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### 31st January 2025

This week we enjoyed learning and celebrating the Lunar New Year or Chinese New Year on Wednesday. The children know the story of the great race of the animals to set the zodiac and which year we are now in (the snake!) We had a delicious Chinese lunch thanks to Olive with special decorations made by the art club children as well as fortune cookies.

We also looked at how to write 'Happy New Year' in Mandarin and the children were challenged to make a giant snake from one end of the school to another - always a good way to help them practice their problem solving and team working skills! In music, Mrs Cochrane explained about the Chinese music scales and the children performed a song with instruments. Please see photos and a video of our day on our website.





This week the children have been learning about morse code as part of their codebreaker project. We were able to send messages between our Lowick and Holy Island school sites. We have also recorded some morse code messages for children at Branton Primary School who we sometimes do projects with - you may remember we joined them for forest school and they joined us for beach school last year. In design technology the children are designing and making their own marble runs.



## Holy Island visit

We are taking the whole school including nursery to Holy Island on Tuesday 18th February. The children will need suitable outdoor clothing on that day. We will begin our time on the island at 10.30am with a prayer spaces type outdoor worship session on the beach near St Mary's church, across from St Cuthbert's island. You are welcome to join us for this aspect of the day.

During the rest of the day we will be doing work on science and geography, thinking about rocks, cliffs and coastal areas in anticipation of our learning theme for next half term which is 'Coasts and Islands'. Children will need a packed lunch or a 'grab & go' lunch from school as we will be on the island most of the day. We will be back in Lowick for our usual finish time of 3pm.

## Candlemas at Lowick church this Sunday

This Sunday (2nd February) there will be a family service for Candlemas at Lowick church (St John the Baptist) at 9.15am. Rev Alex tells me that they will be taking the crib down as part of this service. Everyone is very welcome.

## Dates for your diary

**Friday 7th February** - community lunch in school

**Tuesday 18th February** - whole school visit to Holy Island

**Friday 21st February** - STEM Day - The Code Show (this will include a drop in session for parents and the community after school) <https://thecodeshow.info/>

Spring half term holiday is the week commencing **24th February**

**Thursday 6th March** - World Book Day

**Tuesday 11th March to Wednesday 12th March** - year 4 residential at Ford Castle

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



## Community Lunch

### at Lowick CE School

**12pm on Friday 7th February**

We would like to invite the community to share a lunch with us at Lowick school to develop links between our school and our local communities on both Lowick and Holy Island.

**SPACES ARE LIMITED - PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO BOOK BY 24TH JAN**  
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