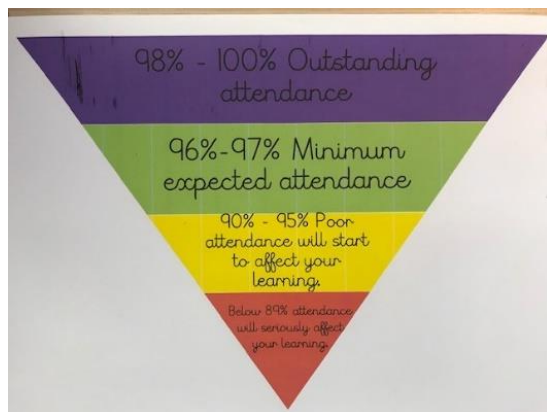
have missed two whole terms of learning.

Attendance Policy This Policy explains the details that guide to school as the attempt to ensure that all pupils receive their entitlement in terms of the expected days at school.

Pupils must be at school ready for 8:45am.

First Day Contact: This guidance explains the procedures we follow to ensure that all our pupils are accounted for on any given school day.

Home School Agreement: The agreement sets out the school's responsibilities towards its pupils, the responsibilities of the pupil's parents and what the school expects of its pupils.



Absence

It is parents/carers responsibility to report your child as absent, please contact the school before 8.45am and

leave a message on the automated service using option 1. Failure to report absences will result in a phone call and a text from the school to explain the absence. If we are not informed about child's attendance our first day contact procedures are followed. This included a home visit and after this if we cannot make contact to find out the reason for the absence the police will be contacted as the child will be classed as missing.

Islay Day Care

We offer a very popular childcare provision called Islay Day Care. We are open 7:50am until 6pm. Please see the website for information about costs. **DO NOT PARK IN THE CAR PARK WHEN USING BREAKFAST CLUB.**

Afterschool club

Childcare will be available but must be booked into the care the week before so that we know the number of pupils. Please book by telephone 01900 601489 or email admin@victoria-inf-workington.cumbria.sch.uk

Please pay through parent pay when you use the session.

If parents/carers are in debt of up to £20 you will not be able to book your child into breakfast club or afterschool club.



Powerful learner of the week

Pillar	Blencathra	Great Gable	Helvellyn	Catbells	Skiddaw	Scafell Pike	Red Pike
Riley Fulton	Jake Marshall	Jacob Potts	Frankie Sheldon	Isaac Bates	Poppy Ellwood	Kayson Halbert	Jackson Sharples

Mathlete of the week

Pillar	Blencathra	Great Gable	Helvellyn	Catbells	Skiddaw	Scafell Pike	Red Pike
Maverick Armstrong-Clark	Charlie Shearman	Rowan Robinson	Jackson Craig	Poppy McKerrow	Maddison Blacklock	Ella-Rose Tootle	Jack Sproat

Victoria School Nursery, Infant and Junior Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

Starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Ends: Tuesday 19th December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Starts: Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Starts: Tuesday 16th April 2024

Half Term: Friday 24th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Ends: Friday 19th July 2024

Good Friday: 29th March

Easter Sunday: 31st March

Easter Monday: 1st April

May bank holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

INSET are determined locally

Please note these may differ from Cumbria County Council term dates

Spring term 2024 Victoria School, Infants and Nursery

Please check weekly as they can be updated and dates may change.

Monday 18 th March	Easter activities begin. Details to follow.	
Monday 18 th March	School Book Fayre in the School Hall all week. The Book Fair opening times: 8:30-9:00am & 3:15-3:45pm	
Monday 18 th March	Alpaca experience for PM Rainbow Nursery and PM 3's Nursery	
Monday 18 th March	Global recycling week	
Tuesday 19 th March		
Wednesday 20 th March	UDance Carnegie for KS1. Details to follow.	
Thursday 21 st March	Reports to parents.	
Thursday 21 st March	World Down Syndrome Day – pupils can come to school wearing Odd Socks.	
Friday 22 nd March	Primary puppets assembly 9.30am	
Monday 25 th March	Easter activities continue	
Tuesday 26 th March		
Tuesday 26 th March	Reception Easter service at St Michaels Church 10am. KS1 Easter Church service at St Michaels Church 1:30pm.	
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents invited into School for Easter crafts: 10am-11am and 2pm-3pm	
Thursday 28 th March	Finish school at normal time for Easter Holidays.	
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday School closed.	
Tuesday 16 th April	School returns after Easter Holidays	



Baby Rainbows

Thursday afternoons
1:30pm-3:00pm



A group for babies and toddlers aged 0-2
years old.



Refreshments Provided

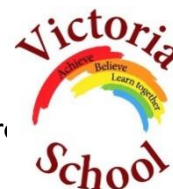
£2 voluntary contribution



For more info contact
Mrs Humble- 01900 601489

Are you connected to Victoria School?

Alongside telephone and text messages, Victoria School communicate with all our parents/carers through a number of channels to ensure all essential communication is received on a regular basis. To ensure you don't miss out on anything that your child may be taking part in, or key information from the school, it is vital that you connect with us using as many of the following platforms as possible.



Email



It is essential that we have an up to date email address for all parents and for you to inform us if it changes. We use emails regularly to communicate with parents.

TEXT messages: Messages are sometimes sent out by text message, especially if your child is in a group as this system allows us to group pupils easily. Text messages usually are sent to the scholar pack app so please ensure you have this downloaded.

Victoria School website / Newsletter

Our website provides you with key documentation, dates and information you need to know about the school. You can subscribe to, and download, the weekly Newsletter to gain a good insight into our school life, and view day-to-day activities that we take part in. Newsletters are published for both schools sites every Friday.

www.victoriaschool.org.uk

School App



Victoria School has an app linked to the school website which is available to download on iOS or Android. The app will keep you up to date with school events and the latest newsletter. You will receive notifications from school when any new information is published to the App.

To download, visit your App store and search for 'School Jotter'. Once downloaded, open App and search for the school postcode (Junior site CA14 2RE and nursery/infant site CA14 3XB). You will see our logo appear, click on this and this should link to us.

Class Dojo The class teacher will use Class Dojo to set work for pupils and communicate to parents about events in the child's class. The teacher and parents can chat directly via the messaging feature or on posts that have been put on the class pages. We do request that this communication via Dojo is relating to your child's learning/activities. Any other issues must be communicated via the school office. **Please do not use this to communicate with the Headteacher or admin.**



Facebook



School uses the Facebook page to post about activities and events that are taking place on a daily basis. We may also use Facebook messenger to communicate directly with a parent should we be unable to make contact via telephone.

To find us on Facebook, please search for Victoria Junior or Victoria Infants, you will see our logo appear, just send us a friend request! Our posts are restricted so they can only be viewed by our 'friends'.

ScholarPack App

We also have the ScholarPack App live, where you can send us instant messages and ensure your details are correct for all emergency contacts. This app is available to download on iOS or Android. Once downloaded you will be asked for a 'link up code'. Please contact the school for this information and we will get you set up!



If you are struggling to get connected to the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office

Junior site: 01900 606053

Nursery and infant site: 01900 601489

and we will be happy to assist you, we do not want anyone to miss out!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS and PUPIL PREMIUM

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Universal Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free lunch every day at school. You don't have to qualify or apply for this. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and you do **qualify** for Free School Meals but don't apply for this entitlement, the school will not receive the additional funding that comes when you make a successful Free School Meal application. Once your child is eligible for Free School Meals, there is no need to reapply each year; they will automatically remain eligible until they have finished their current phase of schooling (e.g. Primary). You only have to apply once; the earlier you apply, the earlier the school will have access to the additional grant. You will also be eligible for any Free School Meal vouchers issued in school holidays [subject to government funding].

In addition, many children in all year groups are eligible for Free School Meals, either because parents are entitled to certain benefits or because household income falls below a certain level. If you are eligible and apply for Free School Meals, you will also be entitled to preferential booking for the council's 'Holiday Activity and Food' programme with free activities and food provided for 5-16-year olds during Easter, summer and Xmas holidays [subject to government funding].

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Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Allerdale Area

cumberland.gov.uk



Book sessions in your area now!

- Visit cumberland.gov.uk/holidays to search the range of activities available.
- Bookings will work on a first-come-first served basis - and places are limited.
- Some activity providers offer transport.
Visit cumberland.gov.uk/holidays for full details.
- Dates are liable to change, please contact the activity provider for more information.

Who is it for?

The Holiday Activity Programme is aimed at all statutory school-age children and young people (Reception-Year 11).

- Places are FREE for eligible children due to funding from the Department for Education.
- Funded places are for young people who receive benefits-related Free School Meals and other eligible children in particular circumstances. All children who attend will also be provided with a meal.
- Eligible children can access up to four sessions this Easter.
- Interested in any of the activities listed in this leaflet?
Visit cumberland.gov.uk/holidays to book holiday activities or use the booking information provided.
- For any enquiries or to check your eligibility status email:
HAFA@cumberland.gov.uk
- If you are not eligible for a funded place many providers offer paid places - please contact them to discuss your options.
- Many of our providers cater for children with additional needs, please contact the provider to discuss your child's needs and suitability of the session.



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Aspatria Dreamscheme (The Youth Club, Market Square, Aspatria)

Description: Fun arts and craft activities, a choice of hot and cold healthy lunch and snacks plus fun physical activities in the afternoon.

Age range: 6 - 16

Dates: 2, 4, 9 and 11 April

Times: 11am - 3pm

Booking information:
Call 016973 20893 or email
office@dreamscheme.club

Blencathra Centre (FSC Blencathra Centre, Threlkeld, Keswick)

Description: Outdoor adventurous and environmental activities at the Blencathra Centre and out in the Lake District. Meals included. Free transport available from Maryport, Workington and Cockermouth.

Age range: 8 - 16

Dates: 8 - 11 April

Times: 9.30am - 2.15pm

Booking information:
Call 01768 779601 or email
enquiries.bl@field-studies-council.org

Carnegie Theatre and Arts Centre (Finkle Street, Workington)

Description: Craft and community workshops based around Easter and Spring. Meal included.

Age range: 4 - 16

Dates: 2, 9 and 12 April

Times: 10am - 2pm

Booking information:
Call 01900 600704 or email
neil.schofield@carnegietheatre.co.uk

E.S.K.K Martial Arts (Cumbria Academy for Autism, Braithwaite Road, Workington)

Description: A fun karate themed Easter Camp filled with karate, fitness, games, and crafting. Meals included.

Age range: 6 - 11

Dates: 9 and 10 April

Times: 10am - 2pm

Booking information:
Call 07729 834944 or email
info@eskk.co.uk

Football Fun Factory (Workington Leisure Centre, Griffin Street, Workington)

Description: Unique Football Fun Camp experience for children aged 5 - 12. All abilities welcome. Meals included.

Age range: 5 - 12

Dates: 2 - 5 April

Times: 20 and 22: 9am - 3.30pm

Booking information: Email
scott@thefootballfunfactory.co.uk

Pyjama Drama North Cumbria (Carnegie Theatre, Finkle Street, Workington)

Description: An immersive day of high-energy games, dynamic drama techniques, a delicious lunch, and engaging craft activities, fostering friendships and confidence building for a memorable experience filled with laughter and joy.

Age range: 5 - 8

Date: 8 April

Times: 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Booking information:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/pyjama-drama-cumbria/t-krleejz

Reds in the Community (Lakes College, Lillyhall, Workington)

Description: Easter Football Camp. Meals included.

Age range: 5 - 13

Dates: 2 - 5 April

Times: 10am - 3pm

Booking information:
Visit
workingtonredsinthecommunity.class4kids.co.uk/camps

Salterbeck Residents Association (The Oval Centre, Salterbeck Drive, Workington)

Description: A four-day programme of Easter themed activities. Meals included.

Age range: 5 - 16

Dates: 2, 4, 9 and 11 April

Times: 10am - 3pm (trip day 7.40am - 4pm)

Booking information: Email
salterbeckstar@gmail.com

South Workington Youth Partnership (Moorclose Community Centre, Needham Drive, Workington)

Description: Easter themed crafts, games and drama. Meals included.

Age range: 5 - 18

Dates: 2 - 5 April

Times: 10am - 3pm

Booking information: Call
07713 864850 or email
swyp@hotmail.co.uk



SportWorks (Cockermouth School, Castlegate Drive, Cockermouth)

Description: Inclusive Multi-sport and play programme. Meals included.

Age range: 5 - 16

Dates: 11 and 12 April

Times: 10am - 2pm

Booking information:

Visit bookwhen.com/sportworksnorthwest

Sportscool North Lakes (All Saints CofE School, Slatefell Drive, Cockermouth)

Description: A Multi-Sports Coaching Provider offering children the Ultimate Easter sports week. Meals included.

Age range: 4 - 11

Dates: 2 - 5 April

Times: 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Booking information: Visit

www.sportscoolnorthlakes.schoolipal.co.uk

Sportscool North Lakes (Northside Primary School, Northside Road, Workington)

Description: A Multi Sports Coaching Provider offering children the Ultimate Easter sports week. Meals included.

Age range: 4 - 11

Dates: 2 - 5 April

Times: 8.30am - 12.30pm

Booking information: Visit

www.sportscoolnorthlakes.schoolipal.co.uk

St Joseph's Catholic High School (Harrington Road, Workington)

Description: Healthy, educational, fun, and safe activities in a very friendly, child orientated environment where new friendships are made, and everyone feels welcome. Meals included.

Age range: 4 - 16

Dates: 8 - 12 April

Times: 9am - 3pm

Booking information:

Call David on 07508 063430 or

email david.wise@sjchs.uk

Stepping Stones Day Nursery (58-62 Wood Street, Maryport)

Description: Lots of fun Easter activities. Meals included.

Age range: 4 - 11

Dates: 2, 4, 9 and 11 April

Times: 9.30am - 2.30pm

Booking information:

Call 01900 812773 or email ctunstall01@aol.com

Watchtree Nature Reserve (Nr Wiggonby, Wigton)

Description: Forest School/ nature-based Kid's Clubs. Meals included.

Age range: 5 - 12

Dates: 5, 8, 10 and 15 April

Times: 10am - 4pm

Booking information:

Visit www.watchtree.co.uk/events

Wigton Youth Station (16 High Street, Wigton)

Description: Get active this Easter with cycling, swimming, and bowling. Meals included.

Age range: 11 - 16

Dates: 3, 5 and 12 April

Times: 3 April: 11am - 3pm,

5 April: 9.30am - 1.30pm

12 April: 10.30am - 2.30pm

Booking information:

Call 016973 44200 or email

wigtonyouthstation@hotmail.com

cumberland.gov.uk



Help with Childcare Costs in Before and After School Childcare

Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a scheme open to working parents of children under 12 (or 17 if disabled) to help with childcare costs. For every £8 paid in, the government will pay in an extra £2, up to £2,000 (£4,000 if the child is disabled) per child per year.

How to apply?

www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

Universal Credit for Childcare

Universal Credit is a payment to help with living costs. It is paid monthly.

Parents can receive up to 85% of their childcare costs, the maximum amount a month is:

- £951 for one child
- £1630 for two children or more

Eligibility for Universal Credit childcare costs

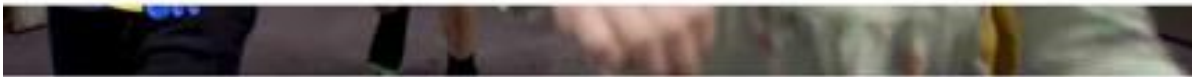
Parents can only get Universal Credit childcare costs if:

- Are in paid work, or have accepted an offer of paid work (it does not matter how many hours you or your partner work)
- Pay for childcare for the relevant child or young person.

How to apply?

Apply at www.gov.uk/sign-in-universal-credit

cumberland.gov.uk



Keswick

Friday 29th - Saturday 30th March

2024

(Easter Weekend)

Keswick School, Keswick, CA12

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