



TJS Newsletter - 2 October 2026

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Attendance Matters





Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 97.3% and for this week was 97.5%.

PTA Annual Meeting



It would be wonderful if we could get as many people as possible to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting at 7.15pm on Wednesday, 7th October in school. Please come along and show your support. Further details were sent out on a Parentmail email and are also available on ClassDojo.

Mobile Phones & Trackers



We would like to remind parents and carers that as a school, we have a clear 'no mobile phone' policy. This is to ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils. Can we please insist that parents and carers make sure children do not bring mobile phones into school or take them on school trips, even if they are switched off and in bags. Our policy regarding phones and technology is included in our Online Safety Policy which can be found on our school website. The link for this is

https://www.thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk/information/online_safety/online_safety.html

Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones or devices into school, unless prior arrangement has been made between a parent/carer (with good reason) and myself. If a mobile phone is found in a child's belongings it will be confiscated and will need to be collected by a parent/carer from me.

In addition, air tags and air trackers are strictly not permitted in school or on trips and residential. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs D.A. Maxwell, Headteacher

School Meals & Packed Lunches



We would like to remind parents and carers that we require one week's notice if your child is moving from school meals to packed lunches, or vice versa. If your child is on school meals

and you do not inform the office of them changing to packed lunches, you will still be charged for the school meals as we will still be making them. Please do not ask your child to inform us, as they may forget. Thank you for your support.

Year 4 Visit to Wigton Library



On Monday, 5th October, teachers will be taking Year 4 children to Wigton Library. This is to introduce them to what the library can offer. If your child has a library card, they can bring it on the day and borrow a book of their choice.

Any children who don't already have a library card and would like to join the library after their visit, would need to be taken in by their parent/carer during opening hours to enrol them. The opening hours, which were extended earlier this year, are as follows:-

- Mondays: 9.30am - 5pm
- Tuesdays: 9.30am - 5pm
- Wednesdays: 9.30am - 2pm
- Thursday: 9.30am - 5pm
- Fridays: 9.30am - 12pm
- Saturdays: 10am - 12pm

Year 3 Stone Age Trips to Stocks Wood



Information has been sent out to Year 3 Parents & Carers on a Parentmail Form regarding Class Stone Age trips to Stocks Wood on 9th and 11th November (one class each day).

Please can all permission forms/Form C be fully completed by Friday, 9th October. Please ensure you answer every question, in particular the areas that are frequently missed are the date of your child's tetanus vaccination and what medication they can be given for pain relief.

Year 6 London Trip - Deposit Reminder



The deadline for deposits for the Year 6 London trip was 30th September. There are some deposit payments now overdue.

Please can all deposit payments be made urgently, by Monday, 5th October at the latest, to confirm your child's place on the trip.

The payment schedule for remaining payments has now been set up on Parentmail.

Year 6 - Transfer to Secondary School in September 2027



Information was sent home with Year 6 pupils at the start of term regarding applying for their Secondary School place for September 2027 together with a prospectus from The Nelson Thomlinson School. The online portal is available for applications until 31st October.

Please use the following link to apply for your child's place:-

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools/apply-secondary-school-place>

If anyone would like a prospectus for Solway Community School in Silloth, please ask for one at our school office.

Halloween Themed Lunch - Thursday, 22nd October



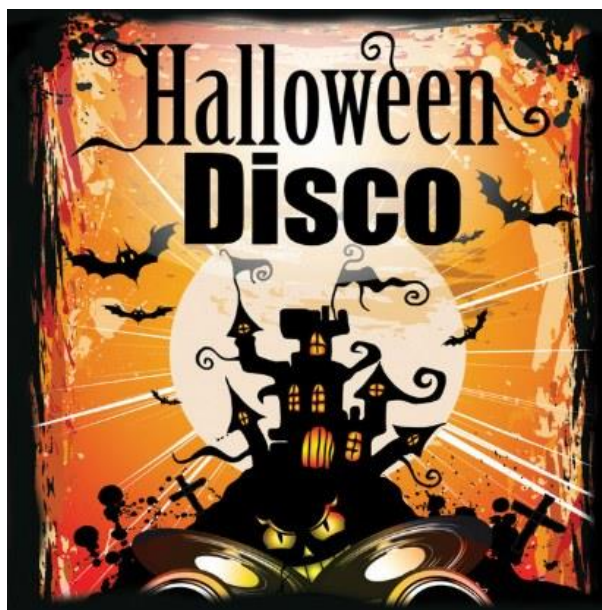
On Thursday, 22nd October, our kitchen staff are making a Halloween themed lunch. There will be a choice of Hotdogs or Chicken Fajitas with Nachos, instead of the usual menu, as well as Jacket Potatoes and sandwiches and a variety of Halloween themed desserts.

For children who already have school meals, you do not need to do anything. However, if your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to have a Halloween themed lunch in school for this day only, please complete the details on the Parentmail Form we have sent you and arrange to pay £2.40 by cash at the office or by Parentmail (School Meal) by Friday, 16th October.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they do not have to pay for the lunch.

Please note, late replies will not be accepted so a quick response is essential. **Please complete the Parentmail Form by Friday, 9th October** to enable plans to be made for the day. If you do not respond, your child will need to bring their packed lunch as usual. **Please don't miss the deadline as late replies will not be accepted.**

PTA Halloween Disco - Thursday, 22nd October



The PTA are arranging a Halloween Disco in the school hall on **Thursday, 22nd October**.

The times will be as follows:-

Years 3 & 4 : 4.30pm to 6.00pm

Years 5 & 6 : 6.30pm to 8.00pm

The cost of tickets is £3.50 per child.

Refreshments including hot dogs, snacks and drinks will be available to buy on the night.

Fancy dress is optional.

Tickets will be on sale on Parentmail from 3pm on Friday, 2nd October until 3pm on Thursday, 16th October. Please do not ask for tickets after the cut-off time. There is always at least one child disappointed when they can't get a last minute ticket, so please make sure tickets are bought before 3pm on 16th October.

To keep everyone safe, there will be no parking in the school car park. Children must be collected promptly please.

If anyone is unable to buy their child a ticket due to affordability, please contact the school office confidentially via email office@thomlinson.cumbria.sch.uk or you can message Mrs Maxwell via ClassDojo. The PTA do not want children to miss out on being able to come because of financial pressures.

Other Upcoming PTA Events



The PTA are planning a Christmas film night in school on Thursday, 10th December. Please keep an eye on future newsletters and Classdojo for further details.

The PTA have also very kindly arranged for the children to see a pantomime in St Mary's church on Friday, 4th December. This will be during school time. It will not be open to other children and parents due to space limitations.

Year 6 Young Voices Trip



We would like to remind parents of Year 6 pupils who have signed up for the Young Voices 2027 event that the remaining £30 balance was due by 30th September.

Thank you to everyone who has paid so far. Please can any remaining payments be made urgently.

If you have not yet registered your child on the Young Voices website, please do so ASAP so we can get tickets booked (we can only book tickets for those who have registered). The link is <https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/journey/welcome>

Thank you.

North Lakes Foodbank Harvest Appeal



The poster features the North Lakes Foodbank logo on the left, which includes a green leaf icon. To the right, the text 'School HARVEST Appeal 2026' is written in large, colorful letters. Below this, a green banner reads 'HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH A FOOD HARVEST COLLECTION'. The main body of the poster is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'PLEASE HELP', contains the text 'Our school appeal this year is called SHARING Together' in large, stylized letters, followed by the message 'Nothing makes a community stronger when we look out for one another. Please help by donating any of the food items listed.' Below this is a cartoon character of a blue bin with a face and arms, holding a speech bubble that says 'Please help if you can. THANK YOU!'. The right column, titled 'HARVEST SHOPPING LIST', lists various food items: Milk UHT full fat, Fruit Juice UHT 1 litre, Tinned Meat, Dried Pasta (500g), Dried Rice (500g), Sponge Pudding, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Fruit, Jam, Tinned Veg, Tinned pasta e.g. Ravioli, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Custard, Tinned Rice Pudding, Baked Beans, Cereals (300 to 500g), and Instant Mash (single packets). At the bottom, a green banner provides contact information for North Lakes Foodbank, including the address, contact person (Stuart Christian), email, phone number, and charity number. It also includes the Trussell logo and the slogan 'Ending hunger together'.

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HARVEST SHOPPING LIST
Milk UHT full fat
Fruit Juice UHT 1 litre
Tinned Meat
Dried Pasta (500g)
Dried Rice (500g)
Sponge Pudding
Tinned Tuna
Tinned Fruit
Jam
Tinned Veg
Tinned pasta e.g. Ravioli
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Custard
Tinned Rice Pudding
Baked Beans
Cereals (300 to 500g)
Instant Mash (single packets)

Please help if
you can.
THANK YOU!

North Lakes Foodbank, Lorton Street Methodist Church, Lorton Street, Cockermouth CA13 9RH.
For more information contact Stuart Christian
email: stuart@thefoodbank.org.uk Tel: 07733338352
Charity Number: 1067541
Need help with food? Go to www.thefoodbank.org.uk/get-help

Trussell
Ending hunger together

We will once again be supporting the North Lakes Foodbank with their Harvest Appeal. Details of what items they can accept are detailed here. Stuart from North Lakes Foodbank will be in school on Wednesday, 7th October when he will be talking to the children in an assembly about how the Foodbank helps those in need.

Donations can be sent into school with your child from Thursday, 8th October until Monday, 19th October.

School Photos

TEMPEST P H O T O G R A P H Y

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Friday, 16th October. Photographs will be taken of individual children, and with their sibling(s) in our school. Family photographs with children who do not attend our school will also be available this year.

If you wish to bring siblings along, we expect the photographer will be available from around 8.15am onwards in the school hall (entrance via the side door). This can take some time, depending on demand. Children should arrive at school wearing their normal school uniform. If they have PE that day, they should bring their PE kit with them to change into after their photograph has been taken.

Music Lesson Payments



Payments for this half term's piano, guitar and violin lessons are due by 16th October. If this applies to you, please ensure your payment is made by the deadline. Thank you for your support.

Advance Notice re King Street Closure



We have been informed that there will be gas works in the centre of Wigton from 26th October for 2 weeks, so during half term and the week after half term. This will result in King Street being closed from the fountain to the junction with New Street. Diversions will be in place but please be aware of this and allow extra time for your journey to and from school.

Sports Events - Reminder for Parents & Carers



In the last 2 weeks, we have had some sport events where several children have not come in wearing their PE kit, not bringing a packed lunch etc. This is only a week or two after parents & carers have completed the permission form.

Please can we request that parents and carers carefully read all the information that we send out on the forms, and make a note of the date, what kit is required, whether a packed lunch is required etc.

We cannot guarantee to take children to events who do not come with the correct kit and your cooperation would be appreciated.

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 published on ClassDojo.

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

5 October	Year 4 children visiting Wigton Library during the afternoon
6 October	Year 6 REACT Science Show at Lakes College
7 October	PTA Meeting & AGM 7.15pm in school
13 October	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Boys Football at Harraby 3G
16 October	Tempest Photographer in School – Individual & Family Photos
22 October	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Girls Football at Harraby 3G
22 October	PTA Halloween Disco in the school hall
26 to 30 October	Half Term
5 November	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Sports Hall Athletics at Harraby
9 November	Year 3 Stone Age Trip to Stocks Wood (class & details to follow)
11 November	Year 3 Stone Age Trip to Stocks Wood (class & details to follow)
12 November	Year 3&4 Carlisle Schools' Sports Hall Athletics at Harraby
4 December	PTA Pantomime in St Mary's Church during school time
10 December	PTA Christmas Film Night in the school hall
14 December	School Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 1.45pm
18 December	Last day of Autumn Term – Early Finish 1.45pm
21 Dec to 4 Jan 2027	Christmas Holiday
5 January 2027	Children back to school for Spring Term
14 January 2027	Parents Evening
21 January 2027	Parents Evening
15 to 19 February 2027	Half Term
25 March 2027	Final day of Spring Term – Early Finish 1.45pm
26 March to 9 April 2027	Easter Holiday
12 April 2027	Children back to school for Summer Term
27 to 28 April 2027	Year 4 Residential to Beamish & Life Science Centre, Newcastle
3 May 2027	Bank Holiday
10 to 13 May 2027	Year 6 SATS
25 to 27 May 2027	Year 6 London Residential
31 May to 4 June 2027	Half Term
10 to 11 June 2027	Year 5 Residential to Muncaster Castle
8 July 2027	'Book Look' after school 3.30pm – 4.30pm
16 July 2027	End of Summer Term – Early Finish 1.45pm
19 July to 1 Sept 2027	Summer Holiday
6 September 2027	Start of Autumn Term 2027

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