



TEBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely half term. As you will be aware, this half term is only 5 weeks which means we have a lot of learning to squeeze in to a short period of time. The children have made a wonderful start this week, displaying positive learning behaviours. This is what we have been up to so far:

STEM Day at Kirkby Stephen Grammar School

The Year 5 and 6 children had an incredible day of innovation, creativity, and discovery when they went to KSGS on Friday 13th February.

In ICT, the children were busy coding and programming robots — developing problem-solving skills and bringing technology to life.

In Maths, they explored the beauty of numbers by creating stunning fractal patterns, combining logic with creativity.

In Science, the children turned into real-life chemists, using red cabbage, students created their own natural indicator to test whether liquids were acidic or alkaline. A colourful (and exciting!) way to investigate chemical reactions.

We are so proud of the curiosity, teamwork, and enthusiasm shown throughout the day.



KS2 Shine at Lacrosse Sporting Event

Eight KS2 pupils were selected to take part in an exciting Lacrosse sporting event held at KSGS on Thursday afternoon, organised by the Eden Valley Sports Partnership. The action-packed session was expertly led by Jo Racle from Cumbria Lacrosse, supported by enthusiastic students from Lancaster University and Sports Leaders from KSGS.

Ninety children from six Eden schools participated, learning new Lacrosse skills before putting them into practice in friendly games. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, embraced the challenge, and relished the chance to meet children from other local schools. As always, their behaviour was exemplary and praised by the event leaders and by Mr Penrice, who accompanied them.

Well done, KS2—you represented Tebay brilliantly!



Year 6 Maths Challenge

On Friday, four Year 6 pupils from each CET primary school came together at William Howard School for the annual CET Maths Challenge. This popular event gives children the opportunity to stretch their thinking, deepen their mathematical understanding, and work collaboratively under friendly competition.

For a small school like ours, it is a fantastic opportunity for our talented mathematicians to compete alongside peers from across the trust. We are incredibly proud of Josh, AJ, Archie and Brooke, who showed great determination, teamwork and problem-solving skill throughout the challenge.

Well done—you did Tebay proud!



World Book Day Costume Swap and Celebrations

World Book Day is one of our favourite days of the year, and we're excited to celebrate again on Thursday 5th March. All pupils and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

To support sustainability and reduce waste, we held a Costume Swap after school on Friday. Families were able to exchange costumes that no longer fit for "new-to-you" outfits. It was a fantastic success—helping the environment, saving money, and encouraging children to immerse themselves in the joy of reading. We plan to continue this tradition annually.

Don't forget to join us for our Book and Brew event on World Book Day at 2:30pm. Come along to share a story with your child, enjoy a warm drink, and spend time with other families. We look forward to seeing you there!

Phonics and reading information session.

Mrs Bland will be holding an information session for parents/guardians of children in nursery to year 2 on Monday 2nd March at 3.30pm in school.

Aims of the session:

- Why reading is important.
- How to support your child with phonics at home.
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Stars of the week:

Week ending Fri 13th Feb.



Luna, Grayson, Lewis and Rocco.



Jacob – for looking after his friends, showing kindness and making sure everyone feels included.

Amelia – for improved effort across the curriculum.

Jack – for super knowledge and resilience in DT with electrical systems.

Franky – for an incredible attitude to all aspects of school life.

Core values:

Week ending Fri 13th Feb:

In recognition of being polite and using manners within school.



Ella, Nick, Annie and Daphne.

In recognition of super attendance and engagement in lessons.



Luna, Ambrose, Austin and Hollie.

Dates for diaries

Mon 2nd March – 3.30pm in school nursery to year 2 parent information session for phonics and reading.

Thurs 5th March – World Book Day, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Parents and friends of the school join us at 2.30pm for a ‘Book and Brew’ listen to your child read and then enjoy a cuppa.

Mon 9th March – FOTS meeting 3.30pm in school.

Mon 23rd and Wed 25th March – Parents evening’s (contact the office to book your slot).

Fri 27th March – 2.30pm celebration assembly. Break up at the normal time. NO after school club.

Tues 14th March – Back to school.