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## Welcome Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Welcome Back

- For those of you who are new to our school, welcome. For those of you who are returning – it is great to see you back.

Each fortnight, on a Thursday, we will e-mail you a Thursday Thoughts letter. This is to help you to keep a track of all the things that your children might forget to tell you about when they get home and to provide you with reminders about clubs, dates and school events to help you with forward planning for the rest of term (and year). Please remember to check your inbox for this. It will also be uploaded on to our school website. If your family would like more than one copy of Thursday Thoughts, let us know by emailing the additional email address to: [parent@inglewood-inf.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:parent@inglewood-inf.cumbria.sch.uk). Thank you.

### Useful Information

Cumberland County Council highlight the importance of regular and timely school attendance. Attending school, unless there is a very good reason for absence, is vital. Getting to school on time means that your child starts the day well and with their friends.

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** doors open at 8.30 am and we take our registers at 8.45 am. Registers close at 9 am. If you arrive after 9 am, you will be asked to sign your child in at the main door. Pick up is 3.15 pm.

**Our Little Owls and our Little Fawns** doors open at 8.45 am.

We work alongside Inglewood Juniors and so the silver gate will not open until 3.05 pm, as both schools could still be outside until this time.

**Lunch menus** are now ready to view on our school website [www.inglewood-inf.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.inglewood-inf.cumbria.sch.uk) We always provide vegetarian meals and cater for religious or medically- planned diets

- We know that children can catch things and so we ask you to inform school of any unavoidable absence on the first day. Email: [parent@inglewood-inf.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:parent@inglewood-inf.cumbria.sch.uk) or call 01228 558774

If you are unsure whether your child should be in school or not, the <https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/> website is really useful and you can download the app onto your phone.

Parents may request term time absence **only in special or exceptional circumstances**; you must complete an absence form. These are available from the school office or we can send you an online form to complete. **No holidays will be authorised during term time.**

### Reminders

Please remember to return your home information and consent forms. If you need a replacement, please see the office.

Please can you ensure that your child's name is clearly written in their uniform, bags, coats and on their water bottles.

Can all children please bring a pair of named wellies that they can leave in school.

### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October-** Half term

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December-** School closed for Christmas holidays

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January-** Spring term begins  
**Please note the date as this is different from Cumberland Council Term Dates**

**Half Term** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**School closes on** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for Easter and reopens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Early May Bank Holiday** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
**Half Term** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**School closes on** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July for summer break

**PE Timetable Autumn Term-** Children should be in school uniform every day but may come in plain leggings / joggers with their red tops over their PE t-shirt on PE Days.

Little Owls and Little Fawns	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Monday – Fawns Thursday - Owls	Wednesday Outdoor Activities Daily	Monday Thursday	Tuesday Wednesday

### Arbor App

We use Arbor to keep a record of your child's information, including attendance. You will be sent an invitation to log in to this and download the app.

If any information changes through the year such as an emergency contact or address please let the school office know or update using the Arbor App.

It is very important to keep your contact and emergency details up to date. Thanks.

### Free Breakfast Club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 8.15 am to 8.45 am

We are one of the 750 schools taking part in the Free Breakfast Club trial which is running until April 2026. This means that until July all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are eligible to attend for 30 minutes before school starts.

As a part of the offer, they will receive healthy, nutritious breakfast that follows the School Food Standards. If you wish your child to attend, please book in by the Friday of each week for the following week. You can book by contacting the school office.

At 8.15 am, only the main doors will be open.

We will continue to have our relaxed opening for those children who do not wish to attend breakfast club and doors will continue to open at 8.30 am. School starts at 8.45 am and children who arrive after 9 am are marked as late.

### Meet the teachers and see the classrooms

This is an informal chance to see where your child will be learning this year and put faces to the teachers' names.

Dates to follow so please keep an eye out for these.

Progress Parents' Evenings will be later this half term.

### Health and Safety Reminders:

- ✓ Thank you for not driving down School Road and parking carefully avoiding our neighbours' drives.
- ✓ St Elisabeth's Church has asked us to remind you not to use it as a car park at pickup and drop off time.
- ✓ Only assistance dogs are allowed on school grounds and dogs should not be tied up near to school fences.

Please remind your child about road safety, online safety and stranger danger.

### When walking near a road it is a good idea to:

- hold your child's hand - don't let them run ahead.
- look out for and encourage your child to be aware of hidden entrances or driveways crossing the pavement.
- put reins on a younger child if they're not strapped in a pushchair.
- There are lots of useful resources online regarding online safety and the dangers of talking to strangers.