



TJS Newsletter - 21 March 2025

Welcome to our Newsletter!

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Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 97.74% and for this week was 97.07%.

Breakfast Club



You may be aware that the Government are looking at providing **free** Breakfast club provision for all Reception to Year 6 children from September 2026. Wigton Nursery and Infant School have been given the opportunity to take part in the trial process for this, starting from Tuesday, 22nd April 2025. As part of the trial, Wigton Nursery and Infant School Breakfast Club will start at 8.00am and will be open to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, subject to sessions being booked in advance. Please note, this is for **Infant pupils only** and we at Thomlinson Junior School are not part of the trial.

Our Breakfast Club will continue to operate as it does now... open from 7.30am, Monday to Friday, for TJS and WNIS pupils and our usual charges will apply.

As we are not part of the trial, we are not able to offer any free sessions at this time.

Job Vacancy



We have a job vacancy for a part-time (job-share) cleaner. The hours are 3.15pm to 6.15pm Monday to Friday, and with the job-share it would be 2 days one week, 3 days on the alternate week.

Further details can be found on our school website.

If you require any further information, please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Karen Myers, on 016973 42432 or by email sbm@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk¹

PTA Easter/Spring Craft Competition



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The PTA would like to set the children a task to make an Easter or Spring creation. This could be an Easter bonnet, Spring poem, decorated wooden spoon, Easter garden in a box, a Spring picture, a decorated egg, etc. **Due to egg allergies in school, we please ask that NO REAL EGGS are sent into school** - plastic or foam eggs could be used instead.

This competition is set as a homework task and we would love to see as many entries as possible. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded to each class. Winners will be announced in our Celebration Assembly on the last day of this term.

Please can Easter/Spring creations be handed in on Tuesday, 1st and Wednesday, 2nd April to class teachers.

PTA - Mother's Day Gifts



PTA message

Pupils who have made purchases of Mother's Day Gifts will then be given a ticket/s on Monday, 24th March and they will take these to our PTA shop on Tuesday, 25th March or Wednesday, 26th March (during morning breaks), where they can hand in their ticket and select a gift/s of their own choice. All presents will be in a gift bag.

Year 6 London Trip



We have sent a form out on Parentmail for each child who is due to attend the London trip this year. The deadline for completing the form is Monday, 24th March.

An email has also been sent with further details regarding the trip including a kit list. As mentioned in the letter, please allow enough time to arrange a pre-paid travel card for your child. In previous years we have had parents contacting us in the last few days before the trip to ask how to arrange these at short notice... forward planning is important for this!

Dinner Money Reminders



Whilst the majority of parents and carers keep their child's dinner money payments up-to-date (thank you), we have seen a large increase over the last 2-3 weeks in the number of children with unpaid dinner money. For example, at the end of last week, we sent reminders

for 33 children, which is quite time consuming for us. We have also sent home several letters today to some who have not responded to reminders.

Please can we ask that dinner money is paid regularly and promptly. If you do receive a reminder from us, please ensure that a payment is made to fully rectify your child's meal account urgently.

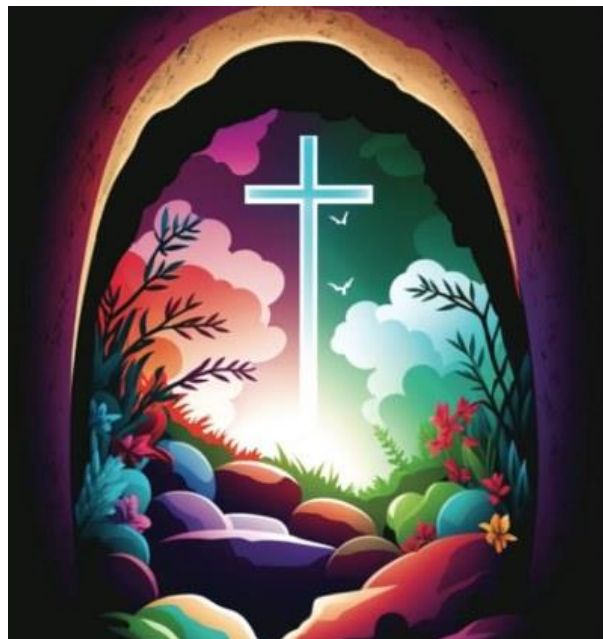
We cannot continue to provide school meals when payments aren't kept up-to-date. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

Music Lessons - Payment Reminder



Invoices for this half-term's piano, guitar and violin lessons were sent out recently. Please can we ask that payments are made promptly; the deadline is 28th March 2025. Thank you.

Easter Spaces



We are delighted that Reverend Richard 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.

School Milk



If your child would like to have school milk after the Easter holiday, please complete the form on Parentmail, and arrange payment if required, by 6pm on Wednesday, 2nd April.

End of Term - Early Finish



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

OPAL Success!



On Wednesday, we had two ladies from OPAL, travel from the North East to see how our provision had improved in the two years since we began the programme. They spent the hour outside at lunchtime, speaking to the children and observing them playing in the various zones. The working party, who lead the programme, then met with the ladies to go over everything that goes on 'behind the scenes' to enable OPAL play in our school.

We are very proud to share with everyone, we have been accredited with the highest award, PLATINUM!!! This is a huge achievement and testament to all the TJS team and pupils! We also want to thank parents, governors and our PTA for their continued support. This is a very prestigious award and only three schools have achieved this level in the county!!!

In our celebration assembly this morning, after we had announced our PLATINUM award, we celebrated our wonderful Play Team, for all their hard work and dedication to our OPAL provision! Well done ladies and thank you all, as well as the volunteer and relief staff who weren't available when the photograph was taken!

Ingrid from OPAL will be returning to school on 3rd April for an official presentation.

Celebration Assembly



Well done to all the children who received a certificate last week and this week!

Certificates Last Week



Certificates This Week



Sport Events



Year 3/4 Carlisle Schools' Boys' Football

Last Wednesday started a busy few weeks of sport for TJS. Our squad travelled to Harraby to play in their first tournament together. It was a tough event, with some very good schools taking part. We improved game on game and won some well deserved points in the back end of the event. Well done to this group!

Dates for your Diary 21.03.2025

22 March	National Cross Country Championships at Northampton
26 March	Year 5&6 Dodgeball Event at Richard Rose Central Academy
24-27 March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
27 March	Key Stage 2 Multi Skills Event at Richard Rose Central Academy
28 March	Carlisle Schools Try Boccia Event 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
22 April	Back to School
25 April	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Training
30 April	Wigton Schools' Swimming Gala at Wigton Baths
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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