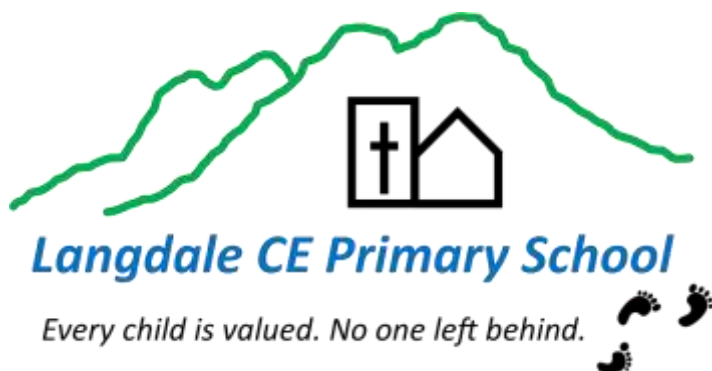




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Themed lunch – 'Weihnachten'



Today, school dinners took a delicious European theme with Mrs Blakeney producing a fabulous 'Weihnachten' – a German Christmas lunch. The children and staff dug into warming plates of pork, red cabbage and potato dumplings before eating a yummy pudding of apple strudel and custard.



Recruitment and retention group

One of our Governors, Stephen Carter, is putting together a small group to look at ideas for how the school can best attract and retain students in the future. If any parents would be up for taking part, please contact Stephen on postcarter@gmail.com



RHS School Gardening award



Wrapping up the growing year, we recently achieved the RHS School Gardening Awards Level 5 award for our efforts in embedding gardening into the curriculum and as an accessible activity for all in school. In the ground at the moment are Swiss chard, elephant garlic, winter lettuce, pak choi, Chinese cabbage, spring cabbages, broccoli, broad beans and hardy peas. We have applied for more free fruit trees and hedge plants to continue to capture carbon and broaden our biodiversity within the school grounds and expect these to arrive in the New Year. Finally, we received news today that our application to exhibit at the first RHS Sandringham Flower show was successful. We will be constructing a recycled-container-garden which we will then

transport to King Charles's Country Estate for the show in the first week of the Summer Holidays. This should be a great project to involve the children in and look forward to working on design ideas in 2026 and growing the plants that will be used in the display



Celebrations

Well done to all of the winners of this week's awards:

Class awards:

Isaac – For helping Mr Pegg on all sorts of construction and for labelling his stable.

Olive – For her fantastic contribution to carpet conversations, articulating her ideas with confidence.

Louis – For making good choices to support his learning.

Writing:

Liam – For making wonderful progress with his name writing.

Reading:

Heath – For superb recall of things that he has read and how they link to other topic areas.

Maths:

Fern – For her 3D shape knowledge, linking everyday objects to their 3D names.

Oak



Little Oak have had a week of creation, storytelling and construction. The children have been focusing on the Nativity story throughout their literacy learning. After exploring the characters and events, the children decided to use knitted figures to retell the story. It was then time to bring out the inner thespian. We had a range of exceptionally enthusiastic Marys and Josephs and a fantastically formed chair-donkey!

Alongside this, the children have been reshaping their classroom. From painters and decorators to gardeners and landscapers, they have been shaking things up. We now have a brand new gardening station in our outside provision as well as a much more colourful construction area! Having created plans for these developments, the children are looking forward to cracking on with the next steps.



This week in KS1, the children have been learning all about writing letters. The children identified the key features of a letter and worked together to plan the outline for their own. In maths, they focused on recognising 2D shapes

and practised counting their sides and vertices. On Tuesday, Year 1 and 2 joined the NFU online for a special Festive Farming event, where they visited a Christmas tree farm, a brussels sprout farm, a sheep farm and



even met reindeer and camel keepers! The children had a great time submitting their questions and comparing these farms to local ones.

Maple



On Monday, Maple headed off on the second day of their river study. They travelled out of the valley, pausing at Skelwith Bridge to look at the impressive waterfall before heading to Ambleside. Whilst in Ambleside, the children

walked through Borrans Park to the lake edge before discussing the impact of flooding. After that, Maple headed down the full length of Lake Windermere before stopping to observe the Leven Estuary. This trip completed the river course, taking in aspects of the middle and lower sections. Everyone was able to identify and explain the different features that they saw – experiential learning at its best.



In Science, Year 5 and 6 headed to the Polytunnel to learn about the different ways in which plants can artificially reproduce. Mr Clayton explained the process of cloning parent plants through 'cutting', which everyone then had a go at doing. The children will monitor these over the coming weeks and months.

Forthcoming Events

(Recently added or changed calendar events will be highlighted in red each week)

Tuesday 9 th December - am	Nativity Workshop (Nursery and Reception) St Mary's Church, Windermere
Tuesday 9 th December - pm	STEM session with Nick Greenall – EYFS/KS1
Wednesday 10 th December - am	EYFS Stay and Play
Wednesday 10 th December - am	Nativity Workshop (Year 1 and 2) St Mary's Church, Windermere
Wednesday 10 th December - pm	Sports Hall Athletics – KS2 Lakes School
Monday 15 th December 2025 (provisional date)	Whole School Christmas Dinner Langdale Estate
Tuesday 16 th December 6pm	Whole School Christmas Performance Village Hall Parents and wider community welcome
Friday 19 th December 1:30pm	End of Term Service – Holy Trinity Church

* Please note - If you do not wish your child/ren to take part in any of the visits outlined above, please notify the school office and provision will be put into place in school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

The Langdale Staff Team