



TJS Newsletter - 17 April 2026

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Attendance Matters



Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for the last week before the Easter break was 96.18% and for this week was 96.67%.

Welcome to the Summer Term!



Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you have all had a restful break. There is a fantastic amount to fit into the summer term. Please keep an eye on newsletters, ClassDojo and Parentmail to make sure you don't miss anything!

Cumberland's SEND Local Offer



There is a new website which provides full details of Cumberland's SEND Local Offer. Full details can be found here:- <https://cumberlandsend.co.uk/cumberland-send>

Wigton Town Council Survey - please respond



Wigton Town Council is currently developing its new **5-Year Town Plan**, and they are keen to gather as much feedback as possible from across our community.

We would be very grateful if you could support them by completing the survey on the link below. The survey focuses on areas that the Town Council is directly responsible for, such as parks, play areas, events, allotments and local facilities.

Survey link: Your Views Matter - Wigton Town Council Survey. – Fill in form¹

The feedback received will play an important role in shaping the services provided and the priorities that are set for the coming years. For those who may not be able to access the survey online, paper copies will also be available in local organisations over the coming days.

Breakfast & After-School Club Bookings



For Breakfast & After-School Club this week, we have had late bookings, cancellations, no shows, children turning up but not booked in and amended bookings for 25 different

¹https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=g3Y9ZArG_U6tTjaGDL_z4ndCpVNafEhAvbEkfa4gbyBUQzY1RVhSN09OS0s3R0cyS0g3QkdVWVA4Ni4u

children. This has created a lot of extra work for our office staff. We know that some cancellations are unavoidable (such as when your child is unwell) and that some late bookings are unavoidable, but this has really been excessive this week.

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that bookings are made online before the booking window closes - please make sure notifications are turned on for your Parentmail App, as it does send booking reminders if you haven't booked. Also, please ensure your child knows when they are due to attend after-school club, and please notify us in advance if you need to cancel for any reason. Any cancellations without 24 hours notice will still be charged (except for illness).

Thank you in advance of your support.

PE & Swimming Days



Please see below for the days your child(ren) will have PE/**Swimming** from the start of the Summer Term.

Miss. Jefferson/Mr. Powell's Class: Monday & Friday

Mrs. Easdon's Class: Monday & Thursday

Mrs. Watson's Class: Tuesday & Friday

Mrs. Wilson's Class: Wednesday & Friday

Miss. Manuel's Class: Monday & **Tuesday (Swimming)**

Mrs. Little's Class: Monday & Wednesday

Mrs. Brown's Class: Monday & Wednesday

Mrs. Crane's Class: Tuesday & Wednesday

Selected Year 6 Children: Monday (Swimming)

Your child(ren) will come to school wearing their PE kits and trainers (no astroturf trainers) on these days, and the children who have swimming will need to bring their swimming kit, towel and goggles in a separate bag. Strictly no shower gel, shampoo or talc please.

Please ensure that all long hair is tied up and all jewellery is taken off for PE and swimming - if your child is unable to take their earrings out themselves, then they must be taken out at home before they come to school.

Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle



Information including a kit list has been sent out on a Parentmail Form to those attending the Year 5 residential. Please can the form be completed by Friday, 24th April.

The deadline for final payments is 29th April - we would appreciate all payments by this date please.

Year 5 Taster Day at NTS



We have arranged for all Year 5 pupils to attend a Taster Day at The Nelson Thomlinson School on Tuesday, 2nd June 2026. Information has been sent out to Year 5 Parents and Carers on a Parentmail Form. Please respond by 24th April.

Dinner Money



Thank you to everyone who brought their child's dinner money balance up-to-date before the Easter break.

For those who prefer to pay for a full half term in one go, this half term has 5 full weeks and 4 days, and dinner money will be £66.70 (29 days). Please remember to add any balance owing at the end of last term, and deduct any credit balance brought forward.

It helps us greatly if dinner money payments are made regularly and on time, to reduce the number of reminders we need to send. Thank you for your support.

PINS Coffee Morning - Monday, 27th April



PINS = Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

Parents and Carers with children with SEND needs - please come along to chat to other parents and speak with Paul McCubbin from the SEND Alliance Cumbria.

PTA Family Chocolate Bingo



The PTA are planning to hold a Family Chocolate Bingo Night in our school hall on Monday, 18th May 2026. **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 - there is a separate form on Parentmail for each time slot, please complete the relevant form to reserve seats.

To make things simpler, all we are asking at the moment is for you to reserve how many seats you would like for your preferred session. Bingo books will be on sale for £1 each on the night - you do not need to pay in advance for these. There will be refreshments on sale including hotdogs, a tuckshop and a raffle - cash only please (please bring change).

There will be a Non-Uniform Day on Friday, 15th May. Children can wear non-uniform in exchange for bringing a chocolate donation for the Family Chocolate 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 reserve your seats in advance please. Please complete the relevant form on Parentmail to reserve your seats as soon as possible - the deadline for replies is 6pm on Wednesday, 13th May, however due to the limited space, once all the seats have been filled we will withdraw this form and you will not be able to book seats after that. Late requests for seats after the cut-off date (or after the forms have been withdrawn) will not be possible.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Library Update



A big thank you once again to everyone who bought cakes, number squares and made a non-uniform donation and to Futumura and Innovia Films for their kind donations. We managed to raise a staggering £1166.24 for our school library! Fantastic!

Cumbria Sports Awards Success



Wow - what a night! Both Mr Powell and Mrs. Brown had the pleasure of representing TJS at the Annual Cumbria Sports Awards at Energus last night. We had a nomination under the 'Junior Team of the Year' category, for our successful year 6 girls' football team.

We were up against 2 other strong finalists, and all 3 of us would have been deserving winners - but we can proudly say that we came home with the trophy (and even got mentioned by Red Roses hero Abbie Ward in her Sports Personality of the Year speech)! All the hard work has paid off and this award is very well deserved.

Certainly one very proud school!

Celebration Assembly



Well done to everyone who received a certificate during the last week before the Easter break or this week!

























Sport Events



ESFA U11 Girls' Northern Finals

A proud day for the school as our year 6 girls' football team represented Cumbria at the Northern Finals, which was played at Liverpool FC's Academy Ground. The 11 county winners from the North of England were in attendance so we knew it was going to be a tough day of football.

We didn't get off to the best start and lost 1-0 in the opening game, but we shook ourselves down and won the next game 7-1! The 3rd game was a tight 2-1 defeat to the group winners and then the final game was a 1-1 draw. These results meant that we didn't qualify for the semi finals. Despite the results, the whole squad should be proud of the way they played and the way they represented the school! They can hold their heads high at the accolade of having the biggest margin of victory with our 7-1 win too.

Well done everyone, and thank you to the parents who travelled down. The support was brilliant!



U-Dance Festival

We had a fantastic day at the U-Dance Festival! The children's behaviour was outstanding throughout, and they truly did themselves proud with an excellent performance. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved, and the children represented our school brilliantly.

We are so proud of them all!



National Cross Country Championships

A huge well done to Brody who travelled down to Kenilworth to run in the Year 4 Boys' National Cross Country Championships. After having a strong run in both the city (2nd place)

and the county (5th), he competed against the best in the England and finished in 21st place. What a brilliant achievement!

Well done Brody - everyone at TJS is very proud.



Panathlon Multi-Skills

We had 7 children travel to Richard Rose Central to take part in the Multi-Skills event, ran by Panathlon. The children completed 8 different skill stations (everything from New Age Kurling, to football, and more). The points gained on each station were then added together to give the final standings.

Our team finished in 4th place, which is brilliant. Well done everyone!

Dates for your Diary

23 April	Year 5&6 Netball at Richard Rose Central Academy
27 April	PINS Coffee Morning in School 9.30am
28 to 29 April	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Life Science Centre, Newcastle
30 April	Year 3&4 Girls & Year 3&4 Boys City Football Finals
4 May	Bank Holiday
5 May	Multi Skills Event at Richard Rose Central Academy
6 May	Wigton Schools' Cross Country at Thursby Primary School
11 to 14 May	Year 6 SATS week
15 May	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate donation
19 May	Tempest Photographer in school for Year 6 Leaver's Photos
19 May	Year 3&4 Tennis at Chatsworth Tennis Club
20 May	Year 5&6 Girls Play on the Pitch at Brunton Park
21 May	Year 5&6 Boys Play on the Pitch at Brunton Park
22 May	Year 6 Girls Premier League Cup National Football Finals @ Wolverhampton
25 to 29 May	Half Term
1 June	Staff from NTS visiting Year 6 re Transition
2 June	Year 5 Taster Day at The Nelson Thomlinson School
4 to 5 June	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
8 June	Year 5 – "Play in a Day"
10 June	Book Bus (Library Van) visiting school
12 June	Year 5&6 GoActiv Football at Harraby
16 to 19 June	Year 6 London Residential
23 June	Year 5&6 Rounders at St Cuthbert's School
24 June	Year 4, 5 & 6 Track & Field Athletics at Sheepmount
25 June	Cumbria School Games at Sheepmount
26 June	Year 5&6 Girls GoActiv Football at Harraby
29 June	'Moving Up' Day – children in 'new' classes, Year 2 visiting
29 & 30 June	Year 6 Transition Days at The Nelson Thomlinson School
3 July	Year 3&4 GoActiv Football at Harraby
7 July	Year 5 Sports Leader at Wigton Infants for Multi-Skills afternoon
9 July	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Rounders at Sheepmount
10 July	TT Rockstars Day
17 July	End of Summer Term – EARLY FINISH 1.45PM
20 July to 1 Sept	Summer Holiday
2 September	Start of Autumn Term 2026

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