

Shine Together ☆☆☆

Issue 54

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



Attendance this week: 95.6% 😊

9th January '26

Welcome back to school

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year with your family and friends. Thank you to everyone who passed on their well wishes to our staff team, and to everyone who brought in cards and gifts. They were very much appreciated 😊

Archbishop's Young Leader's Award – The Club is now live and ready for you to book onto on Arbor. Please look in Quick Actions/Clubs/AYLA. This club will be for 15 children initially in years 4,5&6. Please click on [the link](#) to find out more about the club and how the children will be prepared to become **Young Leaders**. **Mrs. Fish.**

A Jewish Christmas – Our visitor, Shelia Gewolb, discussed the Christmas traditions and rituals of the Jewish Faith and what advent means to Jews. Making comparisons to Christianity and talking about the Old Testament prophets.



Reception School Place for September 2026 –

If you know anyone who would like to apply for a reception place at our school, the application deadline is next week, Thursday 15th January.

Golden Certificates...

Golden jumper were awarded this week for being delightful ambassadors of Bridekirk Dovenby School in the first week back. Congratulations to Alfie in Reception, Hannah in Yr1, Elliot in Yr2, Ethan in Yr3, Theo in Yr4, Brogan in Yr5 and Zack in Yr6.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 9th - Woodwind lesson

Mon 12th – After school choir until 4pm

Mon 12th – Reception children - hearing tests

Tues 13th – Guitar lessons for year 3's

Tues 13th – Dodgeball Coaching Yr5&6

Tues 13th – Yr1&2 Multi Skills after school club for those signed up on Arbor

Looking ahead...

Tues 20th Jan – Yrs4/5/6s Archbishop's Young Leader's Award after school club for those signed up on Arbor.

Wed 4th Feb – Yr5 go to watch the Wizard of Oz at Cockermouth School

9th – 12th February – Book Fayre in school

9th – 13th February – P5 swimming lessons

ARBOR – There has been a glitch for some families this week on Arbor for meals on Monday 12th and Monday 19th January. The issue is now resolved and any missing meals for Mondays can now be ordered. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Latest News

The school value for this half term is Hope and Aspiration – We had an assembly this morning all about hope and a woman who didn't give up the hope of finding her lost gold coin. The Jigsaw whole school topic that links to this is 'Dreams and Goals' and the children will be working on settings themselves goals.



Coats –
The majority of children have been really wrapped up for the icy cold weather

this week. However, a few children have come into school without coats and therefore, have been unwilling to go outside during breaks. Please can you make sure your children have plenty of layers to wear so they can get some fresh air, whatever the weather.



Music Technology has started this week for the children in P4 with Mr MacKenzie. Last year, P5 enjoyed making their own music and having a disco in the last session, so we'll be looking forward to hearing the compositions from P4 this year. Mrs Wright is also in school this term, to lead the music for Key Stage 1.



Battery boxes – Did you know we have boxes in school to collect old batteries for recycling? Feel free to pop into reception anytime to put yours in the box.

Our Bright Year Ahead – The children in reception have been drawing their new year's resolutions in stars for their **BRIGHT** year ahead.



FOBDS Corner – Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break. We will be having a meeting soon to start planning for the 10km race on 16th May. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch.

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."

Archbishops' Young Leaders Award

"THIS AWARD HAS ALLOWED THE CHILDREN TO PRACTISE IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM."

AYLA teacher

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Vision



The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme designed to both enhance and form part of the school curriculum. It offers an exciting opportunity for your young people to:

- Engage in new learning experiences
- Grow in leadership, character and key life skills
- Discover the benefits of helping others

As part of the Award pupils are empowered to 'be the change you want to see', taking action and serving others in their community through different challenges. Pupils take part in:

- Personal challenges to help others in small ways
- School challenges to practice leadership skills
- Community Action Project in their local area

Action



Learning



All teaching materials and resources are provided to allow pupils to:

- Explore and identify their leadership skills, character virtues and the importance of serving others
- Investigate the stories and impact of great leaders in society
- Examine the role they can play to lead positive change in their communities, supporting and looking after the most vulnerable
- Develop the skills required to lead others and work effectively in a team

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£5 per person

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£15 per person

- Suitable for 4-10 year olds
- Places are limited, therefore booking is essential via The Beacon Museum's website.

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