



TJS Newsletter - 6 March 2026

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Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 95.37% and for this week was 96.27%.

Job Vacancies - Permanent, Part-Time School Cleaner (Job Share), Relief Cover Part Time Cleaner and Relief Cover Midday Supervision Play Team Member



We have Vacancies for a **Permanent, Part-Time School Cleaner (Job Share), Relief Cover Part Time School Cleaner and Midday Supervisor/Play Team Member (Relief cover).**

PTA Glow Disco 11th March 2026 - Ticket Deadline Extended



We have been made aware that some parents and carers have missed the deadline for Glow Disco Tickets, due to various reasons including some with Parentmail issues. To make it fair for everyone, we have extended the deadline for tickets to be purchased on Parentmail to Sunday, 8th March at 8pm. If anyone has missed buying a ticket, you can now do so on Parentmail until the new deadline - we will not be selling tickets after that.

This is a one-off agreement and for any future events the deadline will be strictly adhered to.

School Milk - Summer Term



We have previously sent out a form on Parentmail half-termly to find out who would like school milk. Going forward, this will be done on a termly basis.

If your child would like to have school milk in the summer term, please complete the form on Parentmail, and arrange payment if appropriate, by 6pm on Wednesday, 25th March.

World Book Day



We had a brilliant day yesterday, celebrating World Book Day with our own theme 'We love our School Library'.

The day began with a special assembly where we shared our love of books and the importance of our school library. Throughout the day, children took part in a range of exciting activities. We were delighted to welcome Cumbrian poet Sally Ann Staunton who inspired our pupils with her creativity, while other classes enjoyed designing ideas for their own perfect library and exploring ways to make our library an even better place to read and learn.

Adding to the fun, pupils came to school in non-uniform and one of the highlights of the day was our cake sale, which was a huge success and helped us raise money for our school library. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special – staff, pupils, and families. Your support means we can continue to develop and improve our school library for everyone to enjoy. It was a fantastic day celebrating books, reading, and our wonderful school library!

Our World Book Day assembly was a wonderful way to kick off the celebrations across school, and we were incredibly proud of some of our Year 6 Reading Mentors, who delivered the whole assembly. This year's theme focused on "Our Library", celebrating the special place it holds in our school and reminding everyone how important it is to take care of the

books we all share. The Year 6 children explained to the other pupils how to look after our fantastic library—treating books with respect, returning them carefully, and making sure they are ready for the next reader to enjoy.

As part of the assembly, the children also explained how they had written letters to two local factories - Futamura and Innovia, asking for support with our fundraising efforts. We were delighted to welcome visitors from these factories to the assembly, giving the children the opportunity to share ideas and show how passionate we all are about improving our library.

Futamura and Innovia also brought with them a surprise for us all - a very generous donation to our library book fund!

Music Lessons



Invoices have been sent in the last few days for piano, guitar and violin lessons for this half term. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

Please can all remaining payments be made by Friday, 20th March.

Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Newcastle



The payment schedule for balance payments for this Residential were £35 by 28th February and a further £35 by 28th March.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their February instalment. We have a small number of payments that are overdue - please can these be paid as soon as possible.

Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle



The deposit payment of £30 for this residential was due to be paid by 28th February, then £17 by 29th March and the final £17 by 29th April. Thank you to everyone who has already made payments.

Please can all overdue deposits be paid urgently. We have already sent text reminders.

Year 6 London Residential



As stated in a previous letter regarding the Year 6 London Trip, the final cost would be dependent upon actual ticket costs and final numbers. An important letter was sent by Parentmail on 24th February giving updates regarding the trip. As stated in the letter, the cost of this trip will need to be increased by £15 per person. An additional payment item has been set up within Parentmail.

A Form C has been sent out on Parentmail - please complete the form as soon as possible, and by 27th March at the latest. Please ensure every question is answered, and don't answer 'don't know/unknown' for anything. It is essential that all medical conditions and medication are completed correctly - also remember to provide details if your child suffers from hayfever in the summer.

Thank you for your support.

Bikeability



For those in Year 4, 5 or 6 who have registered for Bikeability training next week, reminders have been sent out on Parentmail. Please ensure your child's bike is in good working order.

Celebration Assembly



Well done to everyone who received a certificate just before half term, last week or this week!



1 - Our Young Voices Choir!





























Sport Events



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Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Indoor Cricket

We had a team taking part in a mini tri-series in Harraby Sports Hall. We won one game and lost one game - but a lot of positives can be taken from both games. It was great to see the improvement from everyone from game 1 to game 2 as well, as they gained an understanding of how the game was played.

Well done everyone!



Year 5/6 Carlisle Schools' Boys Football

We had a team travel to a cold, windy Harraby to take part in a city football festival. The scores didn't go our way across the event, however, it was so good to see the teamwork and determination that was shown despite that! It was all worth while when we won our final game 3-0.

For some of the children, it was the first time they had represented TJS in the football team so that was a great experience in itself. Well done to the squad for battling on throughout the morning!



Year 3/4 Carlisle Dance Academy Session

We had 14 children who had the chance to go to Carlisle Dance Academy for an afternoon. They worked alongside local schools on some strength and flexibility work, before learning a short routine to: Vengaboys - Boom, Boom, Boom, Boom! - which they then performed with all the other schools.

The children all had a fantastic afternoon and represented the school with pride. Well done!



Year 5/6 T1 Rugby MegaFest @ Carlisle RFC

We had 14 children take part in a skill based festival around the new version of rugby called 'T1'. The children were split up into groups and worked with other children from Robert Ferguson and Blackford School, on a range of skills - such as passing and teamwork.

The children all had a great time, despite the rain starting towards the end of the session. Well done everyone!



Year 5/6 Carlisle Schools' Swimming Gala

We had a group of 8 swimmers taking part in the Annual Swimming Gala at Sands Centre. We had a fantastic morning with all the children competing in some very competitive races, with plenty of success too. We had 4 podium finishes, along with some agonising 4th place finishes too!

Well done to all the children who took part!





Premier League Primary Stars U11 Girls Regional Finals - North East

Long story short is that our year 6 girls' football team have conquered again and this time are through to the next round of the PLPS, which looks like being the nationals! After a very early start, we arrived at Beacon of Light to take part in the regional PLPS event.

We played 4 group games and finished top with 10 points: 3-0 victory vs Newcastle United, 2-0 victory vs Sunderland, 1-0 victory vs Hartlepool, 0-0 draw vs Middlesbrough.

We then played in the final, which was another game vs Hartlepool (who came 2nd) and we won 1-0! A fantastic achievement, not only to win the event, but also not concede a single goal. We now wait to find out information about the next round! The whole day wasn't just football based, as the girls took part in some resilience workshops and teamwork activities - where they have to work with both each other, and players from other clubs too. A very proud day for the school!

Dates for your Diary

9 March	Mrs Easdon's Class' Geography Trip to Stocks Wood
9 – 12 March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
10 March	Year 5 & 6 Football at Harraby
11 March	PTA Glow Disco – in school hall Years 3 & 4 - 4.30pm to 6.00pm Years 5 & 6 - 6.30pm to 8.00pm
12 March	Year 4 Bikeability Level One Training
19 March	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football at Harraby
20 March	Year 4 U-Dance Festival at The Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle
20 March	Year 6 Girls Northern Football Finals at Liverpool FC Academy
25 March	Violin Pupils - Primary Orchestra Day - Austin Friars Junior School
27 March	Final day of Spring Term – EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
30 March to 10 April	Easter Holiday
13 April	Children back to school for Summer Term
15 April	Violin Pupils – Orchestra Day at The Keswick Pencil Factory
17 April	Blencathra House Group Trip to Rheged
28 to 29 April	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Life Science Centre, Newcastle
4 May	Bank Holiday
11 to 14 May	Year 6 SATS week
25 to 29 May	Half Term
2 June	Year 5 Taster Day at The Nelson Thomlinson School
4 to 5 June	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
16 to 19 June	Year 6 London Residential
29 & 30 June	Year 6 Transition Days at The Nelson Thomlinson School
17 July	End of Summer Term – EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
20 July to 1 Sept	Summer Holiday
2 September	Start of Autumn Term 2026

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