

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL

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WEEKLY SNIPPETS

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Today has been a different and hopefully memorable day for our children!

As you may be aware, today, Sir David Attenborough is 100! We has capitalised on this unique opportunity to study and celebrate our world and the nature we can find within it...

Class teachers have allowed the children to choose activities linked to deepening their knowledge and understanding of our world and the amazing life it contains. In assembly yesterday, we talked about Sir David's career in natural history television and we watched the amazing scene of a blue whale diving from his 'Blue Planet' series. As you would expect, the children were in awe of the footage and it really captured their imaginations. Today some classes took the message of 'Think global; act local' and did activities in their local environment to celebrate and support nature and wildlife...Lightburn Park has been thoroughly 'litter picked' and keep your eyes peeled for secret celebration pebbles in Ford Park this weekend!

Developing love and respect for nature is so important for our children as they grow up. Sharing with them international projects that they can begin to understand such as the sustainable development goals from the United Nations is a great way to raise their awareness of the world in which they live in.

We hope they talk about these and other aspects of their learning with you at home with excitement and enthusiasm!
Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr. Reddy and the SJB Team!

Dates for Diaries:
Week commencing:
Monday 11th May 2026

MON	<p>Mr Maher is cancelling all of his clubs because of Year 6 SATs.</p> <p>Multi Sports Y3&Y4 3.15pm-4.00pm Coach Tom</p>
TUES	
WED	<p><u>Athletics Club</u>- All KS2 welcome-8.00am Mr Maher- SATS</p> <p><u>Springwatch Club</u> 3:15pm-4:15pm Miss Skarzynska- CANCELLED</p>
THUR	<p><u>Rugby/Dodgeball Club</u>- KS2 - 8.00am Mr Maher SATs</p> <p><u>Performing Arts Club</u> 3.15pm-4.15pm Mrs Daley</p>
FRI	<p><u>Running Club</u> KST & KS2 - 8.00am Mr Maher</p> <p><u>Football Y3&Y4</u> 3.15-4.00pm Coach Jack</p> <p>Multi-Sport Y5 & Y6 3.15-4.00pm Mr Maher</p>



THIS WEEK'S PLAY UPDATE:

A short, but fun week this week! We've enjoyed our new 'grind box' addition to our scooter area. Some children have also enjoyed trying out their bike skills over the ramps. Creativity in the mud kitchen continues - see below for our request for smelly plants! We're looking to improve our plants and garden area over the next few months.



Donations of smelly plants!



The chefs in our mud kitchen need more ingredients! We would be extremely grateful for donations of any of the following plants - shop bought or from your garden: basil, lavender, chives, lemon balm, sage, rosemary, thyme or mint. Also busy lizzie or petunia bedding plants welcome!

Dates for Diaries

Lots more to follow, please keep checking...

11th-14th May: 2026 KS2 SATS

19th May: Choir performing in Ulverston Market

20th May: PTA Disco

20th May: Year 2 Town Trail

22nd May: Break up for half-term

1st June: Summer Term two begins

3rd June: Year 2 visit to Sir John Barrow Cottage

5th June : KS2 Sports Day

10th June: Y3 Manchester trip

19th June KS1 Sports Day

24th June: Year 5 AmaSing performance

26th June PTA Summer Fair

2nd July: Y1 & Y2 Trip to Holker Hall

7th July: Y5 Art Day - Felting

9th July: Y5 & Y6 Trip to Grasmere

17th July: Break up for Summer holidays

Sir John Barrow School PTA - Ulverston



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Furness Primary Federation

Federation Business Support Officer

Purpose of the Role

To provide high-quality business, administrative, HR, financial and governance support across the Furness Primary Federation. The postholder will ensure efficient systems, accurate data management, effective communication, and compliant processes that enable the smooth running of the Federation and its schools.

Key Responsibilities

1. Governance, Communication & Meeting Management

- Liaison with Federation headteachers, staff and governors.
- Organise, coordinate and minute Federation meetings, panels and working groups.
- Prepare agendas, papers and records of actions and decisions.

2. Administrative Systems & Data Management

- Manage cloud-based Federation file storage.
- Maintain staff, pupil and governor data across the Federation.
- Support schools with MIS data returns and compliance submissions.
- Ensure all data is managed in line with GDPR.

3. HR, Safer Recruitment & Workforce Administration

- Support recruitment processes including advertising, communication and interview coordination.
- Complete safer recruitment documentation and DBS checks.
- Maintain personnel files, contracts and the Single Central Record.

4. Finance, Procurement & Resource Management

- Process invoices, track expenditure and assist with reconciliation.
- Support procurement of services and ensure best value.
- Prepare financial summaries and support monitoring of budgets and grants.

5. Strategic & Operational Project Support

- Support cross-school timetabling of shared staff.
- Organise Federation events and training days.
- Assist with bid writing and grant funding applications.
- Support Federation-wide development projects.

6. Compliance & Policy Support

- Maintain compliance records and support statutory returns.
- Assist with policy implementation and quality assurance processes.
- Ensure safeguarding, financial and HR processes are followed where applicable.

Qualifications, Experience & Skills

- Experience in business administration, finance or HR.
- Strong communication and organisational skills.
- High-level ICT capability including cloud systems and spreadsheets.
- Knowledge of GDPR, safeguarding and safer recruitment.
- Ability to work independently and across multiple sites.

For further information for this
vacancy please click [here](#)

Sir John Barrow School: Every School Day Matters!

100%	0 days off school	Perfection
99%	Equals 2 days off in the school year	Excellent
97%	Equals 5 days off in the school year	Good
95%	Equals 10 days off in the school year	Concerned
90%	Equals 20 days off in the school year	Very concerned (persistent absence)
85%	Equals 30 days off in the school year	Serious concern (persistent absence and possible court action)

Be on time!

Remember:

'In through the gates and
don't be late!'



Let's Get Cooking

Ulverston Best Start Family Hub, Lund Terrace,
LA12 9BE

Tuesday 26th May 1:30-3:00pm

Join us at Ulverston Best Start Family Hub for a fun healthy cooking session.

You will make your own pizza from scratch with a joint salad and fruity yogurt (all ingredients provided). Play our snack game and guess the amount of sugar along with other fun active play. You can then enjoy eating your tasty food with your new friends or take it home for later.

Suitable for children aged 5-11 with an accompanying adult.

Booking essential, please contact us

E: slakesfamilyhubs@cumbria.gov.uk
T: 01539 713070





**Westmorland
& Furness
Council**

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Your community is calling for a **20mph speed limit**

Have your say

Your Parish Council has provisionally secured funding through Westmorland and Furness Council to reduce the speed limit in your area to 20mph, to promote safer roads, reduce vehicle noise and enhance the environment for more walking and cycling.

Speed limits will only be reduced to 20mph if your wider community supports the scheme.

Have your say on the proposal by completing the Council's consultation before Friday 22 May

- Online at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph
- At Kendal, Ulverston and Windermere Libraries
- In selected public buildings within your community

You can also share your views with the Westmorland and Furness 20mph team at:

- Monday 27 April, 3pm to 6pm at Coronation Hall, Ulverston
- Wednesday 29 April, 3pm to 6pm at The Masonic Hall, Kirkby Stephen
- Thursday 30 April, 3pm to 6pm at the Marchesi Centre, Windermere
- Tuesday 5 May, 3pm to 6pm at Penrith Library
- Wednesday 6 May, 3pm to 6pm at Walney Community Centre
- Wednesday 13 May, 3pm to 6pm at Barrow Town Hall

To view the proposals and find out more, visit

www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph.



**Scan here for
more information**





Key Changes Proposed in the White Paper

We would like your view as a parent or carer on these government proposals, and how they could best be delivered in Westmorland and Furness.

- 1. The government aims to ensure support will be clearer and more consistent** - The reforms aim to make this more **fair and predictable**, so you know what help your child should receive wherever you live
- 2. Your child will get help earlier** - The white paper places a big emphasis on **early identification** and **early intervention**, so problems don't build up over time
- 3. Every child with additional needs will have an Individual Support Plan (ISP)** - The reforms introduce **legally required digital ISPs** for all children with additional needs - not just those with an EHCP
- 4. Support comes in three levels** - The new system will have three tiers of support, depending on your child's needs:
 - **Targeted:** Small-group teaching or help with speech, language or sensory needs.
 - **Targeted Plus:** Access to specialists (e.g., Educational Psychologists, Speech & Language Therapists).
 - **Specialist:** For children with the most complex needs, supported through an EHCP or specialist placement.
- 5. EHCPs stay** - but will be streamlined - EHCPs will continue to support children with the most complex needs, but the process will become **digital and more standardised** from 2030
- 6. There will be more specialist places and specialist support** - The government is investing in **new specialist school places**, plus Inclusion Bases in mainstream schools. This means:
 - More appropriate places for children whose needs are not easily met in mainstream classes.
 - More support available in your child's regular school.
- 7. Schools must publish an Inclusion Strategy** - Every school will have to show clearly how they support children with SEND by publishing an **Inclusion Strategy**, replacing the old SEN Information Report. This means:
 - You can more easily compare schools.
 - You'll know exactly what your child's school should be offering

Full information is available here:

Link to [White Paper](#)

Link to [Easy Read Version](#)

Link to [Consultation](#)





Westmorland and Furness
SEND Partnership

We are working to transform SEND and would like your views as a SEND parent or carer, to help shape our local plan in response to the National SEND Reform Consultation

This is your opportunity to be involved in the discussions, where your voice really matters.

Tuesday 28 April 2026 - 10am - 11am

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/341080884677429?p=7y2YmkMmUvIbDVEiV>

Meeting ID: 341 080 884 677 429 Passcode: ma9LK6Ky

Tuesday 28 April 2026 - 12pm - 1pm

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/362939489233758?p=5F56ILYbgO7iUcvy2Y>

Meeting ID: 362 939 489 233 758 Passcode: ho98U5Go

Tuesday 28 April 2026 - 7pm - 8pm

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/399878457795577?p=OP23VBmNrELKmqSWWy>

Meeting ID: 399 878 457 795 577 Passcode: So65fq2a

We will not be able to discuss individual circumstances during the session.

Joining instructions:

- Download the TEAMS app (free) to your laptop or phone
- Click on the live link above, if prompted add in the Meeting ID and passcode
- Sometimes the link takes you straight through, so press the 'Join Now' button.

Westmorland and Furness SEND Partnership are working with CONTACT associates to build the new strategic parent carer forum, this will provide ongoing opportunities for you to be involved in the strategic planning of SEND services. Please email SENDPartnership@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk for more information and to get involved.

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