



TJS Newsletter - 17 October 2025

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Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 96.65% and for this week was 96.48%.

Childhood Illnesses



We know it can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child is well enough to attend school. The NHS has issued some helpful guidance around this - there is useful advice on the following website:- <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Parent Governor Vacancy



We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. The closing date for nominations is Thursday, 23rd October at 3pm. Further details were sent out by Parentmail last week.

Proposed Amendments to Published Admissions Numbers for Local Schools



We have been asked to share this notice from Cumberland Council:-

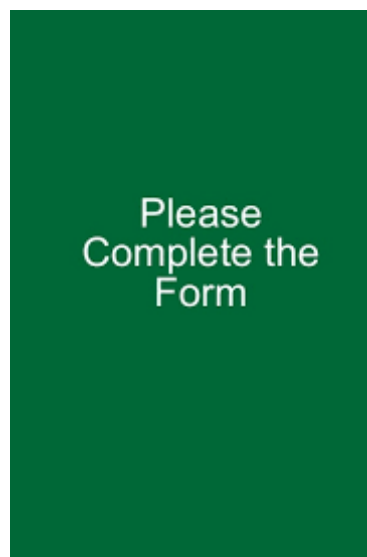
Cumberland Council, as the statutory admission authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools within the local authority area, is required to consult on any proposed changes to admission arrangements. This includes amendments to catchment areas and reductions to Published Admission Numbers (PANs), in accordance with the School Admissions Code. We are now commencing a six-week consultation period, which will run from 13 October 2025 to 23 November 2025. The proposed arrangements and details of

the consultation can be accessed via the following link: Proposed Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools (2027 - 2028) | Let's Talk Cumberland¹

Proposed PAN Reductions for 2027-28

- **The Nelson Thomlinson School, Wigton: From 210 to 180**
- **Pennine Way Primary School, Carlisle: From 90 to 60**
- **Norman Street School, Carlisle: From 50 to 45**
- **Inglewood Infant School, Carlisle: From 90 to 60**

TJS Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement



A form has been sent on Parentmail to parents/carers of every new child who joined us in September. Please can the form be reviewed with your child and completed as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already replied.

Smartphone Free Childhood Initiative



¹<https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/proposed-admission-arrangements-for-community-and-voluntary-controlled-schools-2027-2028>

We have sent a form out to all parents and carers regarding the Smartphone Free Childhood Initiative. Please could you all complete the form by Monday, 3rd November.

Dinner Money Arrears



We are seeing a lot more dinner money arrears than usual, with a significant time being spent by our office staff sending reminders. Please can we ask that all parents and carers bring their child's dinner money up-to-date before Friday, 24th October. All balances owing must be cleared please.

We cannot continue providing school meals for those who aren't making regular payments or who need reminders every 2-3 weeks. Payments should either be made in advance, or during the week please.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Parents Evenings



We will be holding face-to-face Parents Evenings on Thursday, 6th November and Thursday, 13th November in our school hall. Parents and carers will be able to make an appointment to meet their child's teacher and discuss their progress.

If parents are not together and are unable to come to the same appointment, please let us know by **Monday, 20th October** by either ringing the school office on 016973 42432 or

sending an email to office@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk, in order that we can offer separate appointments.

The booking system will go live from 4pm on Friday, 24th October. Please log into your Parentmail Account and book a convenient appointment. You can book or cancel appointments up to 24 hours before each session. If you need any help arranging or cancelling an appointment please contact the school office.

Please be aware that appointment slots do get booked up very quickly therefore please book as soon as you can once the booking window opens.

Year 3 Trip to Stocks Wood



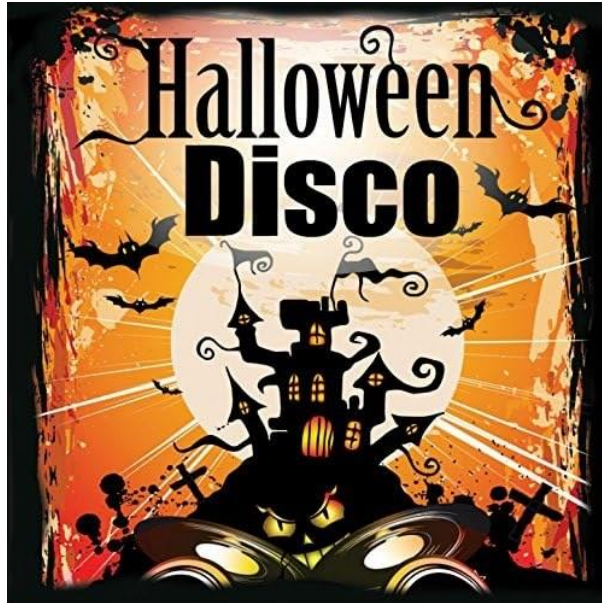
Information has been sent out on a Parentmail Form to most of the Year 3 pupils regarding a Trip to Stocks Wood after half term. Please can everyone complete the permission form by Monday, 20th October (apologies for the short notice). For those who didn't complete the date of tetanus vaccination on their child's Form C, there is also a separate form to complete with this information. An alternative trip/experience will be arranged in due course for the children who are in Room 1 full time.

School Milk



If your child would like to have school milk after half term, please complete the form on Parentmail, and arrange payment if required, by 6pm on Wednesday, 22nd October. We cannot accept late requests.

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

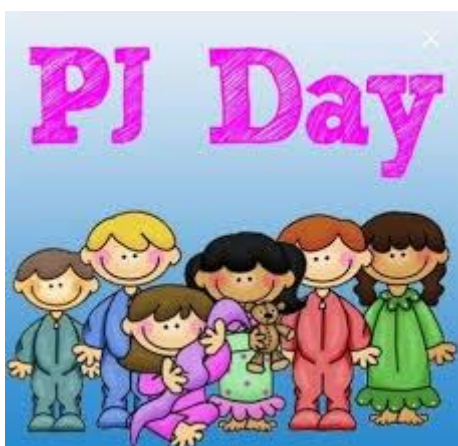
Years 5 & 6 : 6.30pm to 8.00pm

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 sales have now closed. Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket!

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!

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.

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.

We have sent reminders to those who have not yet applied.

The deadline for online applications is 31st October 2025. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible, and well before the deadline.

School Photos



The Tempest photographer has been in school today. Thank you to those who came along for your patience, as it does take time to get through everyone.

Links to view and purchase photos will be sent out in the next couple of days by email. Please order within 7 days to benefit from free delivery to school.

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 67% 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!

Poppy Appeal and Remembrance



As part of this year's Poppy Appeal, School Council children will be selling poppies, wristbands etc in their classes after half term. These will be on sale **from Tuesday, 4th November until Friday, 7th November**. There are no set prices. If your child would like to

buy something please send them into school with a donation (coins if possible please). Please be aware that the more popular items do sell out very quickly and we only have a limited supply. As the saying goes, "when they're gone, they're gone"!

Celebration Assembly



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









Reader Leader Training



Yesterday, some Year 6 children took part in the 'Reader Leader' training programme funded by the 'Children's Literacy Charity'. We are, so far, only the second school in Cumbria to have taken part in this programme. The training was delivered by Cumbrian children's author, Helen Haraldson and was centred around how older children can support younger ones in their reading, covering aspects such as decoding, phonics, comprehension, questioning, fluency and expression. After two hours training, they each paired up with some of our Year 3s and did a fantastic job, showing real enthusiasm and patience.

Today we presented the children with their certificate, badge and support pack which will help them in their roles as our new 'Reader Leaders'. We are very proud of the commitment they've made to the project and know their love of reading will help inspire the children they work with, in their reading journey.

Sport Events





Carlisle Schools' Cross Country

Last week we had a 25 strong squad who went to The Sheepmount in the annual cross country event. 6 races took place across 3 different distances (1km, 1.2km & 1.4km). All the children ran superbly and we had some brilliant results, considering most of the races had over 100 children competing.

Individually we had a lot of success with a number of children qualifying for the county event in the new year, and we placed in the top 3 in 3 out of the 6 races in terms of team position (top 4 runners places added up together).



Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Girls Football

This week, our girls' squad went to Harraby and took part in the city football competition. The group stage consisted of 4 games, and we won all 4 (scoring 15 and conceding just 1). After all the games, we topped the group and had to play one play off match to see where we finished overall. A tight 1-0 victory in that match meant that not only did we go unbeaten the whole morning, but that this team have qualified for the county finals next month!

Big thumbs up to Isla as well, who went out of her way to make a sign to take to the tournament this morning. Well done everyone!

Play Team Award



Well done ladies for winning the award 'Champion Play team' at the recent OPAL awards, OPAL North East, being recognised for the work they do to make our playtimes fun for all our children

Dates for your Diary

20 October	Foodbank Donations by this date please
20 October	Year 3&4 Carlisle Schools' Hockey Tournament at Austin Friars
21 October	Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations for pupils
22 October	PTA Halloween Disco @ The Stocksman
22 October	Deadline for school milk orders and payments for Autumn 2
27 to 31 October	Half Term
6 November	Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics at Harraby Sports Campus
6 November	Parents Evening
10 November	Year 3 – Mrs Easdon's Class – Trip to Stockwood
11 November	Year 3 – Miss Jefferson & Mr Powell's Class – Trip to Stockwood
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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