



29<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## **Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

### **Welcome Back**

I hope that you've enjoyed a lovely summer break with your children. I would like to welcome you all back to a new school year! I trust that your time together over the holidays has been both enjoyable and refreshing.

As our pupils have returned to school, it is great to see them looking smart and ready to learn in their uniforms. A well-presented appearance sets a positive tone for the year ahead and fosters a sense of belonging and community within our school. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child comes to school dressed appropriately.

The year ahead promises to be filled with lots of learning opportunities and exciting activities tailored to encourage our children's growth and development. As part of our commitment to providing a stimulating environment, I encourage you to discuss the upcoming topics with your child that came home on the class newsletters recently. Your involvement makes a huge difference in their overall enthusiasm and engagement in schoolwork.

As we settle back into our routines, please remember the importance of punctuality and regular attendance. Each school day is packed with valuable learning experiences that contribute to your child's progress. Should you have any questions or concerns, or if there are any changes in your circumstances, do not hesitate to contact school.

Once again, welcome back! Here's to a fantastic year ahead.

### **Playground Equipment and Scooters**

I have reminded the children in assembly about not using the scooters or playing on the equipment before and after school as there is no staff supervision and younger siblings and babies are often on the playground. Please help us to keep all children on the playground to be safe before and after school.

### **School Meals**

I am delighted to share some exciting news with you all! Mrs Cunliffe, our cook, has kindly offered to come out of retirement to lend a helping hand in our kitchen following Miss McCance leaving over the summer holiday. We are currently recruiting for a new senior cook. Many of you will remember Mrs Cunliffe's fantastic cooking from our school meals in the past, and I am pleased to say that the food quality has greatly improved since her return.

With Mrs Cunliffe back in action, we are seeing an array of delicious, nutritious meals being served. The children are thoroughly enjoying the tasty offerings, and I have received some really good feedback from many of them regarding the positive changes in our lunch menus.

I would like to encourage you to discuss meal choices with your child and encourage them to try our school meals. Our kitchen team, under Mrs Cunliffe's expertise, is committed to providing a range of healthy options that aim to appeal to all tastes.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's keep lunchtime a good experience for all our children.



### **Mrs Woolf**

One of our teaching assistant in KS1 has recently had to finish early prior to commencing her maternity leave. We wish her the best.

Mrs Fitzpatrick has replaced Mrs Woolf in the KS1 department.

### **Grapes in Snacks/Packed Lunches**

There has recently been a very sad case of a child at a nursery school in the north west choking on a snack in school. We have put some extra precautions in place for our children in early years and KS1 during snack and lunch time. Just a reminder to parents of children on packed lunches that whole grapes are quite a common source of children choking. **Please consider cutting them in half if you are sending them in lunch boxes to school.**

Thank you for your support

### **Tower Wood Trip**

I wanted to take a moment to share our exciting experiences from the Year 6 trip to Tower Wood on Lake Windermere, where our pupils enjoyed in a variety of outdoor adventurous activities. It may have rained a little, but I assure you that the weather did not dampen our spirits!

Despite the wet conditions, our children showed great enthusiasm and resilience throughout the three days. They participated in activities such as climbing, canoeing, caving, mountaineering and various team-building exercises, which not only challenged them physically but also allowed them to work with their peers and build lasting friendships for a very important year in Y6. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another, and the sense of teamwork was clear to see.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the parents who contributed to making this trip possible, and a big thank you to the staff who freely gave up their time to accompany us. Their support is invaluable, and we couldn't have done it without them!

Year 4 are off on a similar trip to Lledr Hall in North Wales in a few weeks time.

### **Data Collection Information-Amendments**

Reminder – Can you please ensure you e-mail school with any amendments to your child's personal details, including change of address, telephone number, dietary requirements etc.so we can keep this information up to date.

### **Food Allergies**

As we begin the new term in September, I'd like to remind parents to notify the school office about any allergies, food or otherwise your child may have. It's really important for us to keep our children safe in school. If your child has an allergy, please provide a medical note/evidence from your GP so we can ensure their file is updated accordingly.



### **Medical Appointments**

Can I please ask that should your child have an appointment that you provide the office with either their hospital letter or appointment card when collecting your child. We can then update your child's attendance records accordingly. Please be aware that your children are extremely honest with teachers and quite often reveal an alternative reason for leaving early. This is their natural naivety and eagerness to tell their teacher and classmates their news.

### **Jewellery**

Please don't allow your children to wear or bring jewellery to school. Often, if it gets lost it can be distressing for them. Earrings/studs should not be worn for school as they can easily get caught on sleeves and coats and can cause a very nasty accident to children's ears, especially at playtime and during PE.

If your child has recently had their ears pierced, then a reasonable rule is that we allow them to wear them for school for a period of six weeks, covered with a small plaster until the hole sets itself. After that they should not be worn at school. If children continue to wear them we will ask them to remove them in school and put them back in at the end of the day.

### **Uniform**

We are already seeing a build up of lost property in school. Can you please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name so it can be returned to its rightful owner when lost or misplaced.

Thank you

Mr Platt