



NEWSLETTER



18th DECEMBER 2025

As this is our final newsletter of the year, I'd like to take the opportunity, on behalf of everyone at Bookwell School, to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas 🎄

We continue to reflect on what really matters and to look for ways to improve, so that we can offer you and your children a high-quality learning environment where enjoyment sits at the heart of everything we do. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I'd also like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year — here's to a wonderful 2026 ahead!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARY

SCHOOL CLOSURES – FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 1:30PM – EARLY COLLECTION
SCHOOL REOPENS – 08:45 WED 7TH JANUARY 2026

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you, to everyone for their help, donations and support at the Christmas Fair. We raised an amazing £1800!

ABSENCE POLICY

If your child is ill or needs to be collected early for an appointment, please call or email the office on 01946 820408 or admin@bookwell.cumbria.sch.uk. We cannot guarantee messages sent on Seesaw will be passed on as teachers may be busy.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

This term, we will be sending home some information about attendance to help keep everyone informed. These letters are simply to share your child's current attendance and to remind us all of the importance of regular school attendance in supporting children's learning and wellbeing. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping children be in school, on time, every day.

TRACKING SANTA

On Christmas Eve, you can follow Santa and where he is in the world using the radar tracking system. It is a wonderful and very exciting site, particularly as Santa approaches us and can be found at: www.noradsanta.org

TECHNOLOGY

Many children might receive a new phone or tablet or games console over Christmas. I thought it would be useful to share a link to our website which has advice on how to set up parental controls and age restrictions on both Apple and Android. I hope you find them useful.

ELF YOURSELF

You can make elf dancing videos with up to 5 people in for free by visiting www.elfyourself.com or download the app to your phone. By manipulating photos, the elves can sing and dance in a number of different scenarios.

SANTA VIDEO

Another good web site where you can make a video with Santa can be found at; www.portablenorthpole.com Santa and his elves will speak directly to you once all details have been registered. Please ensure you follow the 'FREE' links for an exciting experience rather than the 'Premium'.

Y2 FAMILY LUNCH

Tuesday 13th January 2026 @11:30am

Please complete your meal choice by following this link

[FAMILY LUNCH Y2 - TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2026 – Fill in form](#)

LOTTERY

Congratulations to last week's lottery winner, Miss Frost. For more information and to play through our page, please follow this link. The next draw takes place on 20th December. Please don't forget to renew your numbers when you get a reminder.

EGREMONT RANGERS

2026 TRAINING



**2026 TRAINING BEGINS IN JANUARY
ALL PLAYERS OLD AND NEW WELCOME!**

**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION
FACEBOOK - EGREMONT RANGERS YOUTH
INSTAGRAM - @EGREMONTRANGERS.YOUTH**

COPELAND STADIUM MONDAYS

U6 & U7 17.00 - 18.00

U10, U11 & GIRLS U12 - U16 18.00 - 19.00

COPELAND STADIUM WEDNESDAYS

U8 & U12 17.00-18.00

EGREMONT RUGBY UNION THURSDAYS

U9 17.00-18.00

When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to...

MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

1 EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!



WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

2 THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST?

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs - no more pining for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizzard.



3 DECK THE HALLS

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.



7 A WINTER'S TALE

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an engrossing yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.



9 BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.



10 GUESS WHAT I FORGOT?

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.



4 A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide - curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!



5 THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.



6 KIDS FROM ONE TO 92

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.



8 CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents - and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Scouts 

1st Egremont Scout Group

Has places in all sections

4-6 year olds 4.30-5.30 Thursday

Squirrels

BEAVERS

6-8 year olds Fridays

5.00-6.15 p.m

8-10 year olds
Thursdays

cubs

5.45-7.00 p.m.

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10-14 year olds

Thursdays 7.00- 8.30

Why don't you get in touch, come along and join in
the fun.

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