

Shine Together ☆☆☆

Issue 61

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

Attendance last week: 96.9% 😊



13th March '26

World Book Day – We have collated some more images from World Book Day and have pasted them throughout the newsletter for you to enjoy.

Easter Experience Tuesday 17th March – A letter has been emailed to you this week about the Easter Experience next week. If you would like to join your child/children at St Bridget's on the day, the timings are;

- 09.00 – 9.50 Primary 1
- 10.00 – 10.50 Primary 2
- 11.00 – 11.50 Primary 3
- 13.00 – 13.50 Primary 4
- 14.00 – 14.50 Primary 5

Kitchen Staff Required – We are looking to recruit a new member of staff to our Kitchen team. The role involves helping the School Cook to prepare, serve and clean up after the lunchtime service. The role is 4 hours per day, Monday to Friday term time only plus 1 week of INSET. If you or someone you know is interested, full details are on our website here: [Vacancies | Bridekirk Dovenby CE Primary School](#) or contact school for an informal chat about the role. Deadline Wednesday 18th March.



Golden Jumpers
this week were awarded to Elle in Reception, Beatrice in Yr1, Ruby in Yr2, Robin in Yr3, Hattie in Yr4, Nieve in Yr5 and Oscar in Yr6.

Golden Certificates...

Golden Jumpers last week were awarded to Remy in Reception, Sophie in Yr1, Sebastian in Yr2, Ivy in Yr3, Joshua in Yr4, Bobbie in Yr5 and Freddie in Yr6.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16th – After school choir until 4pm

Tues 17th – Ukulele lessons for year 3's

Tues 17th – Guitar lessons

Tues 17th – Reception Multi Skills After School Club for those signed up on Arbor.

Tues 17th March – Whole School 'Experience Easter' at St Bridget's Church

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

Wed 18th March – Deadline for Kitchen Assistant role.

Thursday 19th Mar – Key Stage 2 Disco - see poster

Fri 20th - Woodwind lessons

Looking ahead...

25th Mar – KS1 Easter Scavenger Hunt – see poster

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

26th March PM - P5 trip to Tuille House

27th March – Egg Dump and decorated eggs

23rd & 24th April – Yr2 Hawes End Residential

Latest News

Retirements – At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to our Cleaner in Charge, Mr Wilkinson who is retiring after working in school for the last 14 years! We'll be very sad to see him go but wish him a very happy retirement.

Also, taking early retirement, but not until the end of May is Mrs Hayhurst. She is happy for you to share this message with your children;
Dear Children and Parents, It is with much sadness that I am letting you know that I am leaving Bridekirk School at the end of May. I have loved my time here and being part of such a fantastic school. I am not leaving to go elsewhere but to enjoy the next chapter in my life...early retirement! Thank you so much, for making me feel part of such a big family. I will miss you all. Mrs Hayhurst.

Egg Dump – On the last day of term, we will have our annual Egg Dump. Please send your child with 1 hard boiled egg on this day. This year we're also going to have a decorated egg competition. Please can you create your entries at home and bring them in for judging and prize giving.

Jigsaws – Does anyone have any 30–50 piece jigsaws they can donate to our out of school club? Thank you.

PE Kits – Please can we politely remind you that the school PE kit • is a pair of black shorts (or black jogging bottoms or leggings), • a T-shirt in your child's team colour, • a pair of trainers. Football shirts should not be worn. Astro turf trainers should only be worn on PE days. Thank you.

Bridekirk Dovenby 10km Race - Enter now!!

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

Please help us spread the word and share the race information with your friends. More details will be released soon about other volunteer opportunities.



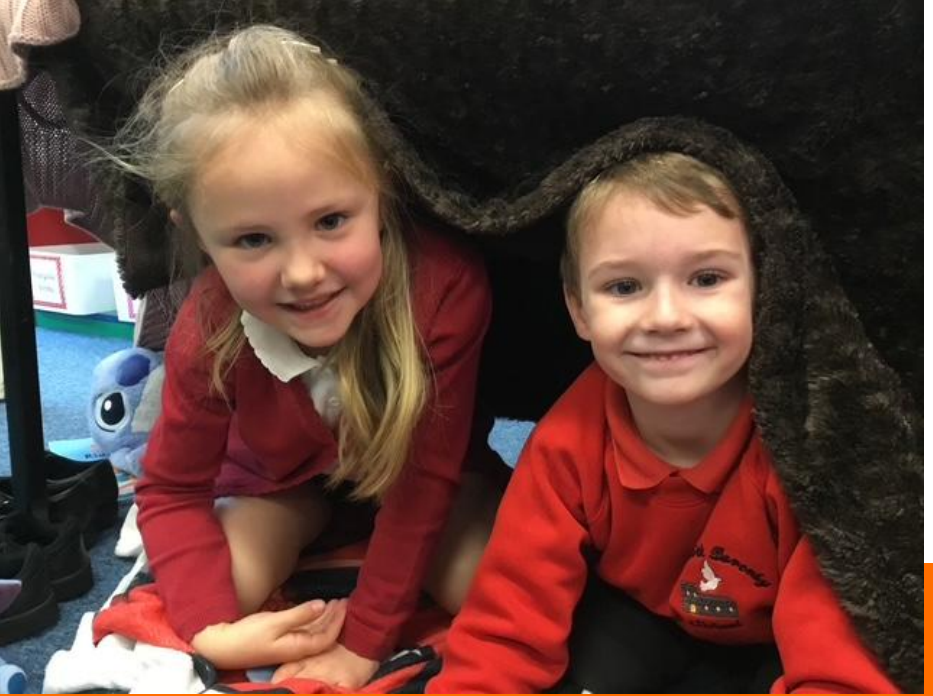
FOBDS Corner – Please buy tickets by midnight on **Tuesday 17th March** for our disco on DISCO at GILCRUX VILLAGE HALL, on **Thursday 19th March 5.30pm - 7pm**. Tickets £5. Payment via Arbor will be available soon. Hot dog and drinks included. (Please specify any dietary requirements) DJ and Children's Party entertainer. More info below.



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."





Our class performed The Jabberwocky poem by Lewis Carroll. We made our very own Jabberwocky masks to wear during the performance to Primary Two.



World
Book
Day
2026



WE'RE HIRING KITCHEN ASSISTANT

**Deadline
Wednesday
18th March
2026**

Are you looking for a part-time role, where you can work within school hours with a committed team in a beautiful setting?

REQUIREMENTS

- Previous kitchen experience ideal but not essential
- Food Hygiene Certificate - ideal or can be provided on appointment
- Full training provided.
- 9.30am-1.30pm Monday - Friday, term time only plus 1 week INSET.
- £25,583 pro-rata plus Living Wage Top Up
- Start date:: Monday 13th April 2026.

TO APPLY VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.bridekirkdovenby.cumbria.sch.uk

For more
information email

sbm@bridekirkdovenby.cumbria.sch.uk



it's time to **DISCO**

**THURS 19TH
MARCH**

BJ
children's
Entertainment



**KS2
ONLY**



GILCRUX VILLAGE HALL

5.30pm to 7.00pm

 **NO MOBILE PHONES PLEASE**

£5

Book & Pay via Arbor

£5 includes a hot dog and drink

**FOBDS
EVENT**

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY FOBDS, NOT THE SCHOOL.
ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS ON THE EVENING WOULD BE VERY WELCOME.

COME
AND JOIN
THE FUN



£2

**PAY ON THE
DAY**

Wed 25th March - after school

KS1 EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

IN THE

Siblings Welcome

SENSORY GARDEN



Win a chocolate treat! 

**Plus a chance to win our Easter
bunny!** 

Refreshments available

**FOBDS
EVENT**



Every 1.5 millionths of a second, the sun releases more energy than all humans consume in an entire year.

600 million people in Africa don't yet have access to electricity in their homes. There's a huge potential for solar energy to help improve living standards. Check out this [SolarAid](#) project.

There are many amazing solar projects – here are a few of the more unusual ones:

[India](#) – solar-powered ironing cart
[UK](#) – street turns into a power station
[Thailand](#) – one of the world's largest floating solar farms.



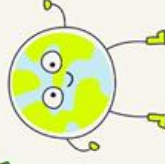
Lighting accounts for nearly 5% of global carbon emissions – LEDs can achieve 50-70% savings.



It takes 8.3 minutes ... what could you do in that time?

It takes 8.3 minutes for the sun's light to reach our earth – that is a long time, it is a long way away – yet provides us with light and heat – perfect for life on EARTH.

Light zapper challenge!



This week become the family 'light zapper' – rely on the sun's light in the morning, instead of the electric lights? And 'zap' the lights that get left on even when they're not needed. Cut carbon emissions by cutting electricity use!

Check out some solar energy projects?



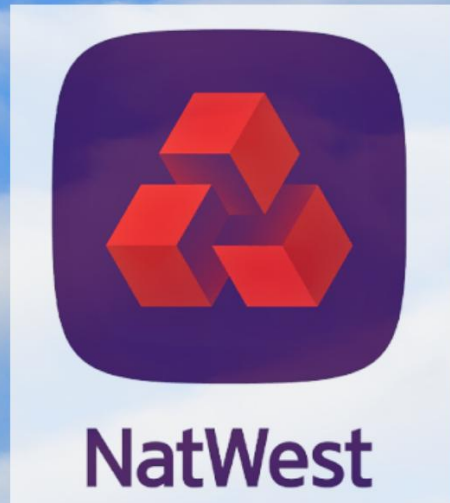
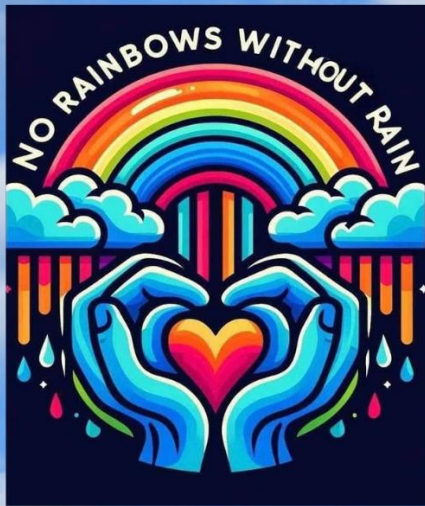
When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!



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**Thursdays at 1pm | 26th March, 16th, 23rd, 30th April,
7th and 14th May**

**Location: No Rainbows Without Rain HQ, Oxford
Street, Workington**

**For more information or to book, email
katherinew.nrwr@gmail.com**



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.**



HOLIDAY CLUB '26

KINGDOM SEEKERS

31st Mar – 2nd Apr

9am–12.15pm

Christ Church

Cockermouth

Rec–Year 5



www.staidanscumbria.org/holidayclub

You're invited to our
**50th Birthday
Open Day!**

Saturday 21 March
10am - 4pm

Try our activities, sample refreshments,
meet the ponies, swim and explore the centre



Free entry
Expressions of interest appreciated



**We are ringing the
changes!**

Visit St. Bridget's Church, Bridekirk
and discover the ancient art of bell ringing.

St. Bridget's Church Bell Tower Tours

**Saturday
14th March 2026**

2 - 4:30pm

**Learn about the art of bell ringing
Climb the spiral stairs to the ringing room
See and hear the bells in action
Talk with our bell ringers**


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HOLIDAY CLUBS

EASTER 2026

ARTS & CRAFTS

SPORTS

HOT MEALS

TRIPS

WHEN: MON-THU 30TH-2ND APRIL

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM

WHERE: Christ Church Community Hall, South Street

Cockermouth, CA13 9RU AGES: 5-16

VISIT: WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/cockermouth



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