

Sandside Newsletter

Easter 2026



A Week at the Opera

We really enjoyed Opera week last term. This special week introduced students to the world of opera through engaging activities, music, storytelling, and performance. Pupils had the opportunity to explore different characters, express themselves creatively, and build confidence in a fun and supportive environment. It was a week full of creativity, collaboration, and unforgettable moments.



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Term Dates for 2026

Spring Term Ends	Friday 27th March 2026
Sumer Term Starts	Monday 13th April
Summer Half Term Break	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026
Summer Term Ends	Friday 20th July

Coniston to Barrow 9th May 2026

We are very proud and grateful of all the walkers and runners that help raise £4300 for Sandside by completing the C2B or K2B last May.

We are already getting prepared and excited for the walk on the 9th of May 2026.

If anyone would like to complete the C2B or K2B on behalf of Sandside, please email Hilary Stephenson – hstephenson@sandside.org.uk for more details on how to enter our wonderful team.

Sixth Form Employment Skills

Along with the many enrichment clubs now ran by Sixth form they are also developing their employment skills with work placements at Water Yeat Holiday Cabins as the awesome Cleaning Crew. Students are now demonstrating improved confidence and independence in the various cleaning roles and even started practicing towel origami arrangements!

Sixth form have also being working hard on their careers knowledge and understanding through sessions with Liz Rhodes from Department of Work and Pensions, understanding how hobbies and interests can support skills for different job roles.

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Conishead



Last $\frac{1}{2}$ term, **Conishead** students learned all about dinosaurs. They



explored different types of dinosaurs, discovered what they ate, and

found out how they lived. Pupils took part in a range of

engaging activities, including creative crafts, sensory experiences, and

interactive learning tasks. The topic helped to spark curiosity and

encouraged students to develop their communication and exploration skills.



It was a fun and exciting term filled with discovery and

learning.



Bardsea

Our classroom has been buzzing with excitement as we dove headfirst into the wonders of the rainforest! We've become total experts on these incredible jungles and what it's actually like to live in such a hot, steamy climate. From spotting amazing animals to getting our hands messy with leaf rubbings and vibrant collages, our art skills are reaching new heights. We've also been having a blast with the catchy rhythm and rhyme of the text "Animal Boogie"—it's impossible not to join in! Best of all, we've even been exploring our very own rainforest right here in the classroom. It's been a wild adventure so far!



Ford Park



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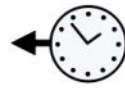


Spring



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Ford park



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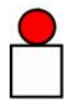
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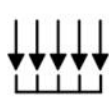
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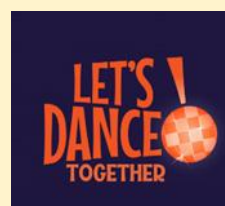


Hoad



Danceathon March 21 days of Dance

We were very excited to invited to take part in the North of England Danceathon and were super proud to share the love of Dance by our Dance Champions Poppy and Flo. Dance has the power to improve our health and wellbeing and it is wonderful to see the impact of this with students in their PE lessons and weekly Dance club. Just keep dancing any where and any how. Have look at the danceathon pages on facebook for a few more details.



Hoad

This spring term in **Hoad** class has been full of exciting learning and discovery. We have explored two fascinating topics, Born to be Unique and Rainforests, where we learned about diversity, wildlife, and the natural world. We were lucky to have lots of animals visit us, which made our learning even more engaging and memorable. We also immersed ourselves in different cultures from around the world, helping us to understand and appreciate how people live in other countries. Throughout the term, we have been curious, asked thoughtful questions, and taken part in many fun and interactive lessons.



Piel



  
Piel have had a fantastic

  
term working on

  
their independence skills



Birkrigg

This term Birkrigg students enjoyed visiting the STEM event at Furness College. They learnt about different local industries and watched an 'explosive' Science show.



New from Fell Foot

We've had a busy term in Fell Foot so far this year. But, don't take my word for it. This is what the students had to say...

Lyndon says:

"I've enjoyed bringing my cat, Lucky into school for my show and tell. I've enjoyed using the computer to research things and have also enjoyed the different topics we've studied in English."

Farren told us:

"I've enjoyed learning about natural disasters in English, and I've also enjoyed learning my times tables and doing the 'Press the Button' challenge."

Lucas said:

"I liked to learn about the Black Death because we played a really fun game about it. I also enjoyed finishing the Demon Slayer books because the ending was so good and the fight was insane. I loved it. I also really enjoyed going to McDonalds because the food is really tasty."

Brandon tells us:

That he really enjoyed science and doing the experiments with balloons and biscuits. He also likes food tech and making and eating pasta.

Dylan:

Really enjoyed Food Tech, where he got to make cookie dough.

Alfie said:

He really enjoyed learning about natural disasters and about 'unnatural' disasters like what happened in the trenches in WWI."

Harry let us know that...

I enjoyed going to the hospital to look around, and that he enjoys making things in Food Tech to take home for his family."



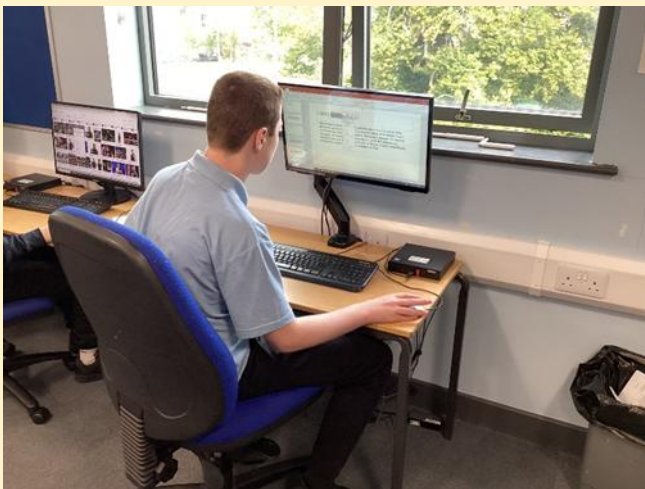
Fell Foot (continued)

Noah said:

He enjoyed watching staff burn his biscuits in Food Tech. He also enjoyed learning about the war, and natural disasters in English, as well as giving his talk on trains.

Kieron said:

He liked English lessons, especially the ones with a link to history. He also said he enjoyed science.



Sport in the Spring

Pupils had a fantastic time representing Sandside at the Furness School Games Panathlon Competition at Furness College on the 4th of March. Pupils worked brilliantly as a team to take turns scoring points in a variety of challenges in different sports such as Boccia, Kurling, Pollybat, Basketball, Bowling and target games.

Well done to everyone who took part, we are super proud of you and thank you to Furness Academy School Games Programme and Panathlon for a wonderful afternoon.



Sport



Lord Taverners Trust Table Cricket Competition

Students worked wonderfully as a team to compete in the Table Cricket Competition and had lots of fun too! Congratulations to everyone that took part and represented Sandside so well.



Secondary Panathalon at Furness College



We had a brilliant time trying out all the different challenges at the Furness School Games Pan-athlon Challenge. Taking it in turns to work as a team to score points in the different activities. Students showed great effort and enthusiasm throughout the event and as always did Sandside School proud.



Park Run and Park Play

It was brilliant to see some students attend the local park run and park play sessions over half term, sharing the joy of being active outside. If you would like to find out more about Park run / walk in your area please get in touch with Hilary or see details on this link - <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/>



Sixth Form – Tuck shop donation to Comic Relief

Super Sixth Form voted unanimously to donate 100 % of their Tuck Shop profits on 19th March to Comic Relief. We also had a photo booth for a 'share a smile' super to see some fabulous staff and students friendly faces. Staff and students generously supported the one off session and raised £61.20. Well done to the Terrific Tuck Shop team and thank you very much to all the fabulous customers.



Cartmel

Chloe. 20.3.26

In citizenship we have been talking about looking after the children, pollution and animals. We have been doing gardening and planting vegetable seeds.



In independent living skills we have been sorting out chairs and cups in the lodge cafe. We went to the Apple pie cafe, Booths and poppies cafe to ask questions.



In Art we learnt about Monet and painted the waterlily bridge with our feet. We learnt about Archimboldo and made our faces into spring, summer, autumn and winter.



I am an eco champion and in our meeting we talked about making compost, recycling and growing our own vegetables.



Written by Chloe J

Cartmel

Written by Rhys Lowery in 6th form.

I have been a busy boy. I have cleaned the lodge cafe and made tables. We have done lots of recycling to look after the environment and we had some animals to visit.



Cartmel

Written by Oliver Shaw

This term 6th form have been very busy.

We have unsuited lots of cafes Booths, Poppies Starbucks Apple Pie cafe to get some cafe experience for when our very own lodge cafe opens. We celebrated world book day. I dressed up as a firefighter.

We have been in charge of recycling this term. We take it to the recycling centre in Ulverston. On Friday in leisure I swim at Ulverston leisure centre. In Employment we clean the cabins at crake valley. We had an animal day lots of animals visited. I enjoyed Ginger the Guinea pig. In sing and sign we have preformed the round house cafe on Walney Island and St Mary's community centre.



Cartmel—Ayla

This term I have enjoyed making cakes, looking at animals, listening to that's not my bunny and opera week.
By Ayla 6th Form.



Cartmel—Findlay



Every money we went to crake valley to help clean the cabins, to help build life skills. We Hoovered, cleaning sorting the laundry.



in march we visited Furness college to a STEM event. There was lots of interactive stalls, making DNA, we drove the car on the computer game and attempted to sort the code to release the sweets...Which I did 😊

Tea and Cakes Coming Soon at The Lodge Cafe



Boccia Competition

Congratulations to our brilliant Boccia Team for their excellent performance at the School Games Secondary Boccia Competition at QES. The team showed super sportsmanship and commitment to the game and made new friends with some Furness College students too! Well done everyone and thank you to Hannah Paling for another well organised and enjoyable event.



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