

Learning for Life!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring Term is coming to an end today, and I hope the fantastic weather will stay with us for the next few weeks.

Pupils and staff have embraced a wealth of opportunities this half term. During lunchtimes, our pupils have enjoyed multiple activities and clubs, some of which were run by current and ex-pupil volunteers. Two additional lunchtime sports clubs were brought in, and pupils enjoyed Boccia and Table-top Cricket during lunchtimes.

Archery ran as an after-school sports club, and teachers setup two additional after-school clubs per week for pupils of all ages to trial a variety of clubs. These clubs are currently running without any charges, and we will seek your feedback at the end of the Summer Term.

World Book Day took place on 6th March where pupils and staff celebrated reading and books, many of whom dressed as their favourite book characters. Thank you to all of the families who participated in the photo competition, whereby pictures with the theme of "Reading with Animals" were shared. Secondary pupils created audio stories on the day.

Our Lonsdale Houses competed in a Boccia tournament this half term, and pupils celebrated World Kindness Day, Red Nose Day and World Autism Awareness Day. Classes have enjoyed educational visits to St Hugh & St John Church and participated in sporting events. In addition, a group of six pupils and four members of staff travelled to London to sing at the Royal Albert Hall during the Hertfordshire Gala 2025 on 23rd March.

The School Council chose to support 'The Alfie Jones Foundation' throughout the school year with fundraising events. The school, together with families, has raised a staggering £1100 so far through holding a sponsored Drumbathon, selling home-made snacks and organising a coin-sabotage challenge just before the Easter holidays. In addition, we ended the term with a whole-school Easter-Egg Hunt today, which raised a further £64.50.

We are also looking forward to the Sports Week in May, where pupils will enjoy going sailing and biking again this year. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of our Sports-Week events on 15th and 16th May.

Post 16 have started to plan their Leavers' Prom, and upper-school students are getting ready for the exams season, which starts at the end of April.

At the end of the school year, we have thirteen pupils who will leave Lonsdale, and during the Summer Term, we will welcome the new starters for September to start their transition.

Our staff and pupils have proudly been looking back on a successful half term, and are now looking forward to celebrating Easter with their family and friends.

We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break, and we will see you on our return on Thursday 24th April 2025.

Kind regards,

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