



TJS Newsletter - 11 July 2025

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year!

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End of Term Message from Mrs Maxwell



A message from Mrs Maxwell...

What a successful academic year at TJS! A wonderful Ofsted inspection and then gaining a Platinum Award for OPAL!

Thanks to all our families for your support this year and a huge thank you to our amazing staff for their endless dedication, care and hard work.

On behalf of the school staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a lovely summer holiday – full of sunshine and good times!

Also, a special mention to our amazing Year 6 pupils - we wish you every success at Secondary School. It has been a pleasure having you!

Attendance Matters



Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 96.21% and for this week was 97.04%.

Safeguarding Arrangements over Summer



Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.

If you have concerns about the welfare of a child or young person over the summer holidays, please call the Cumbria Safeguarding Hub on 03332401727 or e-mail safeguarding.hub@cumberland.gov.uk

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Co-opted Governor.

If you are interested in this position and have the skills and experience that can support our school, please contact Mrs K Myers on sbm@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk¹.

Parents/Carers Information Meetings in September



In September, we will be holding some Parents/Carers Information Meetings. This will give you a chance to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, and hear more about curriculum expectations, behaviour, homework, rewards, trips and residential. The

¹<mailto:sbm@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk>

evenings will start in the school hall, then move to individual classrooms. They will be held on the follow dates:-

Year 4 - Thursday, 11th September - 3.30pm

Year 5 - Thursday, 18th September - 3.30pm

Year 6 - Thursday, 11th September - 5.30pm

Guitar, Piano & Violin Lessons in September



Thank you to everyone who has put their child's name down for guitar, piano or violin lessons in September. We are currently awaiting confirmation of music teachers and hope to be able to confirm places soon. If you have put your child's name down for lessons and they do NOT wish to have them, it is essential that you let us know by Tuesday, 15th July before we spend time creating timetables. Please note, you are firmly committing to your child doing the lessons for the full school year, September 2025 to July 2026. If they decide to discontinue their lessons once they have started, you will still need to pay for the lessons for the full year.

Car Park Permits



We have now given out over 140 car park permits. If you haven't requested one, please complete the form on Parentmail titled 'Parking Permits for Water Street Car Park - September 2025 to July 2026'. Please note, we are still limited to one per family due to the large number issued.

School Milk in September



If your child would like to have school milk in September, please complete the form on Parentmail, and arrange payment if required, by 6pm on Wednesday, 16th July.

Year 6 - Young Voices 2026



We sent out a form on Parentmail a couple of weeks ago for the children currently in Year 5, who expressed an interest in going to the Young Voices event in Manchester next February. Thank you to the parents and carers who have already replied. Please can any remaining forms be returned to school by Monday (we have sent printed forms home as the deadline for completing the form online had passed).

Please note - the deadline for payments is the £15 non-refundable deposit by **16th July 2025** and the remaining £25 balance by 30th September 2025.

Music Lesson Payments



The deadline for payments for Piano, Guitar and Violin lessons for this half term is today, Friday, 11th July. There are some payments overdue. We have already sent text reminders to those who haven't paid (thank you to those who have paid). Please can all remaining payments be made urgently, and by Thursday, 17th July at the very latest.

Dinner Money



We have sent out messages this week to everyone who we are predicting will owe for dinner money by the end of term. Thank you to everyone who has responded by clearing their child's expected balance.

If you have received a message and haven't paid yet, please can you arrange to pay the correct amount to clear your child's balance. It is essential that all debit balances are cleared by **Thursday, 17th July** as we need to balance off our school year end on Friday.

Any credit balances at the end of term will be carried forward to September. Credit balances at the end of term for Year 6 pupils will be refunded.

Thank you for your support.

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





Cumbria School Games 2025

The weather didn't dampen the spirit of over 40 of our children, when they went to The Sheepmount to take part in the annual School Games festival. The year 3/4 children took part in a variety of multi-skill activities, and the year 5/6 completed in a range of orienteering tasks. Some eagle-eyed viewers will have seen clips of our children on ITV Border afterwards!

It was a fantastic day, with children showing the School Game values in all the activities they took part in.





Year 5/6 GoActiv Football

We had 4 teams travel to Harraby to compete in the boys' and girls' competitions. For all 4 teams, they had a successful group stage. Both 'A' teams qualified for the Champions League stage after finishing in the top 2 of their group, and both 'B' teams qualified for the Europa League stage after finishing 3rd and 4th in their group.

Unfortunately, the quarter final stage was our arch nemesis as all 4 teams were knocked out. 'A' boys lost 4-2 on penalties, 'A' girls lost 3-0, 'B' boys lost 1-0 and 'B' girls lost 3-2 on penalties.

Despite the results not being what the children wanted, they all performed very well and showed great support to not just their team, but also the other team who represented the school!



Year 3/4 Boys' GoActiv Football

Last Friday we had our final football tournament of the school year. This time it was our year 3/4 team who travelled to Harraby. A really strong set of group games saw us finish 2nd in the group and qualify for the Champions League Quarter Finals. A tight game finish 1-1 and we went to dreaded penalties - we unfortunately lost 7-6 in the penalty shootout.

There are lots of positives to take from the event and it was great to see the progress the team have made since the last tournament. Well done lads!



Year 5/6 Carlisle Schools' Rounders

This week, we had our penultimate sporting event of the academic year. Two teams (Thomlinson Hawks and Thomlinson Robins) went to The Sheepmount to play in a rounders competition. The teams were split into 2 groups and played 7 group matches each. Hawks won 4 (scoring 65 rounders) and Robins won 3 (scoring 64 rounders). Their overall 'large school' positions were 4th and 6th respectively.

Well done to all the children, who improved game on game.0

End of Term Reminders



We have 1 week left until the end of term. We break up for the summer holiday on Friday, 18th July.

PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE AN EARLY FINISH AT 1.45PM (1.50PM FOR YEAR 6)

Children will return to school on Wednesday, 3rd September.

Dates for your Diary

15 July	Year 5/6 Girls Cricket at Carlisle Cricket Club
16 July	Summer House of the Term Treat Day - Catbells
16 July	Year 6 Leavers event 4.30pm then Parents Assembly 6.00pm
18 July	End of Summer Term – Early Finish 1.45pm (1.50pm for Year 6 pupils)
3 September	Children Back to School
11 September	3.30pm – Year 4 Parents/Carers Information Meeting
11 September	5.30pm – Year 6 Parents/Carers Information Meeting
18 September	3.30pm – Year 5 Parents/Carers Information Meeting
1 October	Year 6 REACT Science Show at Lakes College
17 October	Tempest Photographer in School – Individual & Family Photos
21 October	Annual Flu Vaccinations for pupils
27 to 31 October	Half Term
6 November	Parents Evening
13 November	Parents Evening
19 December 2025	Last day of Autumn Term
22 Dec to 6 Jan 2026	Christmas Holiday
7 January 2026	Children back to school for Spring Term
5 February 2026	Year 6 Young Voices Trip to Manchester
16 to 20 February 2026	Half Term
5 March 2026	Parents Evening
12 March 2026	Parents Evening
27 March 2026	Final day of Spring Term
30 March to 10 April 2026	Easter Holiday
13 April 2026	Children back to school for Summer Term
28 to 29 April 2026	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Life Science Centre, Newcastle
4 May 2026	Bank Holiday
11 to 14 May 2026	Year 6 SATS
25 to 29 May 2026	Half Term
4 to 5 June 2026	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
17 July 2026	End of Summer Term
20 July to 1 Sept 2026	Summer Holiday
2 September 2026	Start of Autumn Trm 2026

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