

Shine Together ☆☆☆

Issue 58

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



Attendance this week: 96.9% 😊

6th February '26

Number Day – We celebrated NSPCC Number Day 2026

and “Dressed up for Digits”. In assembly, the work of the NSPCC was explained to the children. They also learned the names of some famous mathematicians and laughed at some maths jokes!



Reading Awards –

Wow! What enthusiastic readers we have in our school. Look at these reading stats from our children's

Accelerated Reader logs so far this academic year.

Children in year 2 and above have read...

- **2,433 Books**
- **29,368,909 Words**
- **Which averages 32 minutes a day**

Well done to the children receiving an award in December.

Please encourage your child to read at home or share a story with them to promote a love of books and reap the benefits of reading. More information is here on Latest News [Reading Awards | Bridekirk Dovenby CE Primary School](#)



Golden Certificates...

Due to Number Day, we didn't present Golden Jumpers this week.



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th – 12th February – Book Fayre in school

9th – 13th February – **P5 swimming lessons – PLEASE BRING YOUR SWIMMING KIT EVERY DAY**

Mon 9th – After school choir until 4pm

Tues 10th – Ukulele lessons for year 3's

Tues 10th – Guitar lessons

Tues 10th – Yr1&2 Multi Skills after school club for those signed up on Arbor

Tues 10th – Yrs4/5/6s Archbishop's Young Leader's Award after school club for those signed up on Arbor.

Fri 13th - Woodwind lessons

Friday 13th February – Break up for half term

Looking ahead...

Friday 27th Feb – Whole School Cricket Engagement Day

5th March 6pm – Full Governors' meeting

18th March – Yr5 Trip to Cockermouth School for an Arts Event

Thursday 26th March 9am – Easter Service at St. Bridget's – All welcome

Latest News

Book Fayre – Leading up to World Book Day on 5th March, we will have the Book Fayre in school next week. Each child should have received an envelope this week to return to school on Monday if you want your child to purchase a book. Please note this is not compulsory and every child will receive a £1 book token towards the cost of a book in school or at your local bookshop. There will also be some lower priced items such as pens and rubbers. School will benefit from any sales made at the book fayre by receiving new books for school. If you would like to look at the books that will be available in advance, they are listed here;

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/wtr> Please note, we cannot guarantee all books on the website will be available, but there will be plenty of choice for your child.

We've been to see The Wizard of Oz, the Wonderful Wizard of Oz – In the first of their trips to Cockermouth School, everyone in year 5 enjoyed the annual musical extravaganza by the students in year 8 and above. You may recognise a few past BDS students amongst the cast.



Cloakroom refurbishment – Over February half term, the cloakroom outside P2&P3 is being refurbished to make this a more multi-purpose space. Thanks to all of you and FOBDS for helping to make this happen.

Year 5 trips to Cockermouth School – If you haven't already, please can you pay for the buses for the year 5 visits to Cockermouth school on Arbor.

Behaviour – Last week in assembly the children were spoken to about showing respectful behaviour towards each other and property. Please can we ask you to help to reinforce this message at home. They were reminded of our golden rules which are:

- We are gentle
- We are kind and helpful
- We listen to people
- We look after property
- We are honest
- We work hard

Panto film – Great news, this is now ready thanks to Fluid Productions. More details will be released soon about how you can purchase a copy.



Arbor Out of School Club Invoices – We have changed the set-up of OOSC slightly to try and improve how it works for you and for us too. Your invoices will now only appear once your child has attended a session. These are in Payments/Invoices. Your future bookings will be available to view, as before, in Clubs/After School Club or Breakfast Club.

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."



Are you exploring an autism assessment for your child?

Do you have any questions?

Would you like information, support, advice and signposting?

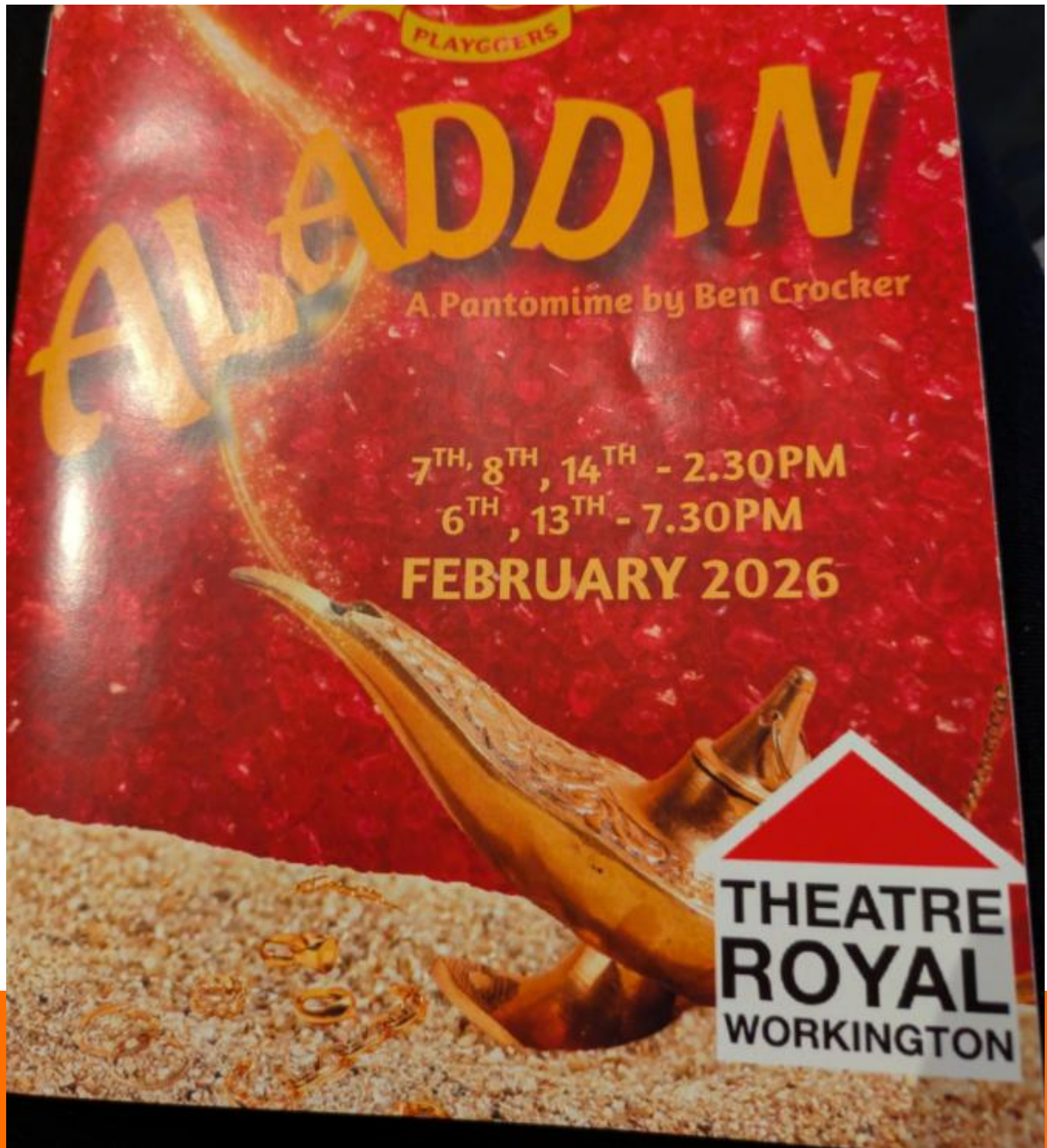
Would you like to chat with the autism assessment team?

These drop-ins are for parents/carers of children and young people:

- Who are waiting for an initial appointment or;
- Have been seen by the Community Paediatrician or;
- Are on the 'multi agency assessment team' (MAAT) pathway or;
- Are awaiting the outcome of their assessment

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Who is available</u>
11 th February 2026 1pm until 3pm	Maryport Family Hub, Ennerdale Road Maryport CA15 8HN	Navigator, Sensory OT & SEND IAS

Cumberland Family Hub have released some new information about their [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme | Cumberland Family Hubs](#). All the information can be found on this link. Eligibility criteria apply.



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Family Community Team

Our DWP Family Community Team provides support for local families. We can help to make a brighter future for your family.

We can:

- Check your household income and benefits to ensure you are paid the right money at the right time to support your family budget.
- Refer you to local service providers and charities for 1-2-1 support depending on your individual needs.
- Provide regular progress updates to Lead Professionals where appropriate.
- We can support you through the process to show you how your finances can improve when starting work, when increasing your hours or when changing jobs.
- Signpost you to budgeting and debt support.
- Support you back into the workplace by accessing funding through your local Jobcentre, removing barriers to work such as upfront childcare costs, clothes for interviews, equipment needed for work and initial travel to work costs.
- Support you if you want to start your own business or become self-employed.
- Support you back into the workplace if you have recently lost your job or been made redundant.
- Support you or a family member with apprenticeships, traineeships, training, volunteering, work experience placements or want to improve your qualifications.
- Support you if you have a disability and want to get into work using the Government's Access to Work Scheme where appropriate.
- Advice on how to do on-line job searching using jobsites and social media platforms.
- Signpost you to organisations who can support you to update your CV and can carry out a skills audit to find out the jobs that best suit your skills.
- Provide you with ongoing in work support.

How you can contact your local Family Community Team:

Louise Armstrong, Vicky Norwood and Adele Aitken.

Email Family.CommunityTeam@cumbria.gov.uk

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DATES

INVASION GAMES _____ 17th Feb - 19th Feb

MULTI SPORTS _____ 30th March - 2nd April

_____ 21st July - 24th July

OLYMPICS (Individual) _____ 27th July - 31st July

OLYMPICS (Team) _____ 3rd Aug - 7th Aug

STRIKING & FIELDING _____ 10th Aug - 12th Aug

INVASION SPORTS _____ 17th Aug - 19th Aug



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If you would like to book on email us on:

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Monday 16th February 2026, 1:30pm - 2:30pm