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This term has been longer than usual and we have fitted a lot into every week. We are now ready to enjoy our Easter holidays and look forward to the summer term where our learning theme will be about Vikings.

Lisette Auton came back to school along with Louise from the November Club to spend the day to follow up on the interactive theatre experience in March. She was full of praise for how amazing our children are and their strong, caring values which underpin what they say and do. Photos from the performances are now on our website and can be seen here: https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/home_from_home_-_theatre_experience/708782

On Tuesday we really enjoyed our RE day where the theme was food and Christianity. We talked about how important food is in so many of the events in the Christian calendar and started our day marking Easter by making some simnel muffins. We decorated them with eleven marzipan balls to represent Jesus' disciples. We then found out about the significance of fish in Christianity and set about trying to make five thousand fish! We used the story of the last supper to think carefully and share our thoughts about friendship - the children were so kind with their pictures and comments about why their friends are so special to them. We ended the day with a visit to Lowick Church where Rev. Alex led our Easter service. The children were incredible - they sang so beautifully, read their prayers and voiced their reflections on their learning throughout the day.



On Holy Island, we were invited to make some new fish for the Fisherman's Altar at St Mary's Church. Revd. Kay Blackwell and Frances from Marygate came into school and the children used their creative skills to embellish & decorate some silver and copper fish. They added some special acidic ink to the fish to change the colour of the fins & gills. The results were magnificent and will look wonderful when they're nestled in the net around the altar.



End of term assembly / performance at school

This week was also our chance to say goodbye to Mrs Bradbury after she has been the caretaker here for many years. The children put on a performance of Chicken Licken and Caribbean music as well as making her artwork to remember us by. We wish her all the very best and well done to all the children for putting on a lovely show.

Easter egg decoration competition

Thank you for all the lovely decorated eggs we have had in school. Our winners are...

Nursery - Arlo and runner up Sofia

Class 1 - Polly and runner up Violet

Class 2 - Darcie and runner up Ellis



Bikeability

Two of our staff have been trained to lead bikeability in school and we are planning to run sessions on **Tuesday afternoons next half term**. This will be available for all children who wish to take part and they will be split into three groups by ability and confidence on a bike. We have some balance bikes and a couple of next stage bikes in school if it is tricky for your child to bring their own bike into school.

We appreciate that Holy Island children may need to take precedence in borrowing school bikes in this situation as they come over in the school people carrier - however with our small numbers there should be scope to share. Please look out for a separate letter from Mrs Strangeways explaining more about it.

Dates for your diary

Easter holiday is from **14th April** for two weeks.

Summer term begins on **Monday 28th April** - please note no clubs on the first week back. Child care available - please let the school office know.



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Monday 5th May - bank holiday - school is closed

Thursday 8th May - 80th anniversary of VE Day. We are planning a celebration picnic lunch and parents / carers and families are welcome to join us. More information to follow nearer the time.

Week beginning 12th May - SingFest week finishing with concert on Saturday 17th May - more information to follow. We hope to be taking part in a workshop during the school week as part of this on Thursday 15th May in the morning.

Friday 16th May - skipping workshop for class 1 and class 2

Half term holiday the week beginning **26th May and Monday 2nd June** - Teacher training day - no children in school

Thursday 5th June - Countryside Day - whole school trip

Monday 16th June - whole school trip to the Great North Museum in Newcastle.

Pencil in: **Friday 20th June** - Etal cricket festival with other local schools

Friday 27th June - main school children will be walking the poles to Holy Island, as we do every other year.

Friday 4th July - whole school visiting Holy Island. Viking themed morning and beach cricket in the afternoon.

Monday 7th July - whole school reward trip to Whitehouse Farm - we will be slightly late back - 3.30pm

Monday 14th July - Summer fair and sports afternoon (Wednesday 16th is our back up date)

Tuesday 15th July - Skipping festival in Berwick - class 2

Friday 18th July - 1.30pm end of year assembly and blessing