



TJS Newsletter - 4 April 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 96.74% and for this week was 96.47%.

OPAL Success!



Yesterday we received the official award for achieving PLATINUM status, for our play time provision. Ingrid, from OPAL North East presented us with our certificate, plaque and banner and told the children, we are one of only 1000 schools, out of over 20,000 nationally to achieve the highest award.

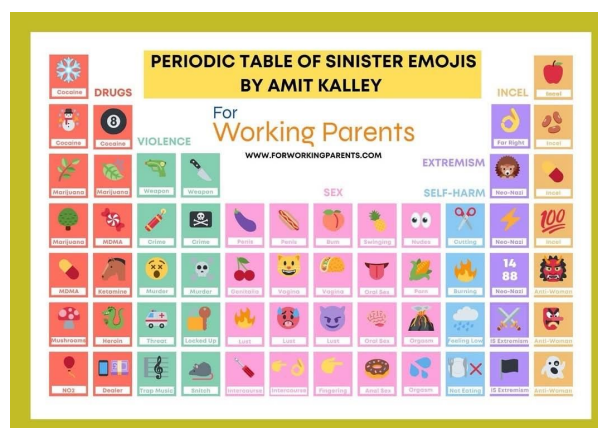
We are very proud of everyone involved at TJS, that have worked extremely hard over the last two years to achieve this. We have many more exciting things planned as we continue to develop our fantastic play times for our children 😊

House Group of the Term



In this morning's assembly, we announced that Skiddaw House Group were the house group winners for the Spring Term. Their treat will be a fun half-day trip to Stocks Wood on Tuesday, 24th June. Further information will be sent out nearer the time regarding this.

Emojis



Please see the information sheet for parents which gives an insight into emojis and their meanings with younger people.

PTA Easter/Spring Craft Competition

Well done to everyone who entered our PTA Easter Craft competition!! We had 152 fantastic entries!

Here are our 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed winners for each class....

We would like to thank the PTA members who chose the winners; the PTA also very kindly paid for every child who entered to receive some sweets.









PTA Father's Day Gifts

Following the success of the Mother's Day Gifts, when we sold 133 gifts, the PTA are now in need of suitable donations to sell on the PTA Father's Day stall – socks, shower gel, deodorant, chocolate, sweets, key rings, etc. Further details will be sent out nearer the time for when these gifts can be purchased through Parentmail.

PTA Non-Uniform Day & Chocolate Bingo



The PTA are planning to hold a Chocolate Bingo Family Night at The Stocksman – Wednesday, 25th June. Children **must** attend with an adult. There will be two sessions (4.30pm - 6pm and 6.30pm – 8pm). Families can choose which session they would like to attend nearer the time.

There will be a Non-Uniform Day on Friday, 20th June. Children can wear non-uniform in exchange for bringing a chocolate donation for our Easter Family Bingo night. They could bring a bar of chocolate, box of chocolates, pack of chocolate sweets, etc. Strictly no nuts please.

VE Day



In the week commencing 28th April, to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we will be looking at VE Day in more detail, learning what VE Day is and how it was celebrated after WWII, and discussing aspects of WWII.

To end the week, children are invited to dress up in red, white and blue on Friday, 2nd May. Any children who have PE that day will need to have suitable footwear for PE.

Parking



We have been contacted by the Health and Safety Team at The Nelson Thomlinson School requesting that parents / carers of our school do not use their carpark before or after school. We ask for your support with this matter.

If you require a parking permit for Water Street Car Park please see our school office. Thank you, Mrs Maxwell.

Year 5 Bikeability



Last week, we had 37 Year 5 children working with Cyclewise instructors on their Bikeability training. The feedback from the instructors was that the children were extremely polite and very well behaved. Well done to everyone who took part!

The Year 4 Level One training is due to be held on Friday, 25th April and we have 39 children due to take part.

Easter Spaces



We would like to thank Reverend Richard Corrie and his helpers from St. Mary's Church who arranged some thought provoking Easter workshops for the children again this year.

PE/Games & Swimming Lessons After Easter



Please find below the days that your child(ren) will have their PE/Games/Swimming sessions after the Easter break:

Miss. Jefferson & Mr. Powell - Monday & Wednesday

Mrs. Easdon - Tuesday & Wednesday

Mrs. Watson - Monday & Thursday

Mrs. Wilson - Monday & Thursday

Miss. Manuel - **Tuesday (Swimming)** & Wednesday

Mrs. Little - Monday & Wednesday

Mrs. Brown - Tuesday & Friday

Mrs. Crane - Monday & Friday

After Easter - some Year 6 pupils will have swimming on Mondays - a separate email has been sent to the relevant parents/carers. Please check your emails!

A reminder that children are to have all jewellery removed for their PE lessons and long hair must be tied up. Astroturf style trainers are not suitable for PE lessons as they don't provide sufficient grip on our playground. As we are coming into the warmer months, please make sure your child has been sent to school with their water bottle, especially on the days listed above.

'Thomlinson Has Talent'!

Have you got what it takes to win our fantastic talent show? Have **courage!** Give it a go!

Thomlinson Has Talent

Year 3, 4 and 5 auditions will take place on week of the 12th May.
Year 6 auditions will take place on week of the 19th May.
The **GRAND FINAL** will be on Friday, 23rd May.

DANCE

Entry: 50p per person.

The was a big announcement in our assembly last week... 'TJS Has Talent' is back! Please see the poster for dates of auditions. 50p per person entry fee, this can be sent in to teachers prior to the auditions.

School Meal Menus - Summer Term

Our Summer Term Menus for School Meals will start after Easter. The menus are also available on our school website.

If your child is currently on packed lunches and would like to give school meals a try, please let us know. School meals are £11.50 per week.

Please remember we need a week's notice if your child wishes to change from school meals onto packed lunches - please inform the office directly of any changes.



Thomlinson Junior School – Menu 1



Day	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Pudding
Monday	Pizza – Pepperoni or Cheese, served with Wedges & Peas	Selection of Baguettes	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Iced Sponge or Fruit or Yoghurt
Tuesday	Sausage Roll with Potatoes & Spaghetti Hoops	Chicken in Tomato & Basil Sauce with Pasta, Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Chocolate Crunch or Jelly or Fruit or Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Meatballs in Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Sugar Doughnut or Fruit or Yoghurt
Thursday	Turkey Burger with Pasta & Sweetcorn	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Ice Lolly or Cookie or Fruit or Yoghurt
Friday	Breaded Fish served with Herby Diced Potato, Spaghetti Hoops or Peas	Bacon Bap	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Golden Crispy or Fruit or Yoghurt
Available Daily	Salad Bar			

If you have any questions about food allergens please speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to help.



Thomlinson Junior School – Menu 2



Day	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Pudding
Monday	Pizza – Pepperoni or Cheese, served with Wedges & Spaghetti Hoops	Selection of Baguettes	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Chocolate Crunch or Fruit or Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Goujons in a Wrap served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn	Chicken Korma with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Iced Sponge or Fruit or Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Beef served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Sausage served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Ice Cream or Fruit or Yoghurt
Thursday	Meatballs in Gravy served with Pasta & Peas	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake with Peas	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jelly or Doughnut or Fruit or Yoghurt
Friday	Fish Fingers served with Potato Waffles, Peas or Spaghetti Hoops	Ham Wrap	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Ice Lolly or Golden Crispy or Fruit or Yoghurt
Available Daily	Salad Bar			

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Thomlinson Junior School – Menu 3



Day	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Pudding
Monday	Pizza – Pepperoni or Cheese, served with Waffles & Spaghetti Hoops or Peas	Selection of Baguettes	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Iced Sponge or Fruit or Yoghurt
Tuesday	Sausage & Potatoes with Broccoli or Sweetcorn	Mac 'n' Cheese served with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Ice Lolly or Cookies or Fruit or Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, & Peas	Mince Pie with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Arctic Roll or Apple Crumble or Fruit or Yoghurt
Thursday	Mini Chicken Fillet served with Healy Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn or Spaghetti Hoops	Lasagne served with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Shortbread or Jelly or Fruit or Yoghurt
Friday	Breaded Fish served with Potato Puffs, Beans or Peas	Sausage Pasta & Peas	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Flagjack or Fruit or Yoghurt
Available Daily	Salad Bar			

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Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School - School Transport



If your child is due to transfer to Secondary School in September and you would like to apply for School Transport for them, please make sure you apply before the 31 May 2025 deadline. Applications made after the deadline could result in a long delay in being informed of the outcome of their application and potentially if pupils are entitled transport it may not be in place for September, and it would then be the responsibility of the parent/carers to transport the pupil to and from school in the interim period.

Applications for Home to School transport can be made via the Citizen Portal: https://ems.cumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

When an application is made and assessed parents will receive an update email with a link to their Citizen Portal message area, and if the child qualifies for Home to School Transport a pass will be sent before the end of August.

For further information please visit the School Transport website:

Year 6 Leavers Photos

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 6 pupils will have their class photographs taken on Tuesday, 20th May by a Tempest photographer. Children will need to be wearing their 'normal' uniform that day i.e. peer supporter or blue sweatshirt/cardigan. If they have PE or swimming that day, they should bring their PE kit to change into after their photograph has been taken. Please note, if your child is absent that day, their image will not be able to be included on their class photo.

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' Girls' Football

We took a squad to compete in the girls' football event. It was another tough competition and the team came out with 4 wins and 3 defeats, and 2 of those defeats were only by 1 goal. This meant we just missed out on the next round.

It was a good team performance by everyone involved!



Primary School Cross Country Competition

Iona recently ran at the primary school cross country competition in Warwick. She ran her heart out, clocking an average pace of 6'45"/mi... her fastest ever.

What a fantastic achievement and it's so good to hear she loved the experience and is determined to continue running and improving. Well done, Iona 🏆 Everyone at TJS is very proud of you 🍌🍌🍌🍌



Last week, we had two year 5/6 teams at a dodgeball competition in Carlisle. They played 7 back-to-back games, that were very high intensity, without any breaks in between! Lots of red faces and smiles. They showed great sportsmanship and encouragement to one another. Very proud of them all 🍌🍌🍌



Panathlon Primary Event 🎯

8 children went to Harraby to take part in an event of 7 different activities, ranging from Boccia to Parachute Popcorn. All the children had to work together to collect points for our team. Well done everyone! 🍌



KS2 Multi-Skills Event 🎯 🏃♂️

We had 12 children go to RRCA to take part in an afternoon of various sporting activities. They all had a fantastic time and worked their socks off on every station! 😁



Try Boccia Festival ●●

7 children went to Richard Rose Central Academy, to take part in Boccia and also a range of other aiming games. All the children had to work together to collect points for our team. Well done everyone!



Year 5/6 Carlisle Schools' Swimming Gala 🏠👧🏠👦

What a morning we have had at the Sands Centre competing in the annual swimming gala. 8 children competed across a range of races and we came away with a lot of success.

The boys finished 1st overall, the first time we have ever won that trophy (it has been going on since 1977!). Individually the children all performed well and finished on the podium in a number of races:

🏆 Boys' 25m Freestyle - Jenson

🏆 Boys' 4x25m Freestyle Relay

🏆 Boys' 4x25m Medley Relay

🥈 Boys' 25m Breaststroke - Percy

🥈 Girls' 25m Backstroke - Isla

🥈 Girls' 4x25m Medley Relay

Well done everyone! 🙌

More Sport Events!



Wigton Cluster Cross Country 🏃👦🏃👧

We had 39 children go to Thursby School to take part in a cross country event with other local schools.

All the children ran very well and we came away with 1st place overall! Individually, we also had success:

🏆 Year 5 Boys - Fletcher

🏆 Year 5 Girls - Rosie

🏆 Year 6 Boys - Frankie D

🏆 Year 6 Girls - Iona

🏅 Year 3/4 Girls - Ivy

🏅 Year 5 Girls - Erinn

🏅 Year 6 Boys - Hugo

🏅 Year 3/4 Boys - Brody

🏅 Year 3/4 Girls - Shay

🏅 Year 5 Girls - Claudia

The Year 5 girls had a full clean sweep as the rest of the team finished 4th, 5th and 6th - a great achievement! Well done to everyone who ran today! 🏆



Boccia Panathlon 🎯

A lovely afternoon was had at Netherhall school taking part in the Boccia Panathlon!

The children played 4 teams to start playing 3 games in each one, we made it through to the quarter final and then to the semi final. We ended with a 3rd/4th play off game which we won! Our end result was 3rd place!

So proud of everyone and they did so well in all the games they played! 🏅 😊 🏆

Happy Easter!



We would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday, 22nd April.

Dates for your Diary 4.4.2025

7-21 April	Easter Holiday
22 April	Back to School!
25 April	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability Training
28 April	Year 5/6 CSSA Cricket at Carlisle Cricket Club
30 April	Wigton Schools' Swimming Gala at Wigton Baths
2 May	Non-uniform day – wear something red/white/blue
5 May	Bank Holiday
6 May	Year 3 PLPS Play on the Pitch at Brunton Park
6-7 May	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Newcastle
7 May	Year 5/6 Girls PLPS Play on the Pitch at Brunton Park
8 May	Year 5/6 PLPS Play on the Pitch at Brunton Park
12-16 May	Year 6 SATS
20 May	Year 6 Class Leavers Photos with Tempest Photographer
22 May	Year 3/4 Tennis at Chatsworth Tennis Club
23 May	'Thomlinson Has Talent' in the afternoon
26-30 May	Half Term
5-6 June	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
9 June	Year 5 - Play in a Day
10-13 June	Year 6 Residential to London
18 June	Year 4, 5 & 6 Athletics at The Sheepmount
20 June	Non-Uniform Day – bring a Chocolate Donation for Chocolate Bingo Night
20 June	Year 5/6 GoActiv Boys Football at Harraby 3G
24 June	Spring House of the Term Treat Day – WINNERS = SKIDDAW
25 June	PTA Chocolate Bingo Night at The Stocksman
26 June	Cumbria School Games at Carlisle
27 June	Year 5/6 GoActiv Girls Football at Harraby 3G
30 June	Moving-Up Day – all children in new classes & Year 2 visiting
30 June	Nelson Thomlinson School New Y7 Parents' Info Evening
30 June & 1 July	Year 6 Transition Days at The Nelson Thomlinson School
2 July	Mini Athletics & Netball at Richard Rose Central Academy
4 July	Year 3/4 Goactiv Boys Football at Harraby 3G
7 July	Community Orchestra Day & Concert at NTS (violin pupils)
9 July	Year 5/6 CSSA Rounders at The Sheepmount
16 July	Summer House of the Term Treat Day
18 July	End of Summer Term – Early Finish 1.45pm

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