



## TJS Newsletter - 16 May 2025

**Welcome to our Newsletter!**

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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 96.71% and for this week was 97.15%.*

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## Music Lessons in September



We are currently planning our resources and lessons for the new school year in September. Please could you complete the form on Parentmail to confirm whether your child would like to continue, start, or stop learning a musical instrument in September. At the moment, we are looking to offer Guitar, Piano, and Violin lessons to Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils, although nothing is certain as yet and the lessons can only be arranged if there is sufficient interest to make the lessons viable. We also need to be able to source music teachers. Places are limited for

each instrument and priority for the places will be given to those children who are already having lessons.

The deadline for completing the form is Wednesday, 21st May.

If your child is currently having music lessons but does not wish to continue in September, please complete the form to confirm this. However, if they wish to continue, we do need you to complete the form to confirm this also please.

## Guitar Lessons



Unfortunately, there are no guitar lessons at present as Mr Bradley, our guitar teacher, is unwell.

We realise this is disappointing for the children, but Cumbria Music Service sadly do not have a spare guitar teacher available to cover.

We will let you know as and when lessons are able to re-start but at the moment we have no indication of when this will be.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Piano & Violin Lesson Payments



Today is the deadline for payment for this half term's piano and violin lessons. Please can any remaining / overdue payments be made urgently, before 23rd May.

## Food Waste Regulations



In England, new Simpler Recycling legislation mandates that businesses with 10 or more employees separate food waste from general waste streams, with a deadline of March 31st, 2025. This includes businesses, public sector organizations, and third-sector organizations like hospitals and schools.

In order for us to comply with the regulations, we have purchased 2 green bins and these are located in the playground. These are for food waste only, e.g. fruit, vegetables, uneaten

food, spoiled food, inedible parts like peels and leftovers . We have explained to the children what items should be placed in these bins.

We would like to ask for your support in reminding your child that only food items can go in the bins. There should be no plastic wrappers, plastic cups, drink cartons etc. Please ensure that only the correct items are placed in our food bin (for example, when waiting for your child after school).

## Sports Days



Years 3 & 4 will have their Sports Day on Thursday, 5th June.

Years 5 & 6 will have their Sports Day on Thursday, 19th June.

Children will get an opportunity to take part in field events in the morning such as long jump, javelin etc.

The school gates will open at 1.15pm and the first race will start at 1.30pm. All parents and carers are invited to come along and support the children.

We are looking forward to having some NTS students coming along to help with the events.

## OPAL Open Afternoon for Parents & Carers



We will be having an open afternoon from 2.15pm to 3.15 on Thursday, 3rd July for Parents and Carers, for you to see the huge variety of activities we have available for children at lunchtimes. Further information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.

## Year 6 - Additional Transition Visits to NTS



We have been arranging some additional transition visits to NTS for Year 6 pupils who are due to move there in September. Together with their class teachers, they will be able to look around the site outside to familiarise themselves with the grounds before their official transition days.

These will be held as follows:-

Wednesday, 25th June 1.45-2.45pm (Mrs Brown's Class)

Thursday, 26th June 9.30-10.30am (Mrs Crane's Class)

## School Milk - Summer 2



We have sent a form out on Parentmail to ask which children would like to have school milk after half term. The deadline for replies, and payment if appropriate, is 6pm on Wednesday, 21st May.

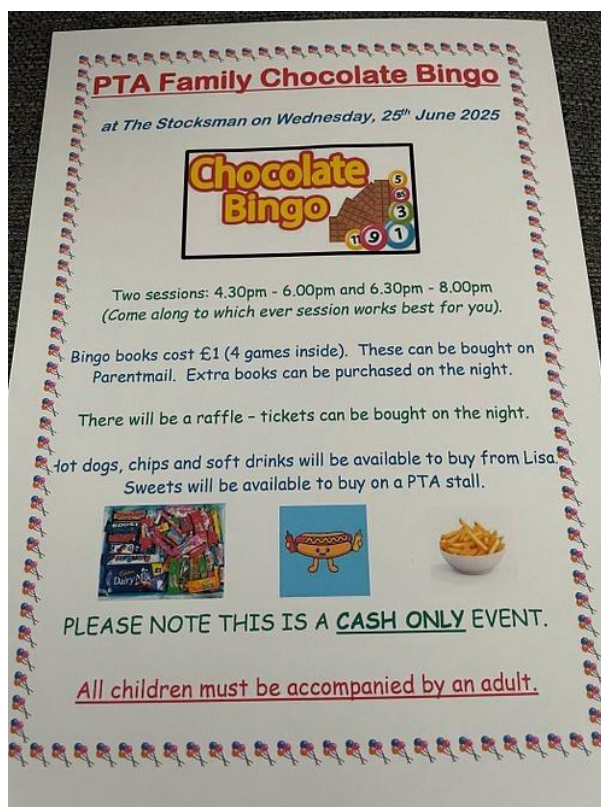
## PTA Father's Day Gifts

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, gift bags etc. Please can any donations be handed in at the school office.

**Gifts will be £3.20 each, and limited to 2 per child. These will be on sale on Parentmail from Tuesday, 6th May until 2pm on Tuesday, 3rd June. Children will then be able to choose their gift on Wednesday, 4th June.**

The PTA aims to keep all our events and activities as accessible as possible. If children are unable to participate due to cost, please speak to a member of the PTA or to the school office.

## 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 be accompanied by an adult.** There will be two sessions (4.30pm - 6pm and 6.30pm – 8pm). Families can choose which session they would like to attend when completing the booking form.

There will be refreshments available to buy from the bar at The Stocksman but **no alcohol** will be served - cash only (no card payments).

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 Family Bingo night. They could bring a bar of chocolate, box of chocolates, pack of chocolate sweets, etc. **Strictly no nuts please.**

**If you would like to attend, we will need you to do two things please:-**

1. **Complete the booking form on Parentmail to confirm which session you will be attending, how many people will attend, and how many books you are buying. You will find it in the 'Forms' area.**
2. **Pay for the required number of books via Parentmail (in the shop area).**

**The strict deadline for completing the booking form and making payments is 2pm on Friday, 20th June.**

## Books, books, books!



We are delighted to announce that the PTA has very kindly donated a significant sum of money to school to buy over 120 early reading books. The delivery has just arrived this week and once we have had time to sort them, they will be added to our library.

We would like to officially say a huge 'THANK YOU' to the PTA for their generosity.

## 'Thomlinson Has Talent'!



This week there has been great excitement and a buzz around school as the 'Thomlinson Has Talent' auditions began. The Grand Final will take place on Friday, 23rd May and the finalists will be announced earlier next week.

The Grand Final will feature 10 acts from across the four year groups. Our talented children will showcase their talents in front of our three special guest judges – Laura Irwin, owner of Carlisle Dance Academy, Martin Cockcroft, TJS Governor and Mel Kinsella from Kinsella HR who worked with us last year on our Bright Stars Project.

Mel Kinsella is a professional singer and will perform two songs for the children to begin the final!

There will be prizes for the winners, and we'll also have some special guest star presenters to make the event even more memorable!

All the children can come to school on Friday, 23rd May in smart or party-style clothes—just remember, no football kits please. If your child would prefer just to wear their uniforms that is fine too.

## 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](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 Leaver's Hoodies



After working incredibly hard all week sitting their KS2 SATs, our Year 6 pupils thoroughly deserved to receive their lovely leavers hoodies this afternoon!! Don't they all look smart!! We are all immensely proud of the resilient, courageous and determined attitudes the children have shown this week; they have risen to the challenges they have faced with smiles on their faces and, without exception, have worked to the absolute best of their ability!! Thank you to everyone in school who has supported year 6 this week...teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, kitchen staff, governors and play team...you have all made a challenging week much easier and more fun!! And thank you to all our parents and families for your support and kind words this week!

Please don't dispose of their blue sweatshirts / Peer Supporter sweatshirts, as they will need to wear these for their Leaver's Photos next week (please see below).

## Year 6 Leaver's Photos

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P H O T O G R A P H Y

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 (not leavers hoodies). If they have PE that day, they should bring their normal uniform to change into after PE for their photograph has been taken in the afternoon. Please note, if your child is absent that day, their image will not be able to be included on their class photo.

## Year 3 Trip to Lake District Wildlife Park



We are arranging a Trip for Year 3 children, to Lake District Wildlife Park at Bassenthwaite on Wednesday, 9th July. Further details will be sent out on a Parentmail form in the next few days.

Please note, this date has changed from that originally mentioned on our previous newsletter due to unforeseen circumstances.

## Year 6 London Trip



The Year 6 London residential is fast approaching. Thank you to those who have now paid in full. Please can we remind parents and carers that the deadline for full payment is Friday, 30th May. Thank you for your support.

Please keep an eye on Parentmail for a food choices form which will be sent out in the next few days.

## 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



### Panathlon Boccia County Finals

Last Friday, our Boccia team travelled to Penrith to take part in the county finals. They qualified for this after finishing 3rd in the Allerdale event. In the group, they won 1 and lost 2 (to the eventual winners and runners up), which meant we didn't qualify out of the group. We did however, play a few friendly games afterwards where we managed to win!

It was a great day of sport, and the children even got to meet the mascot 'Spirit' too. Well done! 🍌



### Year 5/6 Boys' Premier League Primary Stars Football

The boys had an opportunity to play at Brunton Park. The squad played some good football across all their games, watched closely by a very important American too! They, along with

everyone else involved at the festival, also took part in a very well respected 2 minute silence for VE Day. Well done boys! 🙌



### Year 5/6 Girls' Premier League Primary Stars Football

We had a squad of 9 girls travel to Carlisle United to be able to play a mini festival on the pitch at Brunton Park. The girls all had a fantastic time and played some really good football. Well done girls! 🙌

## Dates for your Diary 16.5.2025

<b>20 May</b>	Year 6 Class Leavers Photos with Tempest Photographer
<b>22 May</b>	Year 3/4 Tennis at Chatsworth Tennis Club
<b>23 May</b>	'Thomlinson Has Talent' Grand Final in the afternoon
<b>26–30 May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>2 June</b>	NTS Staff visiting our Year 6 pupils at TJS
<b>4 June</b>	Children can choose Father's Day Gifts during morning break
<b>5–6 June</b>	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
<b>9 June</b>	Year 5 - Play in a Day
<b>10–13 June</b>	Year 6 Residential to London
<b>18 June</b>	Year 4, 5 & 6 Athletics at The Sheepmount
<b>18 June</b>	Book Bus (Library Van) visiting school – please return all library books
<b>20 June</b>	Non-Uniform Day – bring a Chocolate Donation for Chocolate Bingo Night
<b>20 June</b>	Year 5/6 GoActiv Boys Football at Harraby 3G
<b>24 June</b>	Spring House of the Term Treat Day – WINNERS = SKIDDAW
<b>25 June</b>	PTA Family Chocolate Bingo Night at The Stocksman
<b>26 June</b>	Cumbria School Games at Carlisle
<b>27 June</b>	Year 5/6 GoActiv Girls Football at Harraby 3G
<b>30 June</b>	Moving-Up Day – all children in new classes & Year 2 visiting
<b>30 June</b>	Nelson Thomlinson School New Y7 Parents/Carers' Info Evening
<b>30 June &amp; 1 July</b>	Year 6 Transition Days at The Nelson Thomlinson School
<b>1 July</b>	Year 2 Parents/Carers' Information Evening 5.30pm
<b>2 July</b>	Mini Athletics & Netball at Richard Rose Central Academy
<b>3 July</b>	OPAL Open Afternoon for Parents & Carers 2.15-3.15pm
<b>4 July</b>	Year 3/4 Goactiv Boys Football at Harraby 3G
<b>4 July</b>	Year 5 children visiting NTS
<b>7 July</b>	Community Orchestra Day & Concert at NTS (violin pupils)
<b>9 July</b>	Year 3 Trip to Lake District Wildlife Park
<b>9 July</b>	Year 5/6 CSSA Rounders at The Sheepmount
<b>11 July</b>	School Council Trip to The Rum Story, Whitehaven
<b>16 July</b>	Summer House of the Term Treat Day
<b>18 July</b>	<b>End of Summer Term – Early Finish 1.45pm</b>

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