

Shine Together ☆☆☆

Issue 63

Our School Motto: Work Together, Aim High, Shine Bright



Attendance last week: 97.1% 😊

27th March '26

Easter Egg Dump – The winner Chloe Moore P5 and runner up Lucy Taylor took pride in being the last ladies standing!!! An Eggcellent Knockout!!



Easter Egg Competition – Our winners were P1 Toby, P2 Hannah, P3 Zach, P4 Alma, P5 Eadie.



Easter Service – Thank you to everyone who came to the Easter Service at St Bridget's. The children sang their songs beautifully which were, The Donkey Song, April Showers, Lord of the Dance, Shine Jesus Shine, Walking in his Light and Risen.



Golden Certificates...

Golden Jumpers this week were awarded to Rosie in Reception, Bernie in Yr1, Jackson in Yr2, Jack in Yr3, Alice in Yr4, Olivia in Yr5 and Olivia in Yr6.

All our latest information is on our website here: [Latest News | Bridekirk Dovenby CE Primary School](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Good Friday 3rd April – 1-3pm Easter Service at St Bridget's

Easter Sunday 5th April – 11am Family Holy Communion at St Bridget's

Mon 13th – BACK TO SCHOOL

Tues 14th – Guitar lessons

Tues 14th – Athletics Yrs 5&6 for those signed up on Arbor

Wed 15th – Cookery Club Yr3 for those signed up on Arbor

Fri 17th - Woodwind lessons

Looking ahead...

Tues 21st – Yr2 French Club 3.15-4.15pm for those signed up with Emily Language Tutor

23rd & 24th April – Yr2 Hawes End Residential

23rd April PM – Yr5 Cockermouth Trip – Science Event

28th April – Reception & Yr6 National Child Measurement Programme visit

11th – 14th May – Yr6 SATS

Latest News

Mr Wilkinson's Retirement

– This week we said a sad goodbye to our Cleaner in Charge, Mr Wilkinson, as he leaves school after 14 years. We presented him with a gift during breakfast club and all the children and staff gave him 3 cheers for all he has done for us over the years. Enjoy the rest Mr Wilkinson!



Goodbye to Mrs Litt – Also this week, there was another goodbye for Mrs Litt (but see you at the school gates!). Mrs Litt has been on our kitchen team for 3 ½ years and served dinners to all of your children during this time. At playtime, we thanked her for all her help and the staff and children gave her 3 cheers.

School Dinners are now live for the first 3 weeks back after Easter. Please make sure you order BEFORE Monday 13th April. We will automatically give your child the main meal if you have not ordered for them. If your child is bringing in a packed lunch, please also tell us so we are not cooking a meal for them and therefore creating food waste. Thank you

Lost property – Please contact the office if any of these belong to you.



Bridekirk Dovenby 10km Race - Enter now!!

Entries are open here [Events Up North - Entry System & Race Timing Solutions - Bridekirk Dovenby 10K..](#)

Panto video – Available to buy on Arbor now. Go to School Shop and the link is there to purchase for £10. You will be able to download your copy from our new website which will go live in early April.

Picture news want to hear from you about the news - [Survey for parents: Talking with children | Picture News Forms](#)

French Club – Year 2s are being offered the

opportunity to join a French Club which will be held after school. Some children in school already, attend language lessons with Emily. Please note, although this is being run on school premises and the tutor is DBS checked, bookings and payment should be made directly with Emily using hello@Emilylanguagetutor.com. If your child is in Out of School Club, you will still need to pay for Out of School Club as well as this club (unless you are collecting your child at 4.15pm). Info is on the poster attached.



Family Hub – Is in our area from 14th April – 12th May, offering advice and support to parents on a range of topics. Poster is attached.

FOBDS Corner – Happy Easter everyone. We'll be back with a new date for the KS1 Easter Egg hunt asap.

Our Christian Vision:

At Bridekirk Dovenby School, we nourish the uniqueness of our community. Rooted in love, a rich and diverse curriculum enables all to flourish and grow. Confident and secure, our children reach out, ready to embrace the seasons of life in all its fullness.

Psalm 1 "They are like trees, planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper."



£5 per child
per session
(paid in adv.
per half term block)

FRENCH CLUB

TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

3:15-4:15

- * Develop practical vocabulary and useful everyday phrases
- * Strengthen speaking confidence
- * Take part in interactive games and creative activities
- * Explore storytelling and cultural themes



Suitable for pupils
who already study
French in school as
well as those new to
the language.



**BOOK
NOW**



hello@EmilyLanguageTutor.com

10pm SWIMS over Easter

All schoolchildren aged up to 16 years old from the Cumberland area will be able to go for a swim in a choice of five indoor pools for only 10p over the Easter school holidays (30 March - 10 April).

The discounted scheme has been put in place by Cumberland Council, with the support of Everyone Active, GLL and Wigton Baths Trust.

The council scheme will offer discounted swimming opportunities throughout the two weeks.

It will be available at the following leisure sites at allocated times during the Easter school holidays:

- **The Sands Centre (Carlisle):** Weekdays (except bank holidays), 10am - 10.50am.
- **Cockermouth Leisure Centre:** Weekdays, 1pm - 1.50pm.
- **Workington Leisure Centre:** Monday 30 March and Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 April, 10am - 10.50am. Tuesday 31 March, 1pm - 1.50pm. Monday 6 - Friday 10 April, 10am - 10.50am.
- **Copeland Pool and Fitness Centre (Whitehaven):** Weekdays (except Wednesday 1 and 8 April) 1pm - 1.50pm.

Wigton Baths: Monday 30 March, 3pm - 4pm. Tuesday 31 March and 7 April, 11.30am - 12.30pm and 3.45pm - 4.45pm. Wednesday 1 April and Wednesday 8 April, 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Thursday 2 and Thursday 9 April, 3pm - 4pm. Friday 10 April, 11am - 12pm.



Suggested schools' newsletter text – Friday 27th March 2026

'When we see the Earth from space, we see ourselves as a whole. We see the unity, and not the divisions. It is such a simple image with a compelling message: one planet, one human race.'

Stephen Hawking, Theoretical Physicist.

'Brief Answers to the Big Questions'.

Scientists looking down at our planet from space are still making extraordinary discoveries. In 2024, researchers found four brand new penguin colonies in Antarctica – not by travelling there, but by spotting the pink and brown stains that penguin poo leaves on the ice, visible from satellites miles above the Earth. Looking at our world with 'different eyes' is revealing things we never even knew were there.

This holiday, Young Climate Warriors are encouraged to do the same but closer to home. To explore a tiny patch of nature they have walked past a thousand times before, and really see it, perhaps for the first time. According to pioneering astronaut John Glenn, the most powerful quality in an explorer is curiosity. Where will their curiosity take them?

Exploring with 'different eyes'

Where will your curiosity take you? Can you explore our planet with 'different eyes' - like an astronaut, a bird, or an ant?

Exploring with 'different eyes' challenge.

Raindrops dangling from moss and lichen on a wall. The crumbling bark and outstretched roots of a tree.

Explore a TINY patch of nature. Feel different textures. Close your eyes - what does it smell like? What can you hear?

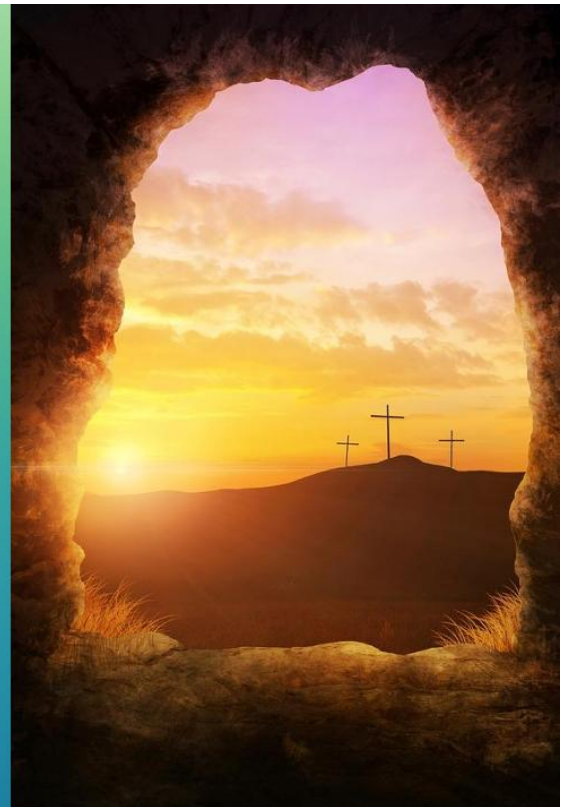
YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS

EASTER AT ST. BRIDGET'S

EASTER SUNDAY 11.00am FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday School is available during this service

- followed by refreshments in the Church Room



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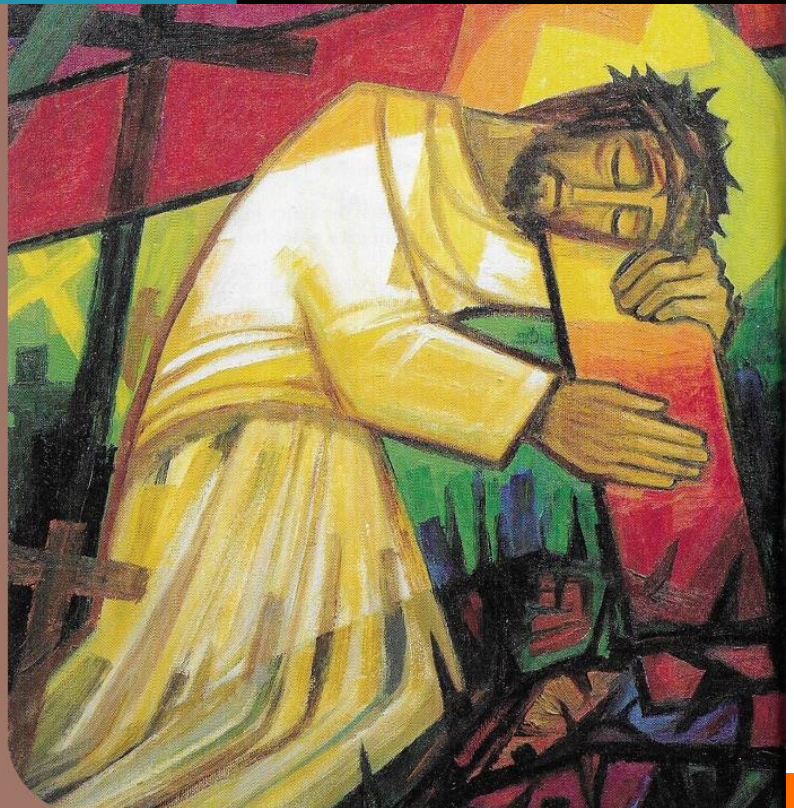
GOOD FRIDAY 1.00 – 3.00PM

Family Service begins at 1pm followed by
refreshments in the Church Room

Stations of the Cross begin from 2pm

- ending with a time of silence

(Join us for some or all of this time)





UNITE
FOR
GOOD

Rotary

Cockermouth Rotary Club

DAFFODIL DAY 2026

at Jennings Brewery

Saturday 28th March 12-3pm

Donations to local charities supported by Rotary

Lots of daffodil activities including crafts for children, balloon modelling, The Daffodil Society, face painting, biscuit decorating, The Dialect Society and William Wordsworth!



The Daffodil Society Talk

by Ian Tyler

Limited tickets. For info email
cockermouthdaffodil@gmail.com

Daffodil Photo Competition

Email your photo as jpeg with name/age to
treasurer@cockermouthrotaryclub.org.uk

It's
FREE!

Charity no: 233710

COCKERMOUTH RESIDENTS & VISITORS – HAVE **YOUR** SAY!

Help shape the town's future
at a drop-in event...

DISCUSS:

- Getting around
- Living here
- Our environment
- Work and play

Cockermouth's Community-led
Plan Visioning Day – **have a
cuppa, share your thoughts!**

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

10AM – 2PM

**UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,
MAIN STREET, COCKERMOUTH**



Photo credit: **Penny Watson Photography**

Can't make it on the day? Find out more at
www.cockermouth.org/ccip or check this QR code:



2026 Tri Lakeland Juniors Mini Series Competition Information



Brief overview of current dates/website links and details for competitions:

1. Tri Lakeland Junior Club, Aquathon, Saturday 18th April 10.30am start, St Bees School. £5.00 entry, can be paid on the day. Email; trilakelenjr@gmail.com or let us know on WhatsApp/in person.
2. Haltwhistle Triathlon, 25th April. [One Life Haltwhistle Triathlon 2026 – British Triathlon](#)
3. Tri Lakeland Junior Club, Duathlon, Wednesday date in June, TBC as will need dry evening.
4. Tri Lakeland Junior Club, Triathlon, St Bees School, Saturday 19th Sept. Start times, details on entry closer to the date.

To be eligible for full entry in series, your child must complete one triathlon in addition to any of the other races.

Park Run Series, May to September 2026:

May 2026, date TBC. The first Park Run race will be a joint affair, starting at Maryport. [home | Maryport Prom parkrun | Maryport Prom parkrun](#)

September 2026, date TBC, the last of Series will also be at Maryport. [home | Maryport Prom parkrun | Maryport Prom parkrun](#)

Children are encouraged to complete a parkrun of their choice at least once a month from May to September 2026. If you could send us a photo of the runner and or their result so we may log this in our league table.

All children who are members of the club can join in with most of these races listed but there are age limits which must be adhered to (see the individual website details/entry).

This is a very small selection of races that the club has chosen to use this year for their series. At these events we will attempt to have a strong Tri Lakeland turnout with good support. All members are welcome to come along and try one or more of these events and essentially just have some fun. There is no expectation that members must take part in races, but full support will be given if you have never done anything like this before and lots of advice to ensure that you will enjoy it and try your best.

Those who do compete will be eligible for an award/prize at the end of the year, if they are successful in their age group. Please join us 😊 |

What is HAF

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides free, fun-filled activities and nutritious meals for children and young people during the school holidays. Designed to support families, HAF offers a wide range of sessions – from sports and crafts to cooking and outdoor adventures – delivered by local providers in a safe and welcoming environment. The programme helps children stay active, make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy healthy food throughout the holidays.

Who is HAF for

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is aimed at statutory school-age children and young people (Reception-Year 11) young people who receive benefits-related free school meals, as well as families who may need extra support during the school holidays.

If you are not eligible for a funded place, many of our providers offer paid places.

To check eligibility
please visit:



How to book

All Cumberland HAF bookings are made through the EEQU booking system, on EEQU you:

- Do not need a HAF code to book
- Can contact providers with any questions through direct messages
- Check each providers SEND accessibility checklist
- Will see more detailed information about each activity
- Can access a more visual and user-friendly platform
- Can request bookings for multiple children at the same time

To see what's on offer and to book, visit: eequ.com/cumberlandHAF



For any enquiries, please email HAF@cumberland.gov.uk



Community Sports Trust

CUFC CST

Easter Holiday Activities

Locations:

Carlisle (Football & Gym and Dance)

Penrith (Football only)

Maryport (Football only)

Whitehaven (Football Only)

March 30 - April 10

9am-2pm



Book via Abler now

For more information and booking **Download** The Abler app or **Email**
Sam.Tickner@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk or **Phone** 01228 554169

"Inspiring People To Participate, Develop And Achieve Their Goals Through The Power Of Sport."



Hub

2U



**Hub2U is a mobile Family Hub
offering support and advice.
Come and chat to the team:**

Cockermouth Titans RL Club

Highfield

Tuesdays

April 14th-

May 12th

3.00pm-7.00pm



**Cumberland
Family Hub.**

