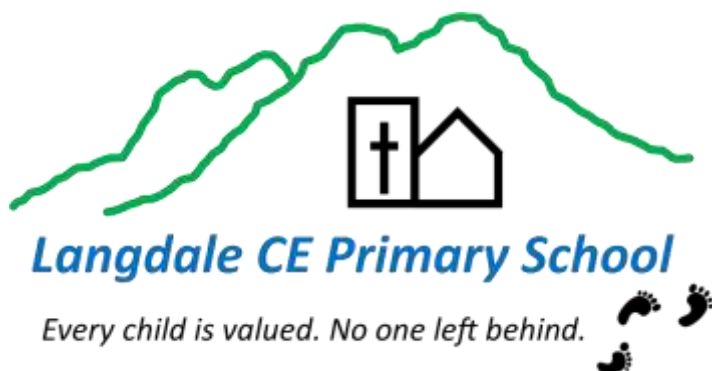




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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has flown by and we are fast approaching the final week of the Autumn Term. Below you will find useful information about the key events next week.

Club reminder - there will be no after school clubs next week

Christmas Dinner – Monday 15th December

On Monday, the whole school will head to the Langdale Estate for their Christmas Dinner. We have decided that this will be the perfect opportunity to wear 'festive jumpers' so if your child would like to wear their best festive outfits, today is the day!

Nativity performance – Tuesday 16th December

The children (and staff) have been working incredibly hard on this year's Nativity performance, 'Bethlehem Bake Off' and cannot wait to show everyone. Last week, a letter was sent to all families outlining key information about the performance, which takes place from **6pm** in the **Village Hall**. Children need to arrive at the Village Hall from 5:40pm so that they can get ready. There will be a raffle running the evening that everyone can enter whilst the children are being settled. We look forward to welcoming you all to this joyous occasion.

End of term service – Friday 19th December

Holy Trinity Church will host our end of term service at **2.15pm**. We hope to see as many parents, carers, family and friends at this service to celebrate this magical time of year together.

Celebrations

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

Class awards:

Liam – For his kindness and great manners.

Kira – For supporting her peers collecting bracken for shelter building.



Avaline – For perseverance and determination with her learning.

Writing:

Mason – For all of his excellent letter writing.

Reading:

Ursa – For her perseverance in her reading, using her strategies to decode 'huge' words.

Maths:

Stefan – For his brilliant understanding of fact families.

Oak

This week, Little Oak gathered all their learning of maps, environments and settlements to create bustling mud towns in the woods. From constructing four-walled libraries with sticks to digging vaults to hide precious water-stones, the creativity and design they demonstrated was brilliant! After this, they incorporated road networks, considering optimal ways of joining their towns together and sharing each town's unique facilities.



The children were also warmly welcomed into St. Mary's church, Ambleside, to an immersive setting, filled with activities, characters and storytelling. They assumed the roles of characters from the Nativity, thinking about how they may have felt and what choices

they may have been making. After this, they headed downstairs, visiting the floating tree. They considered who they were thankful for and how their families help them to be happy.



This week in KS1, the children have been planning their own letters in English, using the features that they identified previously such as greetings, questions and sign-offs. In Maths, they have continued to develop their shape knowledge by moving on from 2-D shapes to exploring 3-D shapes, everyone has developed strategies to help count faces, vertices, and edges accurately.

Maple

Maple class have been exploring the text 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. They have been exploring the similarities and differences between the text and accompanying Waitrose Christmas advert, before moving on to write a character description of the robin.



Year 3 and 4 carried out a tooth-decay experiment using eggs to represent tooth enamel. They tested how different liquids affected the shells. The children observed that the shells became discoloured and weakened in most liquids, and were amazed to discover that the egg left in vinegar even turned soft and bouncy.

Forthcoming Events

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

Sunday 14 th December – 3pm	Carols by Candlelight – all welcome Holy Trinity Church
Monday 15 th December	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

Spring term events

Friday 9 th January	EYFS 'Out and About' Brantwood Through the Seasons
Friday 23 rd January	Themed lunch – 'International Day of Education – food that helps the brain'
Friday 13 th February	Themed lunch – Chinese New Year
Friday 13 th February	Maple Young Voices concert Manchester
<i>Half term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February</i>	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day and themed lunch
Monday 9 th – Wednesday 11 th March	Maple residential Edinburgh
Wednesday 25 th March - pm	Maple hockey tournament Lakes School
<i>Easter break – Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April</i>	

* 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