



TJS Newsletter - 15 May 2026

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Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 95.9% and for this week was 96.89%.

School Start Times From June 2026



Over the last few terms, the school gates have been opened earlier at 8:20am. However, from after the half term holiday on Monday 1st June 2026, we will be returning to the gates opening time of **8:30am**. Children should not be sent to school earlier than this, as the school is unable to supervise pupils before this time. In particular, children should not wait unsupervised in the car park.

The gates will open at **8:30am**, when staff will be on duty. The school doors will open at **8:40am**, which is the official start time for all year groups. Upon arrival, children should walk directly to their classrooms, where they will be welcomed by their teacher.

Registers are taken at **8:45am**, and any children arriving after the register closes at **8:50am** will be marked as late.

We appreciate your support in following these arrangements to help us maintain a safe and well-organised start to the school day.

Mrs D.A. Maxwell

Dinner Money



Please can we ask that all dinner money balances are paid up-to-date before we break up for half term on Friday, 22nd May. It helps us tremendously if balances are brought exactly to nil, as this reduces the number of messages we need to send out.

Any credit balances will be carried forward to the next half term.

Thank you for your support.

Year 6 London Residential



The deadline for final payments for the Year 6 London residential, including the additional £15 payment (set up as a separate payment item on Parentmail) is 30th May. Please can all payments be made by this date.

Safety Notice re Asbestos in Products Containing Play Sand



You may have heard in the news this week about safety concerns relating to products containing play sand and asbestos.

Further details have been sent out on a Parentmail email today regarding product recalls and the many listed items that have been found to be contaminated with asbestos. Please check this carefully as it lists some popular "stretchy toys" as well as some craft based kits, sold in the UK, but originated from China.

Our OPAL beach/sand pit has beach play sand that was purchased from a UK company, sourced from a UK quarry. We will follow any health and safety guidance provided, but want to ensure that you are aware of the product recalls.

PTA Family Chocolate Bingo



We are looking forward to seeing everyone who has reserved seats for the Family Chocolate Bingo on Monday, 18th May. Thank you to all those who sent chocolate in with their child today for non-uniform day.

The first session for the Bingo is 4.30pm to 6.00pm, and the second session is 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Please bring money (change preferably) with you to buy Bingo tickets. Refreshments, sweets and hotdogs will be available to buy from the tuckshop.

We wish to keep everyone safe, therefore there will be no parking in our school car park for the evening.

Sports and Wellbeing Week



We are excited to let you know that Thomlinson Junior School will be holding a **Sports and Wellbeing Week** from **Monday, 18th May to Friday, 22nd May 2026**.

Throughout the week, the children will take part in a range of sporting experiences and activities designed to encourage active lifestyles and promote positive mental wellbeing.

Activities will include:

- Dancing
- Karate
- Bootcamp
- Phunky Food
- First Aid

To enable the children to take part fully, please ensure your child comes to school wearing their **PE kit and trainers every day throughout the week**. Children who currently have swimming will still have their swimming session and will need to bring their swimming kit on the relevant day.

Children in Year 6 will be having their leavers photo taken by the Tempest photographer on **Tuesday, 19th May**. They will need to come to school on that day wearing their **normal school uniform** as their photo will be taken in the morning. They will need to bring their PE kit to get changed into afterwards.

Please note that **Friday will be different - Colour Run - Please see below**.

We are looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable week for all the children.

Colour Run - Friday, 22nd May 2026



Thank you to everyone who has given permission for their child to take part in the Colour Run next Friday, 22nd May in the afternoon. Any children not taking part will be able to watch.

While this is a fun event, we do require children to take a few simple protective measures to ensure their safety:-

- Children must wear protective eyewear (goggles, sunglasses, or prescription glasses).
- Please ensure your child brings suitable eye protection to school on the day.
- An old t-shirt (preferably white) should be worn or brought in to change into for the event.
- We recommend children wear old trainers, as these may become stained.
- Any children with asthma will be provided with a dust mask to reduce the risk of inhaling the powder.
- Please note that if your child does not bring the equipment on the day, we will be unable to phone or contact parents and they will therefore be unable to take part in the event.
- Also, note that the Colour Run will finish just before home time. Children will go home in their Colour Run clothing and will not need to get changed at school.

Year 6 Leavers Photos



As mentioned above, Year 6 pupils will have their class leavers photograph taken on Tuesday, 19th May by a Tempest photographer. Children will need to be wearing their 'normal' uniform that day i.e. peer supporter or blue sweatshirt/cardigan. They should bring their PE kit to change into after their photograph has been taken. (Please also make sure you keep hold of their 'normal' uniform as they will need to wear this for any secondary school transition days.)

Please note, if your child is absent that day, their image will not be able to be included on their class photo.

PTA - Father's Day Gifts



Following the success of the Mother's Day 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, mugs, gift bags etc. Please can any donations be handed in at the school office.

Gifts will be £3.00 each, and limited to 2 per child. **These will be on sale on Parentmail until 2pm on Friday, 5th June. Please note, this is a strict deadline.** Parentmail will send a reminder 2 day before the closing date - if you don't wish to order any gifts please ignore the reminder.

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

School Council - Phunky Foods Healthier Communities Project - 1 mile Fun Run & Board Games Event



As part of their Phunky Foods Healthier Communities Project, the School Council is arranging a one mile fun run for all pupils on Monday, 15th June and a Board Games Event after school on Monday, 22nd June.

Further information has been sent out on a Parentmail Form regarding the Board Games event. Please reserve your seats by completing the form as soon as possible as places are limited. Seat reservations for the Board Games Event will close at 2pm on Monday, 15th June (or sooner if all places get fully booked) to give us time to plan for the event and complete our risk assessment.

Easy Fundraising



- 1 Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- 2 Sign up and search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate to us whenever you shop with them

Shop with 8,000+ brands including:



Have you considered using easyfundraising every time you shop online? Over 8,000 retailers **will donate to us**, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. All donations received help us to support pupils in school for example by subsidising trips, purchasing equipment etc.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thomlinsonjnr/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-2

Music Lesson Invoices



Invoices have previously been sent out for violin, piano and guitar lessons for this half term. Payments were due by today. Please can any remaining payments be made urgently. We have sent text reminders today to those who haven't yet paid.

Please note, there will be no piano lessons on 20th May as Mrs Waddell will be unavailable.

Music Lessons in September - current Year 3, 4 & 5 pupils



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, or start, learning a musical instrument in September. At the moment, we are looking to offer Guitar, Piano, and Violin lessons, 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 cost for each lesson is likely to be around £7.00/£7.50 per week, payable half termly at the start of each half term. Please note we ask for a firm commitment from children and parents. Children must attend lessons and be prepared to practise. Children may miss their usual lessons or their break time in order to attend music lessons. If a pupil is absent, the cost of the lesson is non-refundable. If your child is on a school residential or representing school in an event, the cost of the lesson will be refunded.

Please note that if your child does wish to have music lessons, this is a firm commitment for the full school year. Lessons will be held during the school day, and are only offered for children who will be in Year 4, 5 or 6 in September. School can provide violins free of charge. Children would need their own guitar.

Please can we ask that you complete the Form on Parentmail by 10am on Monday, 1st June 2026.

Support for Parents

Self Esteem Low Mood Bullying Behaviour Toileting Sleep

Virtual Clinics for children aged 5-11 Years

Emotional Health & Resilience Clinic

We can help your child feel heard, build resilience, and grow with confidence if they are struggling emotionally.

School Nurse Clinic

We're here to help with any concerns about your child's sleep, toileting, diet, or development—supporting them to grow feeling comfortable, confident, and happy.

Ring or email to book a consultation on 0300 304 9029 hdft.spoc0-19cumberland@nhs.net

Anger Anxiety Worry Diet Development

Anxiety

As a service we are visible, accessible, and confidential and work to build resilience among children and young people.

Building Emotional Resilience

5-19 Emotional Health and Resilience Service

Ring or email to book a consultation 0300 304 9029 hdft.spoc0-19cumberland@nhs.net

Self Esteem

We can provide you with the tools to cope in challenging and difficult times, to reduce the risk of poor mental health.

Please note that we offer a tier 1 brief intervention around emotional health. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis please contact NHS 111 option 2

Worry Low Mood Anger

Your journey starts with an listening to your voice leading to an assessment of your needs and agreed goals.

Celebration Assembly & Sport Events



Well done to everyone who received a certificate last week or this week. Photographs of the recipients and details of recent Sport Events are available on ClassDojo. There is also a brilliant good luck video for our Year 6 Girls' Football Team.

If you do not have access to ClassDojo please let us know and we will arrange for login information to be sent to you.

Dates for your Diary

18 May	PTA Chocolate Bingo in School Hall 4.30pm & 6.30pm
18-22 May	Sports and Wellbeing Week
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	TJS Colour Run
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
5 June	2pm deadline for ordering Father's Day Gifts
9 June	Skiddaw House Group Trip to Clip n Climb
10 June	Book Bus (Library Van) visiting school
11 June	Year 5 Play in a Day
12 June	Year 5&6 GoActiv Football at Harraby
15 June	School Council 1 Mile Fun Run
16 to 19 June	Year 6 London Residential
22 June	School Council Board Games Event 3.40pm to 5.00pm
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
30 June	Year 2 Parents Meeting 5.30pm
1 July	Year 6 Transition Day at Keswick 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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