



TJS Newsletter - 3 October 2025

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Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 94.19% and for this week was 96.48%.

Safety in our School Car Park



DO NOT DRIVE FAST

Over the last couple of weeks we have noticed some cars coming into our school car park, driving far too fast, to collect children from after-school club. We would like to request that people SLOW DOWN as we do not want to see any accidents. There may be other vehicles and pedestrians who are at risk from this careless driving.

Cash 4 Kids - Mission Christmas



This Christmas, hundreds of thousands of children will be living in poverty across the UK. Many are at risk of waking up with nothing under the tree because Christmas is a luxury their families simply can't afford.

Mission Christmas is here to change that. They're getting ready to help Santa reach children who might receive nothing – making sure they have something special to open on Christmas morning.

If your child is at risk of receiving no Christmas gifts at all, please let us know by emailing the school office on office@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk¹ or you can message Mrs Maxwell on ClassDojo. We will then put a referral through to Cash4Kids for your child (we give them the gender and age of your child but no names). All requests will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Please let us know by Friday, 15th October.

Overdue Forms



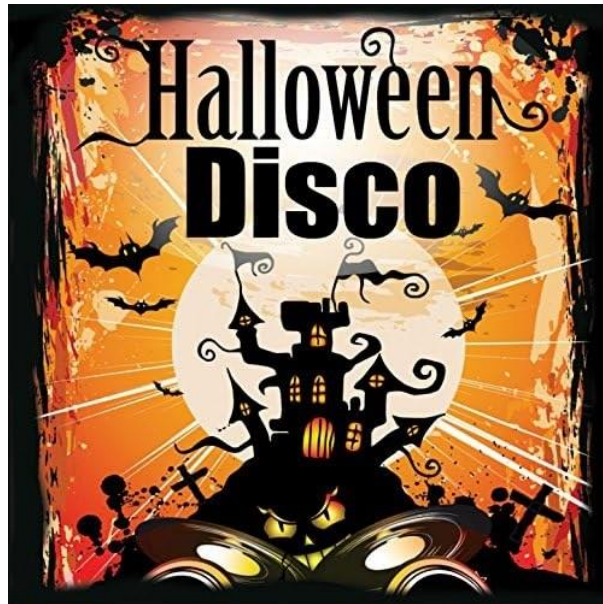
As you will be aware, at the start of this term we requested, for each child, a Data Collection Form, and a Form C for those in Years 3, 5 & 6. Despite sending a number of reminders, some of these forms have not been returned or completed.

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

Earlier this week we sent another form home with the children who we hadn't had a reply for. If we have sent a form home with your child, please could we have it completed/signed and returned urgently. This is now holding up our data checking that we need to undertake in preparation for moving onto a new database system in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support.

PTA Halloween Disco - Wednesday, 22nd October



The PTA are arranging a Halloween Disco at The Stocksman on Wednesday, 22nd October. The times will be as follows:-

Years 3 & 4 : 4.30pm to 6.00pm

Years 5 & 6 : 6.30pm to 8.00pm

The cost of tickets is £3.50 per child.

Refreshments including hot dogs, snacks and drinks will be available to buy on the night.

Fancy dress is optional. There will be prizes for the best fancy dress costumes!

Tickets are on sale on Parentmail until 3pm on Thursday, 16th October. Please do not ask for tickets after the cut-off time. There is always at least one child disappointed when they can't get a last minute ticket, so please make sure tickets are bought before 3pm on 16th October.

If anyone is unable to buy their child a ticket due to affordability, please contact the school office confidentially via email office@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk² or you can message Mrs

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

Maxwell via ClassDojo. The PTA do not want children to miss out on being able to come because of financial pressures.

PTA Christmas Pyjama Day & Film Night - Thursday, 4th December



Children can come to school wearing their pyjamas on Thursday, 4th December. We request a donation of £1 per child, to be sent in on the day, which will be donated to Cash4Kids. They do not have to wear Christmas pyjamas – please don't buy anything new for them to wear as we don't want this to cost any more than the £1 donation.

The PTA will then be holding a Christmas Film Night in our school hall on the same day. The film will be chosen nearer the time. The times will be as follows:-

Years 3 & 4 : 3.30pm to 5.15pm

Years 5 & 6 : 5.45pm to 7.30pm

Further details regarding cost etc will be sent out in due course. Children can wear pyjamas if they wish, as they will have been wearing them all day!

Breakfast & After-School Club



As you may be aware, we hold a Breakfast Club from 7.30am Monday to Friday, and After-School Club until 5.30pm Monday to Thursday. This is for our pupils, and those who attending Wigton Nursery & Infant School from Reception age upwards.

If you would be interested in your child attending, please ask the office staff for a registration pack which includes details of costs etc.

Our After-School Club is getting busier and on some days we are getting close to full capacity, as places are limited. Please can we ask parents and carers to make sure sessions are booked on Parentmail before online bookings close (8 days before each session) to secure your child's place.

Year 6 London Trip Payments



Thank you to everyone who has paid their child's London trip deposit.

We have set up the anticipated payment schedule for the balance of the trip on Parentmail of

£50 per month, payable by the 30th of each month for 8 months, with the first instalment due by 30th October. Depending on attraction ticket prices at time of booking, the final cost of this trip may increase slightly. You will be notified in the New Year if there are any changes.

Music Lessons Payment Reminder



The deadline for payment for this half term's piano, guitar and violin lessons is Friday, 10th October. Thank you to those who have already paid. Please can any remaining payments be made before 10th October. Thank you.

Year 6 - Transfer to Secondary School



Information has been sent out recently to Year 6 parents and carers regarding applying for a place in secondary school for September 2026. This applies to all Year 6 pupils except those with an EHCP.

The deadline for online applications is 31st October 2025. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

School Photos



The Tempest photographer will be in school on **Friday, 17th October**. Photographs will be taken of individual children, and with their sibling(s) in our school. Family photographs with

children who do not attend our school will also be available this year. If you wish to bring siblings along, we expect the photographer will be available from around 8.15am onwards in the school hall (entrance via the side door). This can take some time, depending on demand. Children should arrive at school wearing their normal school uniform. If they have PE that day, they should bring their PE kit with them to change into after their photograph has been taken.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



Please see the letter sent recently 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, so far, we have only had replies from 64% of parents/carers.

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

North Lakes Foodbank School Harvest Appeal

EVERY DAY
School Harvest Appeal 2025

Help transform people's lives **EVERY DAY**,
with a donation to your local **FOODBANK**

Food items we would like you to donate:
Dried Pasta 500g, Rice 500g, Jam, Sponge Pudding,
UHT Milk, UHT Orange Juice, Tea/Coffee, Cereals
350g-500g, Baked Beans, Tinned Soup, Tinned Meat,
Tinned Veg, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned
Fruit, Tinned Custard or Tinned Rice Pudding.

Please help! If you can

For more information
Contact: Stuart Christian, North Lakes Foodbank, Schools Worker
Email: Stuart@thefoodbank.org.uk Mob: 07733338352

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Ending hunger together

We are supporting the North Lakes Foodbank School Harvest Appeal again this year. Please see the poster for items they are in need of. Children can pass any donations to their class teacher. Please check items are sealed and in date before donating them.

The deadline for donations is Monday, 20th October. Thank you for your support which is always amazing!

Celebration Assembly



Well done to everyone who received a certificate last week or this week!







Sport Events



Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Dodgeball

Last week, we attended our first sporting event of the school year - the dodgeball competition at Richard Rose Central.

We had 2 teams taking part in the morning session of the event and each team had 7 matches, including a grudge match between both teams. Each match consisted of 6x2 minute games so a lot of dodgeball was played!

In our session, our year 5 team came 1st and our year 6 team came 2nd. A fantastic start to the year! Well done everyone.



Year 5&6 Wigton Tag Rugby

On Wednesday, with the year 6s out at the REACT Science Show, the year 5s took centre stage as a squad went down to Wigton RFC to take part in the cluster event. In the group stages, they won 4 and drew 1 (meaning they topped the group). They then faced Bolton Low Houses in the final, in which they won 3-1.

A great afternoon of rugby, and well deserved winners!



Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Football

Yesterday, we had our first football event of the school year. A strong squad travelled to Harraby to take part in the city schools' tournament. They played 5 matches: winning 3, drawing 1 and losing one (which keeping 4 clean sheets along the way). Our final position was 3rd, which unfortunately wasn't enough to qualify for the next round.

There were a lot of positives to take from the event and the whole squad played some brilliant football throughout the morning. Well done!

Dates for your Diary

10 October	Carlisle Schools' Cross Country at Sheepmount
16 October	Year 5&6 Girls Football Tournament at Harraby Sports Campus
17 October	Tempest Photographer in School – Individual & Family Photos
20 October	Foodbank Donations by this date please
20 October	Carlisle Schools' Hockey Tournament at Austin Friars
21 October	Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations for pupils
22 October	PTA Halloween Disco @ The Stocksman
27 to 31 October	Half Term
6 November	Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics at Harraby Sports Campus
6 November	Parents Evening
13 November	Year 3&4 Sportshall Athletics at Harraby Sports Campus
13 November	Parents Evening
4 December	Christmas Pyjama Day (£1 donation please)
4 December	Christmas Film Night
12 December	School Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 1.45pm
19 December 2025	Last day of Autumn Term – EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
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 – EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
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 – EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
20 July to 1 Sept 2026	Summer Holiday
2 September 2026	Start of Autumn Term 2026

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