



TJS Newsletter - 7 March 2025

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Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 96.11% and for this week was 97.95%.

Wigton Attendance Support Panel



The “Working Together to Improve School Attendance” Department for Education Document emphasises that improving attendance is a shared responsibility that requires the collaboration of schools, local authorities, parents and the wider community.

We are excited to announce that as a group of schools in the Wigton area (Primaries and The Nelson Thomlinson School) our Attendance Leaders will be meeting together half-terminly with the Local Authority. The focus of the Panel will be the early identification and interventions for individual pupils and families, where attendance is becoming a concern.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Absence for Appointments & Sport Events



As part of our emphasis on improving school attendance, we are updating our procedures for when children are attending appointments and external sport events during the school day (except those arranged by school).

We know most parents try to arrange medical appointments outside of school time and we do appreciate this, however we do realise that with dentists and doctors etc. being very busy, it is sometimes necessary to arrange appointments during school time.

Going forward, if your child is missing part of the school day due to an appointment or sport event, we will require proof of the appointment. This could be a copy of an email confirmation, the appointment slip or letter, a screenshot of a reminder text etc.

Thank you for your support.

Make-Up



We have noticed that some pupils have started wearing mascara for school. Please note that make-up and fake tan are strictly not allowed and we will ask children found to be wearing these to wash it off if we think they are wearing it.

Year 4 Level One Bikeability Training



We are pleased to confirm that children in Year 4 have the opportunity to complete their Level One Bikeability training on Friday, 25th April. The training will be held in school grounds. Letters have been sent home with Year 4 children with further details. If your child has their own bike and would like to take part, please use the details provided to book your child onto the training and give your consent.

The strict deadline for booking is Tuesday, 11th March 2025.

Parents Evenings



Thank you to everyone who came along to our first Parents Evening this week.

If you have not yet arranged an appointment to see your child's teacher for Parents Evening, there are still a small number of slots available for Thursday, 13th March, from 3.40pm to 6.00pm in our school hall.

Please book as soon as possible, as slots do get booked up quickly. If there is something in particular you would like to discuss, you will be able to leave a note when booking the appointment.

OPAL Accreditation/Assessment Day



On the 19th March 2025, we will be having our OPAL Accreditation/Assessment day. Part of the process includes gathering the views and opinions of the children, the staff and parents/carers. We would appreciate it if you could complete a short online questionnaire to help us gather this information. It should take no longer than a couple of minutes. Please follow the link to access the online form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfu-MB_127zxOAFYcoDxDVXSSh6O0WaHs-cHb9pJVAIBu0T3g/viewform .

Thanks in advance for your support!

PTA - Mother's Day Gifts





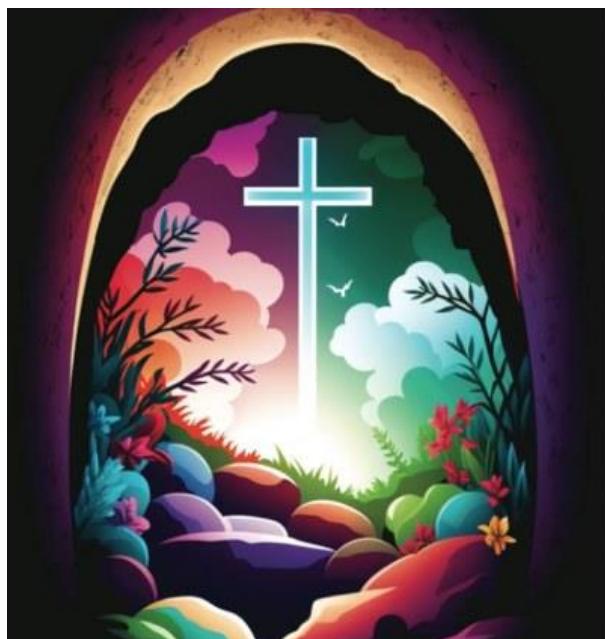
PTA message

As last year was very successful, we are hoping to sell gifts for Mother's Day again. To help with this, any donations of unwanted gifts would be greatly appreciated. Items such as toiletries, perfume, jewellery, candles, books, socks, stationery, etc would be ideal. The PTA would also appreciate any unwanted gift bags suitable for Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts, if anyone has any they can spare.

Any donations can be handed in at the school office for the PTA to collect please. Many thanks to those who have already kindly handed in donations.

We will let you know how gifts can be purchased in due course.

Easter Spaces



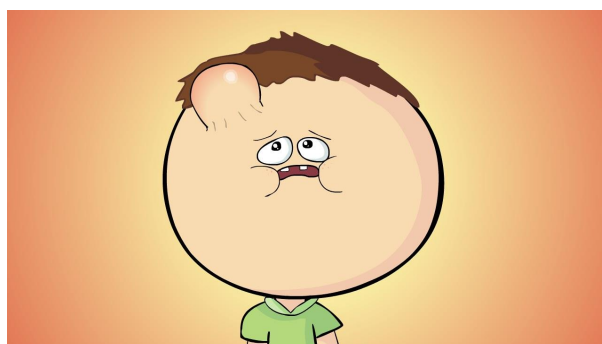
We are delighted that Reverend Corrie from St. Mary's Church has very kindly invited the children to visit there for some Easter workshops again this year. Children will be visiting with their classes on 24th, 25th or 26th March.

Birthday Cakes & Nuts

We would like to remind you that we do not allow birthday cakes to be brought into school. We have a number of children with a range of food allergies, some of which can be life-threatening, therefore your co-operation with this is appreciated.

We are also a nut-free school, and it is therefore essential that snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nuts please. We have noticed some children are bringing nuts, and food containing nuts, in their packed lunches. This can be very dangerous for the children and staff in school who have nut allergies.

Bumped Head Notes



If we send a bumped head note home with your child, we would appreciate it if you could sign it and return it to school, as this forms part of our accident records. Thank you for your support.

Road Safety News



After many years of campaigning by our School Council, and with the help of our Chair of Governors David Ferriby and Wigton Town Council, we are delighted that a 20mph sign has now been erected near to our school. The speed restriction will be valid during morning arrival times and the end of the school day, when orange lights are flashing. We are waiting for Cumberland Council to install another sign heading towards school from South End direction.

We are hopeful that this will improve road safety for everyone concerned.

'Thank You' from North Lakes Foodbank



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

"Thank you to your school community for donating to the North Lakes Foodbank in 2024. Thanks to your support, we were able to support nearly 6,000 people in West Cumbria with emergency food parcels."

Year 5 & Year 6 Spellbinding Reading Challenge





The Year 5 and 6 Spellbinding Reading Challenge has begun. Happy Reading!

Asda Cashpot Update



You may recall that in the Autumn Term, many of you helped us earn money through the Asda Cashpot Scheme which was a PTA initiative. We have now received the £305.27 raised, and this will be spent to support our OPAL programme, including some new EzyRollers, which the children love playing with!

Year 5 Muncaster Trip & Year 4 Beamish Trip



We have sent a form out on Parentmail for children who will be attending the Year 5 Muncaster Trip or the Year 4 Beamish Trip. Thank you to those who have already replied. Please can all remaining forms be completed by Friday, 21st March so that we can start our risk assessment planning. Thank you.

End of Term - Early Finish



Advance Notice - we break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday, 4th April - early finish 1.45pm. We return to school on Tuesday, 22nd April, the day after Easter Monday.







Certificates Last Week





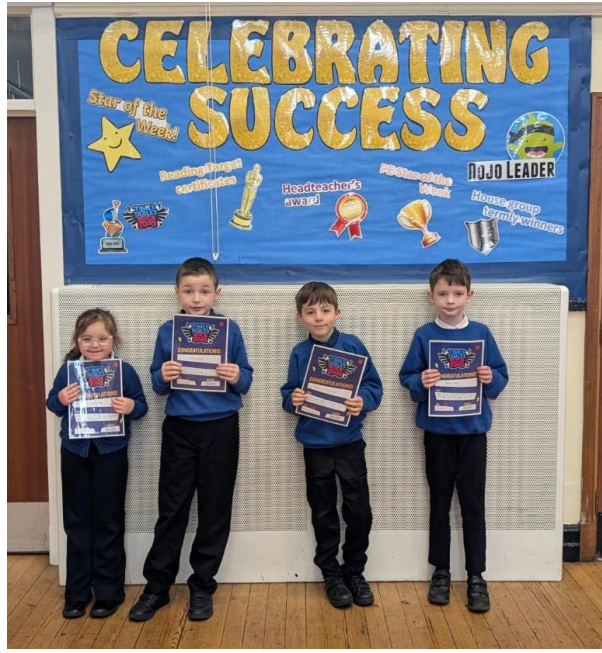






Certificates This Week







Dates for your Diary 07.03.2025

11 March	Deadline for Year 4 Bikeability consents to be submitted
12 March	Year 3&4 Boys CSSA Football Event at Harraby 3G
13 March	Parents Evening – 3.40pm to 6.00pm
18 March	Year 3&4 Dodgeball Event at Richard Rose Central Academy
20 March	Year 3&4 Girls CSSA Football Event at Harraby 3G
21 March	Year 5&6 Dodgeball Event at Richard Rose Central Academy
22 March	National Cross Country Championships at Northampton
26 March	Carlisle Schools Boccia Event at Richard Rose Central Academy
24-27 March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
28 March	Year 5&6 Netball Festival at Richard Rose Central Academy
1 April	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools Swimming Gala at The Sands Centre
2 April	Panathlon Boccia Event at Netherhall School
2 April	Wigton Cluster Cross Country at Thursby School
4 April	END OF TERM- EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
7-21 April	Easter Holiday
25 April	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Training
5 May	Bank Holiday
6-7 May	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Newcastle
12-16 May	Year 6 SATS
20 May	Year 6 Class Leavers Photos with Tempest Photographer
26-30 May	Half Term
5-6 June	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
10-13 June	Year 6 Residential to London
30 June	Nelson Thomlinson School New Y7 Parents' Info Evening
30 June & 1 July	Year 6 Transition Days at The Nelson Thomlinson School
18 July	End of Summer Term

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