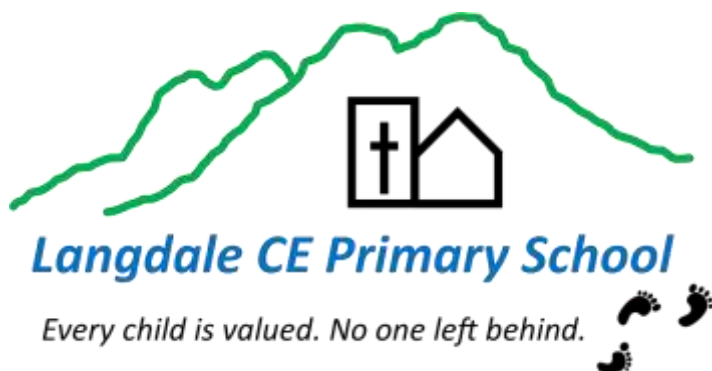




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

What a wonderful week to return to school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the outdoor snow activities on Tuesday when Langdale became a winter wonderland for a period and it has been lovely to see everyone back together and immersed in their new topics.

A huge thank you to Bobby and his family who, via The Bearded Collie Society, have enabled us to supplement our PE resources considerably utilising the funding donated into school. Maple class shared their ideas about what additions they would like to see available to them at playtime and these resources will be thoroughly enjoyed by all at playtimes and lunchtimes moving forward.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

We are delighted to share that Mrs Western has a Forest School qualification, enhancing our outdoor learning provision. Each **Friday**, children from nursery through to Year 6 participate in Learning Beyond the Classroom (LBtC) activities, organised in group rotations to ensure all pupils benefit. Forest School is an inspirational process that offers children regular opportunities to explore and develop confidence, independence, and practical skills in a natural outdoor environment. These sessions are carefully designed to develop pupils' skills and knowledge in the outdoors, with Mr Morgan leading on curriculum connections to enrich learning across subjects. To ensure all children can fully engage and stay safe, it is essential that they come to school with **appropriate clothing** and **footwear** for outdoor activities. LBtC experiences like Forest School support not only physical development but also social, emotional, and cognitive growth, fostering a love of nature and enhancing wellbeing.

In line with our vision and values, and supported by the Learning Beyond the Classroom (LBtC) Level 3 qualifications held by Mr Morgan, Mrs Turley, Mr Clayton, and Mrs Underwood, our curriculum continues to interweave rich LBtC opportunities throughout the week. These experiences are carefully designed to enhance pupils' knowledge, skills, and personal development beyond the classroom setting. We encourage you to regularly review the calendar of events below to stay informed about the additional LBtC activities and opportunities offered to enrich your child's learning journey.



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Facebook Posts

We would be grateful for your support in helping us raise the profile of Langdale CE Primary School within our community. Please consider regularly **sharing** our Facebook posts, **commenting** on them, or sharing them within your own groups. Your involvement plays a vital role in spreading the word about the wonderful opportunities we offer, helping us to reach more families and strengthen our school community.

E-Safety

Last term, we held a parent/carer session led by Lee Clarke the **Cyber Crime Investigator for Cumbria Constabulary** and shared the slides from those sessions with parents who were unable to attend. E-safety remains a huge concern and Dame Rachel Mary de Souza DBE, the Children's Commissioner for England has recently published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#). Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play. We request that you spend a few minutes reviewing her publication to further support the safety of your children when online.

Celebrations

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

Class awards:

Zachary – For his brilliant number formation

Olive – For her dedication for her work and involvement in classroom discussions.

Bobby – For always making good choices, in lessons and at break times.

Writing:

Reuben – For his writing about Loki's personality traits, backed up with evidence from the text.

Maths:

Evie G – For supporting her friends when writing numbers.

Louis – For his effort to master long multiplication.

Oak



Little Oak have had a wonderful first week back. Arriving rested and raring to go, they have jumped straight into their learning! In maths and literacy, the children combined their love of storytelling and numbers to sequence the events in Hansel and Gretel. Great fun was had retelling the story with puppets! During our Out and About to Brantwood, they lay down the infamous 'Hansel and Gretel breadcrumb trail'. Fortunately, they



were able to retrace their steps back to the minibus, avoiding any nefarious witches along the way! The children also explored places that are special to them. After planning out their happy places, they set to constructing them using loose parts (and whatever could be found around the classroom.) The conversations the children shared with each other were touching and thoughtful, leading to them making even more connections and links to each other.



This week in KS1, we have begun exploring our new topic, “Who Helps Us?” The children have looked at everyone, from our family and friends to the amazing green helpers who care for our world, including wind turbine engineers and National Trust conservationists! In maths, Year 1 and 2 have wrapped up their 'Shape' unit and are excited to move on to 'Addition and Subtraction (within 100)' next week, building their confidence with numbers even further.

Maple

Maple have hit the ground running this week and have enjoyed exploring all the new topics that we will be covering this half term.

In English, the class have begun exploring the animation ‘The Saga of Biorn’ by using research skills to find out more information about Valhalla and Helheim. Alongside their English work, Maple have begun their class text ‘Loki’ by Louie Stowell. They have spent time analysing the front cover and writing the physical description and character traits of Loki from what they know so far.



In science, year 3 and 4 have begun their sound topic, exploring how we hear things using musical instruments. Year 5 and 6 have been researching ‘The Space Age’ and finding out more information about some of the different space programmes led by different countries.

They also took the opportunity to create spherical objects using the snow and cold temperatures and linking this back to their prior knowledge of the Solar System.



Reminder – Year 3 and 4 will be swimming this half term on a Tuesday afternoon. It is imperative that they have their swimming kit for these sessions.

Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a PE lesson whilst year 3 and 4 are swimming. All of Maple will then have their second PE lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Please can PE kits be in school for these days.

It is also important that children have the correct clothing for when we take our learning out and about. Please can you ensure that your child/ren has a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers and appropriate outdoor footwear for these sessions. These should be left in school all week so that outdoor opportunities can be taken when they arise.

Forthcoming Events

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

Friday 16 th January	Big Schools' Bird Watch EYFS-Year 6 various Activities
Friday 23 rd January	Themed lunch – 'International Day of Education – food that helps the brain'
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th February	National Storytelling Week EYFS - Rhyme, rhythm and wiggles' singalong and story time videos with poet Simon Mole and musician Gecko Year 1/2 - Building stories through sound with Annmarie Anang Years 3-6 - Exploring stories through rap & rhythm with Alim Kamara
Tuesday 3 rd February	Y5/6 Live Lesson on Polar Regions, hosted by WWF and joined by Steve Backshall.
Monday 9 th February	Chinese New Year Curriculum Day – Including themed lunch
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 festive break.

The Langdale Staff Team