



TJS Newsletter - 28 November 2025

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Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 94.36% and for this week was 95.13%.

Absence During Term Time



Please can we remind parents and carers that we require a completed absence request form for every holiday, wedding etc, 7 days in advance of the absence. These are available on our school website or from the school office.

If your child needs to be absent for other things such as a medical appointment, please provide evidence to the school office, such as an appointment letter, text reminder etc.

Cumberland Neurodiversity & Emotional Wellbeing Service



Introducing the new Cumberland Neurodiversity and Emotional Wellbeing Service, providing advice, support and guidance for families at the earliest opportunity.

What is the service?

The Neurodiversity and Emotional Wellbeing Service provides a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) where children, young people and families can access advice, early support, and signposting for neurodiversity and emotional wellbeing in one place. It will support children, young people, and families to understand and manage different ways of thinking and experiencing the world. This service is delivered through a partnership between Cumberland Council and local NHS organisations.

The service has:

- A Neurodiversity and Emotional Wellbeing section on the Cumberland Family Hubs website which has information, advice, and strategies to support families if they feel they need it.
- A single point of contact for parents, carers, young people, and professionals to contact the service to receive further advice and support.
- A new strength and needs assessment that can be completed with families to understand each child or young person and plan the right support.

The Service Team is made up of two Social Prescribers, five Support Workers, a Health & Wellbeing Coach, three Emotional Resilience Nurses, a Clinical Psychologist, and an Assistant Psychologist who can provide clinical support and guidance when needed.

The Service will run as a 12-month pilot from November 2025. It will focus on early intervention and prevention offering support as soon as needs are noticed.

Who is the service for?

Children and young people aged 0-19 (or 25 if there are known or suspected special education needs and disabilities):

- who live in the Cumberland and Eden* area,
- where there are concerns about unmet need relating to suspected neurodivergence and/or emotional wellbeing

*For children and young people living in the Eden area, signposting to follow-up support in the Westmorland and Furness Area will be provided, to ensure access to most appropriate local services

We also welcome enquiries for children and young people who are:

- waiting for clinical services (e.g. diagnostic assessment for ADHD or autism)
- already have a neurodiversity related diagnosis, but could benefit from support in managing social and emotional wellbeing



Parent Governor Vacancy



WE NEED YOU!

We have a Parent Governor Vacancy! Please see Parentmail for more information. A parent governor is an elected member of a school's governing body who brings a parental perspective to strategic decision-making. They work with other governors to set the school's direction, monitor performance, question leaders, and ensure that resources are used effectively to support all pupils. Parent governors do not get involved in day-to-day management or individual issues but focus on the bigger picture—improving the school for

every child. They attend meetings, undertake training, and uphold confidentiality and safeguarding responsibilities.

The closing date for nominations is Tuesday, 2nd December 2025 at 3pm. If you are interested and would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Karen Myers, Clerk to Governors.

Advance Notice re School Crossing Patrol Next Week



Please note that there will be no school crossing patrol (lollipop man) next week as follows:-

Thursday, 4th December - after school

Friday, 5th December - morning and after school

Please can parents and carers supervise their children crossing the road.

Parent Presentation: Keeping Kids Safe in the Digital Age



Parent Presentation: Keeping kids safe in the digital age - Monday, 8th December 4.30 - 5.30pm in the school hall.

One of our parents, who is also a child psychotherapist, will be giving a short presentation and having an informal chat around the issues with smart phones and how we can protect our children when it comes to emotional health and safety. Everyone is welcome, even if you have already given your child a smart phone, this is a non judgemental space.

Please note this is not suitable for children due to the content of the presentation.

Dinner Money Reminders



We would like to ask for your help with dinner money please. Last week we sent a record number of text reminders for children with overdue dinner money. We can see that some parents/carers are waiting on a regular basis to receive text reminders before they make a payment. Sadly, this week we have sent a record number of letters to those who have ignored reminders.

As you can appreciate, it is extremely time consuming for us having to send text reminders and letters frequently.

Please can we remind you that dinner money should be paid during the week that it is due, or in advance. It should not be paid 2, 3 or more weeks after it is due.

We cannot continue to provide schools meals to those who continuously need reminders before they pay, or who ignore our reminders. We would therefore appreciate your co-operation in ensuring payments are kept up-to-date consistently.

School Milk



If your child would like to have school milk in the new year, please complete the form on Parentmail titled School Milk - Spring 1 2026, and arrange payment if your child is not entitled to Free School Meals.

The deadline for orders and payments is 6pm on Tuesday, 16th December 2025. We cannot accept late orders.

Music Lessons - Payment Reminder



Payments for piano, guitar and violin lessons are due by Friday, 12th December. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

Please can any remaining payments be made by the due date. Thank you for your support.

Poppy Appeal 'Thank You'



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised £213.67 which is brilliant!

'Thank You' from North Lakes Foodbank



We have received the following message from The North Lakes Foodbank...

We received a bountiful Harvest, thanks to you! Thanks to the generosity of your children, parents and staff, as well as other communities and groups across West Cumbria, we received over 5 tonnes of food this year as Harvest contributions.

This food will keep us going for just over 3 weeks, as we send out about 1.5 tonnes of food as emergency food parcels every week, with 26% of this going to children.

Thank you again for your continued support.

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



PTA Christmas Pyjama Day

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.

PTA Film Night

The PTA will be holding a Christmas Film Night in our school hall on the same day. The film will be 'How The The Grinch Stole Christmas'.

The times will be as follows:-

Years 3 & 4 : 3.30pm to 5.15pm (i.e. straight after school)

Years 5 & 6 : 5.45pm to 7.30pm

Children can wear pyjamas if they wish, as they will have been wearing them all day!

Ticket sales have now closed. Popcorn and Haribos will be provided for the children attending, the cost of these is included in the ticket price. Children should bring their own filled water bottle please.

There will be a tuck shop available - there will be sweets and crisps for 50p each - please send children with change (not notes!) if they would like to buy something.

Christmas Lunch & Non-Uniform Day - Wednesday, 10th December 2025



Thank you to everyone who has ordered a lunch for their child on Christmas Lunch Day, Wednesday, 10th December. If your child is having a school meal, is not usually on school meals and is not entitled to free school meals, please arrange payment for that meal if you have not already done so.

On that day children can come to school in non-uniform. They can wear normal clothes, or can wear something festive such as Christmas Jumpers, Christmas headbands or whatever they would like. No cropped tops please!

It's Panto Time!!



PTA Christmas Treat – Peter Pan Pantomime!

We're excited that the PTA has organised a special Christmas treat for the children! A professional production company will be visiting St Mary's Church on Thursday, 11th

December, to perform Peter Pan. This magical pantomime experience is a Christmas present from the PTA to all our pupils – a fun and festive way to celebrate the season together!!

The performance will be during school time and is for current pupils only - unfortunately there will be no room for any additional audience members.

TJS Carol Service - Friday, 12th December 2025



Our school Carol Service will be held on Friday, 12th December at 1.45pm in St Mary's Church. Some of our pupils will be treating the audience to an interesting play 'Christmas Around the World'. All parents, carers and friends are welcome to attend, so please come along and support the children!

There will be a collection during the service and the proceeds will be split between St Mary's Church and Cash 4 Kids.

If you are attending the service and wish to collect your child from school afterwards, please wait for all the children to return to school and wait for them in the playground. If your child usually travels on school transport and you are planning on collecting them from school that day, please notify your transport provider in advance. Any children who are not collected early from school will remain in school until the usual finish time.

Churches Together in Wigton Town Carol Service - Sunday 14th December

Churches Together in Wigton



*with choir, children's choirs
and congregational carols*

**Sunday 14th
December 2025
3.00pm – 4 pm**

*St. Mary's Church, Wigton
Collection for Christian Aid and the
work of churches in Wigton*

Some of our children are joining with children from St Cuthbert's Primary School to take part in the choir for the Churches Together in Wigton Carol Service on Sunday, 14th December at 3.00pm. Please come along and support them.

Children taking part should wear their school uniform (not PE kit), including school shoes, and arrive at St Mary's Church by 2.45pm. They will sit with staff in the main aisle, and parents / carers can sit elsewhere in church.

After the service, children will remain in their seats until an adult collects them from a member of staff. We will remind the children about this, but please make sure a member of staff is aware that you are taking your child.

Celebration Assembly



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















Sport Events



National League Boys' Cup

Last week it was the boys' turn to take part in the NL Cup at Harraby. 24 schools were split into 4 groups of 6, and we were placed against some tough opponents. We started off with a win in the first game and came close in the next few too - unfortunately we missed out on the semi-finals.

Despite the results, a lot of positive football was played and the work rate from everyone was second to none!



Year 6 Girls' County Football Finals

After our success last half term, our year 6 girls' team went back to Harraby to take part in the county finals. We flew out of the blocks and won our first two games 6-0. The effort didn't let up and we went unbeaten throughout, winning 6 and drawing just 1. The final standings went down to goal difference, and we came top with a GD of +23!

A fantastic achievement for this team to call themselves county champions and will now go onto represent Cumbria in the Northern Finals next Spring! Well done everyone!

End of Term



We break up for the Christmas Holiday on Friday, 19th December - EARLY FINISH 1.45pm. Children will return to school in the New Year on Wednesday, 7th January 2025.

Dates for your Diary

2 December	Closing Date for Parent Governor Nominations 3.00pm
4 December	Christmas Pyjama Day (£1 donation please)
4 December	Christmas Film Night
4 December	No Lollipop Man after School
5 December	No Lollipop Man Before or After School
8 December	Parent Presentation – 4.30-5.30pm in school – Keeping Kids Safe in the Digital Age
9 December	Panathlon Kurling Event at Richard Rose Central Academy
10 December	School Christmas Lunch (replies & payments by 28.11.2025)
11 December	Pantomime 'Peter Pan' in school time for pupils, in St Mary's Church
12 December	Deadline for Music Lesson Payments
12 December	School Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 1.45pm
14 December	Churches Together in Wigton Town Carol Service 3pm in St Marys Church
16 December	Deadline for School Milk Orders for Spring 1
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
25 March 2026	Violin Pupils - Primary Orchestra Day - Austin Friars Junior School
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
15 April 2026	Violin Pupils – Orchestra Day at The Keswick Pencil Factory
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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