



TJS Newsletter - 5 September 2025

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year!

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Start of Term Message from Mrs Maxwell



Firstly, on behalf of the staff and Governors, 'welcome back!' We hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year ahead. The start of the new academic year is always an exciting time, full of promise and anticipation. It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children into

school. We would especially like to welcome our Year 3 children and other new starters to Thomlinson Junior School along with their families. We hope we can establish a supportive, working relationship together to ensure your child has the very best education.

I also wanted to thank you for the support you have given us with the Thomlinson Junior School uniform. The children all look very smart! We do have spare uniform in school and we are more than happy to support families in ensuring everyone wears the correct uniform. We are also aware of the cost of uniform and that is the reason we do not allow branded clothes especially for PE. Our uniform policy includes no make-up to be worn including – coloured lip gloss, mascara (coloured or clear) and fake tan. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Please ensure you have a link to your child's Class Dojo and the School Dojo, teachers will provide lots of information via this platform - for new starters, please complete the form on Parentmail with your registration details and a link will be sent to you soon.

If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to get in touch with me. I am available via Dojo messenger, telephone or face to face.

Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for this week was 98.16% - an excellent start!

School Arrival



We will continue to allow parents and carers to bring their children into the playground on a morning, until Friday, 12th September. As the children continue to settle in, from 15th September (or sooner if your child is happy to do so) we would ask that children are brought to the school gate and they will walk into school themselves. There are plenty of staff at the gate and in the playground to direct children into their classrooms.

Parents and carers will still be able to collect children from the playground after school.

Please share this with anyone else who may bring your child to school or collect them.

School Uniform & PE Kit

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember to put your child's full name (not initials) in every piece of uniform and PE kit. We get lots of lost property and it is difficult to reunite it with the correct child if it is not named.

Bicycles



If your child is bringing their bike to school, it is essential that they wear a helmet. They should also get off their bike and walk, pushing their bike, once they arrive at the school gate. We do not allow bikes or scooters to be ridden in school grounds.

PE/Games and Swimming



Please can we remind you that no earrings are permitted on days when children have PE/Games or Swimming. All earrings **must** be removed for these lessons. The only exception is when they have been recently pierced (usually around the first 6 weeks), in which case children must come to school with earrings already taped over. This is for the Health & Safety of your child and others.

Please support us by removing your child's earrings before school on PE/Games/Swimming days if they aren't able to remove them themselves.

Children will not be allowed to take part in their PE/Games/Swimming lessons unless earrings are removed (or taped over before they come to school if recently pierced).

Thank you for your support.

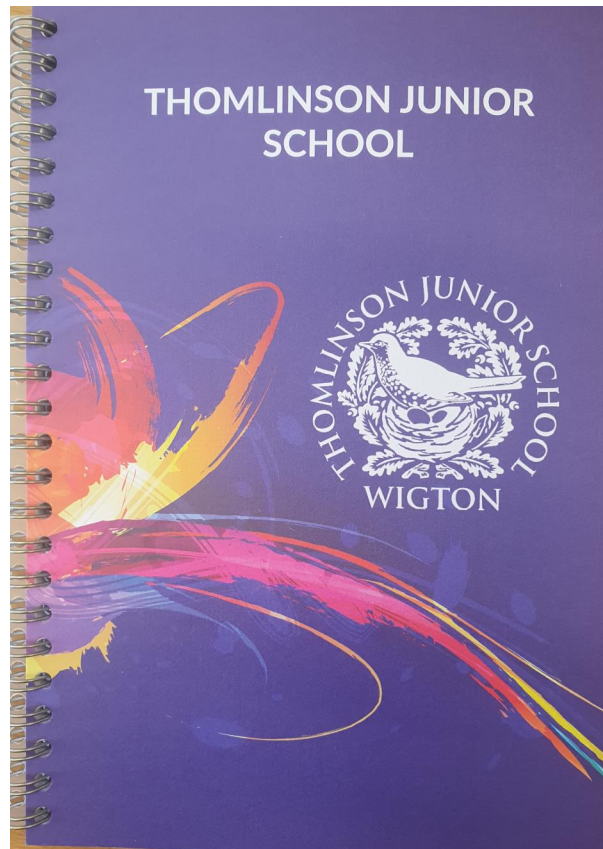
OPAL Play



In assembly today, we talked to children about OPAL playtimes. Unless the weather is awful, children will be outside during morning break and lunchtimes - even in the rain! It is essential that ALL children bring a waterproof jacket with them EVERY DAY, even if the weather is looking good.

It would be ideal if every child also has a pair of wellies, to be left at school. These should be clearly named. Children will only be allowed to play on the grass when it is wet if they have wellies to wear.

Planners



Children have been given one of our new style planners to record homework, reading etc. It is essential that they bring it to school with them every day. These should be looked after carefully, as if they lose theirs, you will be asked to pay for a replacement.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



Please see the letter sent by Parentmail regarding nasal flu vaccinations to be given in school to all children with a completed consent, on Tuesday, 21st October. There is no paper form this year. Please follow the instructions on the letter.

Please click on the following link;-

<https://www.cumbriaschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and this will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete using the following school code **CM112125**. The link will close 3 days prior to the session date. It is essential that you complete the consent form as we do not have access to the system to know who needs a reminder.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Water Bottles



It is essential that all children have a named water bottle with them each day. We would appreciate your support.

Health & Safety - Outdoor Gym



When you are bringing your child to school or collecting them at the end of the day, it is essential that younger children do **NOT** play on our outdoor gym area. The equipment is not safe for younger children and we show our pupils how to use the equipment safely. All younger children must be closely supervised by the adult with them please. Please share this with anyone who collects your child.

NUTS!



We noticed before summer that some pupils were bringing nuts for snacks or in their packed lunches. Please note, as a school we have a strict 'NO-NUTS' policy. This is to safeguard those attending or working in our school who have a severe, possible life-threatening nut allergy. Please support us by ensuring your child does not bring nuts, or anything containing nuts, to school.

Governor Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Co-opted Governor.

If you are interested in this position and have the skills and experience that can support our school, please contact Mrs K Myers on sbm@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk¹.

¹<mailto:sbm@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk>

Parents/Carers Information Meetings in September



We will be holding some Parents/Carers Information Meetings. This will give you a chance to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, and hear more about curriculum expectations, behaviour, homework, rewards, trips and residential. The evenings will start in the school hall, then move to individual classrooms. They will be held on the following dates:-

Year 4 - Thursday, 11th September - 3.30pm

Year 5 - Thursday, 18th September - 3.30pm

Year 6 - Thursday, 11th September - 5.30pm

Guitar, Piano & Violin Lessons



Letters have been sent to all those who have been allocated places in the piano, guitar and violin lessons, together with details of when lessons will be held and payment deadlines. It would help us enormously if payments could be made before the deadline please.

Violin Lessons - these will be held on Mondays, starting 8th September., taught by Miss McLellan.

Guitar Lessons - these will be held on Thursdays, starting 11th September, taught by Mr Keeling. Children need their own guitar.

Piano Lessons - these will be held on Wednesdays, starting 17th September, taught by Mrs Waddell.

There are still places available for new violin pupils in Years 4, 5 or 6 - please contact us if your child is interested and we will tell you more. Guitar and Piano Lessons are full.

Year 6 - Young Voices 2026



Re Year 6 Young Voices Event... the deadline for payment of the £15 non-refundable deposit was **16th July 2025** and the remaining £25 balance by 30th September 2025. Please can all overdue deposits be paid urgently and balances by the end of September.

School Meals and Dinner Money



Thank you to those who have already paid for their child's school meals. We do ask for payments to be kept up-to-date please, on a regular basis. For those who wish to pay for a full half term in one go, this half term is 38 days and the cost is £87.40.

If your balance owing goes too high, we will send a letter asking for the balance to be fully cleared within 7 days, however if the full balance is not cleared as requested we may ask you to start sending your child with packed lunches.

Please remember that we require a week's notice if your child wishes to change from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa. Any changes must be notified to the school office by telephone on 016973 42432, or by email to office@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk². If you do not notify us of changes, you will still be charged for school meals.

Year 6 London Trip Update



A payment item has been set up for the year 6 pupils who are attending the London Residential next year.

The £50 deposit is due by 19th September please.

Staff Long Service



At the start of this term we had 3 members of staff celebrating long service, and they each received flowers from school.

²<mailto:office@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk>

Ms Pearson celebrated 30 years of continuous service working for Cumberland Council and TJS. Mrs Brown and Mrs Paisley also celebrated 25 years continuous service at TJS.

We are very grateful for their commitment to our school and the children.

Dates for your Diary

9 September	Open Evening at Nelson Thomlinson School for Yr 6, 5pm-7pm
11 September	3.30pm – Year 4 Parents/Carers Information Meeting
11 September	5.30pm – Year 6 Parents/Carers Information Meeting
18 September	3.30pm – Year 5 Parents/Carers Information Meeting
30 September	Year 4 Trip to The Roman Army Museum & Vindolanda
1 October	Year 6 REACT Science Show at Lakes College
17 October	Tempest Photographer in School – Individual & Family Photos
21 October	Annual Flu Vaccinations for pupils
27 to 31 October	Half Term
6 November	Parents Evening
13 November	Parents Evening
12 December	School Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 1.45pm
19 December 2025	Last day of Autumn Term
22 Dec to 6 Jan 2026	Christmas Holiday
7 January 2026	Children back to school for Spring Term
5 February 2026	Year 6 Young Voices Trip to Manchester
16 to 20 February 2026	Half Term
5 March 2026	Parents Evening
12 March 2026	Parents Evening
27 March 2026	Final day of Spring Term
30 March to 10 April 2026	Easter Holiday
13 April 2026	Children back to school for Summer Term
28 to 29 April 2026	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Life Science Centre, Newcastle
4 May 2026	Bank Holiday
11 to 14 May 2026	Year 6 SATS
25 to 29 May 2026	Half Term
4 to 5 June 2026	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
16 to 19 June 2026	Year 6 London Residential
29 & 30 June 2026	Year 6 Transition Days at The Nelson Thomlinson School
17 July 2026	End of Summer Term
20 July to 1 Sept 2026	Summer Holiday
2 September 2026	Start of Autumn Term 2026

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