



## TJS Newsletter - 6 February 2026

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## **Attendance Matters**





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*Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 95.46% and for this week was 95.66%.*

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## **Vacancy - Relief Cover Staff for Cleaning and Midday Supervision Play Team**



We would like to have a bank of staff that we could call on to cover any short notice or planned absences. We are seeking a conscientious cleaner with cleaning experience, who can help to maintain a high standard of cleanliness throughout school.



Thank you for your continued support. We are really looking forward to celebrating this special day with the children.

## Children's Mental Health Week



Next week we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. There are various activities planned for the children throughout the week.

## Permission for Sport Events



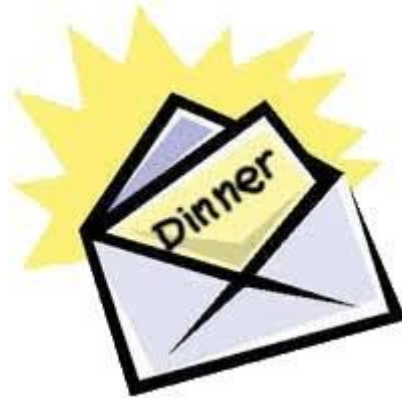
In the last few days, we have had a number of children coming to school having no knowledge that they are due to attend a sport event that day. Some have also missed after-school practise sessions for the same reason.

Please could you ensure that if you complete a permission form on Parentmail, you carefully note the details and explain them to your child so that children come to school wearing the

correct clothing on the day, and bringing any relevant equipment etc. Also, please remember to send a home packed lunch if you have said that is what you will do.

We have a large number of sporting events coming up and it is essential that children are fully prepared. We would appreciate you keeping children informed if you have given them permission to take part in any events.

## Dinner Money



Unfortunately, we once again need to mention dinner money. We now seem to have a large number of parents who are not paying on a regular basis. Please can we ask that payments are made weekly, or in advance. **There should be no arrears.**

Our office team have had to spend a significant amount of time sending reminders to those who aren't paying regularly over the last few weeks.

Text messages have been sent to everyone who is predicted to owe money at the end of half term. Please can we ask you to ensure that the **full and correct amount** is paid to clear your child's predicted balance before 13th February.

## Music Lessons



Today is the deadline for payments for this half term's guitar, piano and violin lessons. If you haven't yet paid for your child's lessons, please could you do so urgently, before 13th February. We cannot continue to offer lessons to those who pay late.

## PTA News



### Mother's Day Gifts

Due to the huge success of our Mother's Day stall last year, we will be doing the same again this year. To help with this, we would appreciate any suitable gifts such as mugs, books, jewellery, socks, skincare products etc. We are also in need of gift bags if you can spare any. Please send any contributions in to the school office as soon as possible. You can order gifts (limited to 2 per child) on Parentmail from Monday, 9th February until 2.30pm on Friday, 6th March and the cost is £3.00 per gift.

### OPAL Donation Appeal



We are looking for donations to top up our OPAL resources, particularly in our Loose Parts Zone.

We would love some more:

- Flexible piping
- Gutter pipes
- Tarps

- Waterproof sheets eg old tents, canopies etc.
- Crates
- Large spools

In our Small World zone, we would love any small vehicles, particularly cars, trucks, tractors etc. If you can help with any of these, please contact myself or the office. Any donations for our playtimes are greatly appreciated.

Mrs Brown

## Parents Evenings

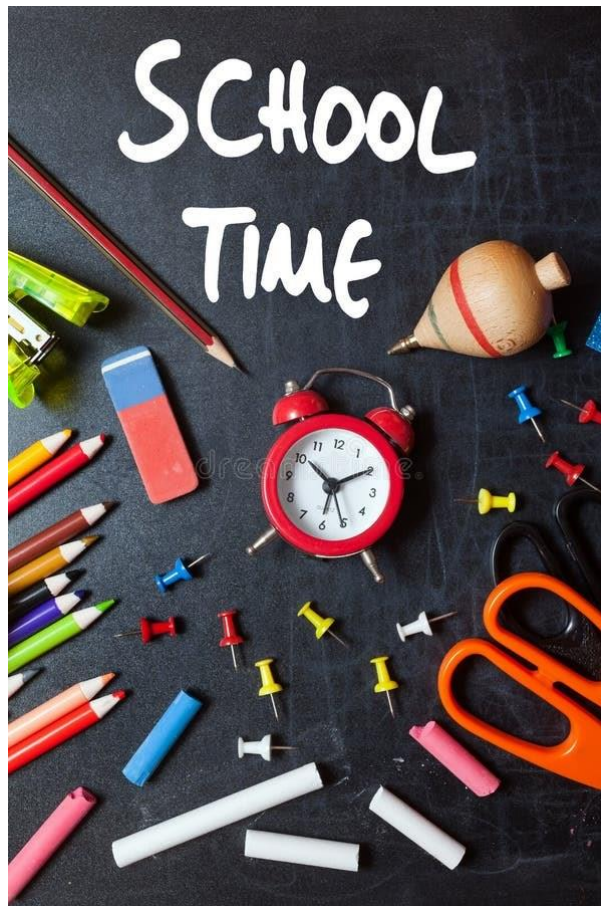


Parents Evenings will be held for most classes this term on Thursday, 26th February and Thursday, 5th March. One of these dates differs from that quoted on previous newsletters. **Bookings will go live at 4pm today, Friday, 6th February.** Slots do book up quickly so please book as soon as possible.

Please note that some of Mrs Wilson's appointments are on different dates - these will be detailed on Parentmail once bookings open.

Mrs Shingler will be in touch to arrange appointments with the parents of some of the children who attend Room One.

## School Start Time

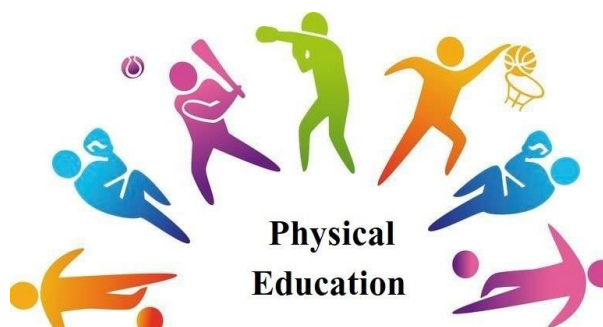


Just a reminder that the school gates open at 8:20am, with classroom doors opening at 8:30am.

The bell rings at 8:45am; any child arriving after this time will be marked as late.

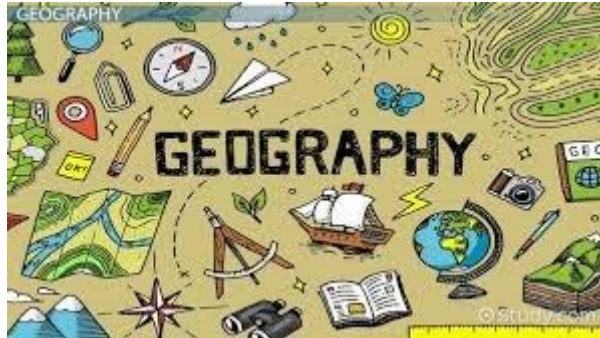
In poor weather, children may wait under the sheltered area until the doors are opened at 8.30am

## PE and Swimming Days After Half Term



We are just finalising the timetables for after half term. Please keep an eye on your Parentmail emails for details of PE days and Swimming Days after half term, as these will change for some classes.

## Geography Trips to Stocks Wood



Thank you to everyone who has given permission for their child(ren) to attend their class' Geography trip to Stocks Wood. As a reminder, the trips will be held on the following dates:-

Monday, 23rd February 2026 - Year 6 - Mrs Crane's class

Tuesday 24th February 2026 - Year 5 - Miss Manuel's class

Friday, 27th February 2026 - Year 4 - Mrs Wilson's class

Monday, 2nd March 2026 - Year 3 - Miss Jefferson's and Mr Powell's class

Tuesday, 3rd March 2026 - Year 6 - Mrs Brown's class

Wednesday, 4th March 2026 - Year 5 - Mrs Little's class

Friday, 6th March 2026 - Year 4 - Mrs Watson's class

Monday, 9th March 2026 - Year 3 - Mrs Easdon's class

We invite a voluntary contribution of £6.00 per child towards the total cost of £16.43 per child (the rest will be subsidised by school). **We request that any remaining payments are made urgently for us to check that the trips are viable.**

Please remember to send your child in old clothes, layers for warmth, a waterproof coat and trousers, a packed lunch (unless you have asked us to provide this), a healthy snack (strictly no nuts please), a water bottle (no glass bottles or fizzy drinks) sensible boots/wellies and clean shoes in a carrier bag for them to change into afterwards.

## 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 Tuesday, 10th February**. Thank you to those who have already replied.

## Celebration Assembly



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













## Sport Events



### Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Hockey

This week saw the start of a busy couple of weeks of sport at TJS! We had 2 teams travel to Austin Friars to take part in a hockey festival. Both teams played at least 3 games and also had an opportunity to do something skill based work (passing and dribbling).

Well done to all the children for playing some really good hockey, and for representing the school so well!



### **Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Dodgeball**

On Tuesday, we had 16 children attend Richard Rose Central to take part in a School Games Dodgeball Festival. We had a year 5 team and a year 6 team, and both of them played 6 matches - including a grudge match between the 2 teams, which the year 6 team won!

The children seemed to really enjoy their morning and played their games with good sportsmanship and honesty, as well as great dodgeball skills. Well done!



### **Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling**

Yesterday, we were very lucky to take 8 children to take part in a ten pin bowling event, ran by Panathlon Foundation. We had 2 teams enter the competition: Thomlinson Pin Crushers and Thomlinson Incredi-bowls. The Pin Crushers averaged a score of 72 per person (Eli top scored with 86), and the Incredi-bowls averaged a score of 67.75 per person (Lexi.W top scored with 81).

It was a very fun morning and all the children really enjoyed themselves. Well done!



### **Panathlon Kurling County Finals**

After the success in the North Cumbria event, our Thomlinson Titans team travelled to Penrith to take part in the county final. They played 6 games: winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 3 - giving a final position of joint 4th!

A great day of Kurling, with all the team playing a key part in the victories. Well done!

## Dates for your Diary

<b>9 February</b>	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Indoor Cricket at Harraby Sportshall
<b>11 February</b>	Year 3 & Year 5 Hindu Workshops in classes
<b>12 February</b>	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Football at Harraby 3G
<b>13 February</b>	Year 6 Girls U11 Premier League Football Finals at Sunderland
<b>16 to 20 February</b>	Half Term
<b>23 February</b>	Mrs Crane's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
<b>24 February</b>	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Swimming Gala at The Sands Centre
<b>24 February</b>	Miss Manuel's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
<b>25 February</b>	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Rugby T1 Megafest at Carlisle Rugby Club
<b>26 February</b>	Year 3&4 Wigton Schools' Dance sessions at Carlisle Dance Academy (rearranged date)
<b>26 February</b>	Parents Evening
<b>27 February</b>	Mrs Wilson's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
<b>2 March</b>	Miss Jefferson & Mr Powell's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
<b>3 March</b>	Mrs Brown's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
<b>4 March</b>	Mrs Little's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
<b>5 March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>5 March</b>	World Book Day – further information to follow
<b>6 March</b>	Mrs Watson's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
<b>9 March</b>	Mrs Easdon's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
<b>9 – 12 March</b>	Year 5 Bikeability Training
<b>12 March</b>	Year 4 Bikeability Level One Training
<b>20 March</b>	Year 4 U-Dance Festival at The Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle
<b>25 March</b>	Violin Pupils - Primary Orchestra Day - Austin Friars Junior School
<b>27 March</b>	Final day of Spring Term – EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
<b>30 March to 10 April</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>13 April</b>	Children back to school for Summer Term
<b>15 April</b>	Violin Pupils – Orchestra Day at The Keswick Pencil Factory
<b>28 to 29 April</b>	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Life Science Centre, Newcastle
<b>4 May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>11 to 14 May</b>	Year 6 SATS week
<b>25 to 29 May</b>	Half Term
<b>4 to 5 June</b>	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
<b>16 to 19 June</b>	Year 6 London Residential
<b>29 &amp; 30 June</b>	Year 6 Transition Days at The Nelson Thomlinson School
<b>17 July</b>	End of Summer Term – EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
<b>20 July to 1 Sept</b>	Summer Holiday
<b>2 September</b>	Start of Autumn Term 2026

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