



# Newsletter

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## BUSY TIMES AT BOWNESS!

There has been so much happening at school over the last couple of weeks that the mantra has been, "It's good to be busy!"

One-off happenings have included:

- Bowness School being in the news following contact from the Minister for Schools about our high standards;
- Roman workshops from Tullie House staff for the Ospreys;
- Spectacular workshops with the Royal Northern College of Music;
- A 1-hour silence for our school charity;
- A packed World Book Day, complete with a range of events and many, many teddies!



## ATTENDANCE

Most of the coughs have cleared and we are now back to match fitness and excellent attendance. Thank you for all of your efforts in support of this.

Week beginning Monday 4th March

Owls: 100% Ospreys: 100% Kestrels: 100%

Week beginning Monday 11th March

Owls: 100% Ospreys: 99% Kestrels: 99%



# More Happenings...



## CHARITY

Our children enjoyed taking part in a sponsored silence in aid of Cumbria Cerebral Palsy. The staff enjoyed it even more!

We are now accepting sponsorship so please send it to school in a clearly-marked envelope.

Thanks to everyone who has agreed to sponsor a child - this will make a difference in the lives of many local people.

## RESIDENTIAL!

Children in the Kestrels have been packing their suitcases in preparation for their exciting visit to Barcaple Outdoor Centre for a week of adventures!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page next week for updates of what they get up to.



# Our Governors

## ROLE OF THE GOVERNORS

We are fortunate to have a dynamic and committed governing body who have the best interests of our pupils at heart. They possess a range of skills and experience which provide the means to guide our school with expertise.

School governors do a vitally important job for our school.

Their key areas of responsibility include (but are not limited to):

- Setting our strategic direction;
- Holding school leadership to account;
- Setting our vision and values;
- Overseeing financial performance;
- Supporting and challenging the school to continuously improve;
- Overseeing the development of key policies;
- Appointing members of staff.

The governing board operates on a democratic basis. Decision-making follows a robust process in order to ensure the best possible outcomes.

## WHO ARE OUR GOVERNORS?

The governing board currently consists of:

Rachael Holliday (Chair)	Gill Barker (Vice Chair)
Stuart Walsh (ex officio)	Becca Edwards (staff)
Ian Grainger	Claire McCaul
Charlotte Cox	Victoria Kent
Nicola Moore	Paul Armstrong

The clerk to governors is Elizabeth Cozens.

## MAKING CONTACT

For day-to-day classroom matters, e.g. questions about homework, please contact the relevant class teacher. For school admin matters, e.g. making payments, contact Mrs Cozens in her role as school administrator. If you wish to discuss any matters regarding the operational processes in school, the correct person to contact is Mr Walsh.

In the event that you wish to further elevate a matter or request an agenda item for the next governor meeting, please contact the governors through Mrs Cozens in her role as clerk.

# Upcoming Events



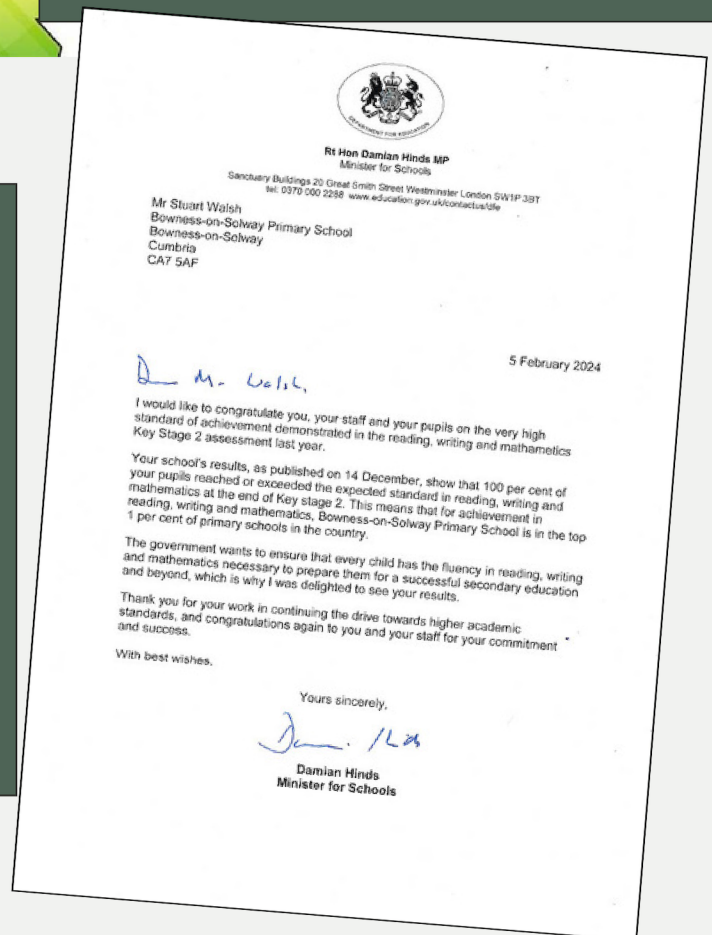
## DIARY DATES

18th-22nd March - Barcaple week  
Wed 20th March - Owls Class visit to Maryport Aquarium  
Tue 26th March - Parent Consultation Evening  
Thu 28th March - Last day of the spring term  
Tue 16th April - First day of the summer term  
Mon 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday  
Tue 21st May - Sports Day

## CORRESPONDENCE

If you follow our Facebook page, you will have seen the letter from the Rt Hon. Damian Hinds MP, the Minister for Schools who writes that, "...Bowness-on-Solway Primary School is in the top 1 per cent of primary schools in the country."

We are so proud of everyone involved in our school community!



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OUR SCHOOL:

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