



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 14th November 2025

A word from the Headteacher

We had a wonderful whole school ramble on Thursday in support of Children in Need. The children enjoyed exploring Highfield Park along the pathways, looking at the trees and fungi and stomping through the mud. It really was a boost to our wellbeing and a good chance to give something back to an organisation who support our children and families. Thanks to Mrs Baker for organising and all the parents who came to join us. At the time of writing, we have raised £275 for Children in Need. [Children in Need donations](#)

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

Assembly Theme and Value

This half term we are exploring the themes of **Remembrance and Thankfulness**. We have begun by looking at the stories of those people involved in the Gunpowder plot, the event that we mark on Bonfire Night. We have explored the reasoning behind the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and some of the memorial traditions that take place. We have celebrated children who use prior learning for positive impact and those who understand the importance of learning from the past.

Dogs on site

Please do not bring dogs on to the school site or leave them tied up by the school gates. This can cause distress to members of our school community. Only assistance dogs (e.g. guide dogs) are allowed.

Pantomime fun!

The whole school were treated to a wonderful pantomime performance of Aladdin this week. Children joined in singing, clapping and the traditional panto responses (Oh no he isn't! It's behind you!). Huge thanks to the PTA for their fundraising and organising this event for us. We loved it!

Outdoor classroom day

Last week children took their learning outdoors to benefit from our wonderful grounds as well as the fresh air. Some children worked on maths, others worked on science. We are lucky to have such wonderful outdoor spaces in our school.

Netball matches

Our netball team for this year have got off to a flying start. They are working together incredibly well on the court, making good use of space, using a variety of passes, defending well and cleanly. So far they are undefeated! Look out for some match reports on the news section of the website. We are excited to see how the season continues.

Dates for your Diary:

17 th Nov	Bikeability Y5/6
19 th Nov	Flu Vaccines
20 th Nov	SEN coffee afternoon
10 th to 17 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
28 th Nov	Occasional Day: School closed
5 th Dec	Elfridges event (PTA)
12 th Dec	Rocksteady Concert
13 th Dec	Reception 2026 Stay and play
17 th December	Christmas Lunch
22 nd Dec to 2 nd January	Christmas Holiday
5 th January	INSET (school closed to pupils)
16 th January	Year R, 1/2 cake sale

Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers but can encourage them to share what they have been learning about.

R- What is harvest?

1/2-If you were an explorer, where would you navigate to and why?

3-Can you explain how we see different objects?

4-What is an oxbow lake?

5-Can you name and locate some physical features in South America?

6- What do bible readings/stories such as 'The Prodigal Son' tell us?





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