



TJS Newsletter - 16 October 2026

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Attendance Matters

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



**"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A RUNNY
NOSE... BUT LOOK
AT HIM NOW!"**

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 **HM Government**
Head to the NHS website to find out more.

 **NHS**

Our target is for attendance to be around 96%; the attendance for last week was 98.06% and for this week was 97%.

Health & Safety



Despite previous requests, we still have younger children playing on our outdoor gym after school when waiting to collect pupils from our school.

The equipment is not suitable for younger children.

Please can we ask that younger children do NOT play on our equipment. Children should stay with the adult supervising them please.

School Arrival Time



We would like to remind parents and carers that our school gates do not open until 8.30am each morning. We seem to have a large number of children waiting outside for the gates to open each day.

Please can we ask that children do not arrive before 8.30am. School staff are not available to supervise any children who arrive before 8.30am. Children remain the responsibility of their parent/carer until the gates are opened at 8.30am.

If your child must arrive early, please arrange to book them into Breakfast Club in advance.

Breakfast & After-School Club



If your child uses Breakfast and/or After-School Club, it is essential that they are booked in, in advance, before online bookings close if at all possible.

Last week, we had 20 children booked late, cancelled or no shows. This week, we have had 22 children booked late, cancelled or no shows. The majority of these were late bookings. This does create additional work for our staff.

We would appreciate it if bookings could be made promptly and before the deadline if possible. We know that circumstances can change and we do our best to accept bookings at short notice, but the number of late bookings we are receiving seems to be increasing.

Thank you for your support.

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 any remaining payments be made by Friday, 30th October.

Year 3 - TJS Acceptable User Agreement



We have sent a Form on Parentmail to all Year 3 Parents & Carers regarding the use of ICT in school. The form is titled "THOMLINSON JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPIL ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT 2026".

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the form.

Please can any remaining forms be completed by Friday, 23rd October.

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.

We are aware that there are still a few applications outstanding. If you have not yet applied, please don't leave it too late as applying after the deadline may mean you are less likely to get your child's first choice.

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. Children who are having a lunch that day have already pre-ordered their choice of meal.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered a lunch for their child (who usually has a packed lunch) and arranged payment. Those who usually have a school meal will automatically get the Halloween lunch.

Please can any remaining payments for those who are usually on packed lunches be made by Monday, 19th October 2026. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they do not have to pay for the lunch.

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.

School Photos

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

The Tempest photographers have been in school today. Links to photos will be emailed to parents and carers in the next few days.

Please ensure you order promptly to benefit from free delivery back to school.

Music Lesson Payments



Payments for this half term's piano, guitar and violin lessons were due by today (16th October), however there are a few payments outstanding. If this applies to you, please ensure your payment is made urgently, before the end of this half term. 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 journeys to and from school.

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.

Half Term Holiday



We finish at the normal time of 3.20pm on Friday, 23rd October for the October Half Term break and return to school on Monday, 2nd November.

Please be aware that at the end of each FULL term (i.e. Christmas, Easter and Summer) we finish early at 1.45pm.

Dates for Your Diary

21 October	PCSO School Assembly re Bonfire Safety
22 October	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Girls Football at Harraby 3G
22 October	PTA Halloween Disco in the school hall – Year 3&4 4.30pm to 6.00pm, Year 5&6 6.30pm to 8.00pm
26 to 30 October	Half Term
5 November	MP Markus Campbell-Savours School Assembly
5 November	Year 5&6 Carlisle Schools' Sports Hall Athletics at Harraby
9 November	U11 Girls National League Cup 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)
11 November	Financial Literacy Workshops for Years 5 & 6
11 November	Chair of Governors School Assembly
12 November	Year 3&4 Carlisle Schools' Sports Hall Athletics at Harraby
16 November	U11 Boys National League Cup 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' for parents & carers 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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