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## School Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

This week we have observed our learners confidence grow by the daily! They are finding their feet within their new classes and it is wonderful to see them thriving within their learning environments.

Thank you to all our families for supporting us in making sure your children feel safe, happy and ready to learn in school.

### Key dates:

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Nasal Flu Immunisation for Reception, Year One and Two children.

**Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September** – ‘Meet the Teacher’ drop in for Reception, Year One and Year Two classes.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Halloween themed disco for Reception and Key Stage One children (details to follow later this half term).

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – School closed for Half Term.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Whole school photographs.

**PE Timetable Autumn 1- We ask that children come to school dressed in school PE kit on their days below.**

**School PE Kit includes; Plain Black or Grey shorts, leggings or joggers**

**Plain Red or White T-shirt or Polo Shirt**

**School Jumper or Cardigan**

**Trainers**

| Little Owls and Little Fawns                                               | Reception                                | Year 1                                                       | Year 2                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday- Little Fawns<br>Thursday – Little Owls<br>Outdoor Activities Daily | Wednesday<br>Outdoor Activities<br>Daily | Oak – Monday and Friday<br>Beech – Wednesday and<br>Thursday | Chestnut – Wednesday and<br>Thursday<br>Maple – Tuesday and Wednesday |

### Free School Meals

All school-aged infant children receive a free school meal. This is not to be confused with the free school meal and clothing grants which are available to families on certain benefits.

### Eligibility changes from the 2026 to 2027 school year

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 school year, the Department for Education (DfE) introduced new eligibility rules for free school meals.

Under the new rules, children in households receiving one or more elements of Universal Credit are entitled to free school meals and clothing grant.

If you think you are eligible, please follow the link below.

[Free school meals and clothing vouchers | Cumberland Council](#)

### Home information records

The deadline for these was Monday. We are still awaiting some Home Information sheets. It is vital that school holds up to date information and contact details for your child. It is a requirement that we hold fully up to date information for your child, including a minimum of two emergency contacts.

### Reception and Transfer to Junior School 2027

To apply for a Reception place for September 2027 or a place in Year 3, please follow the link below. If you would like a paper copy of the application form, please contact the school office.

[Apply for a school place or change schools | Cumberland Council](#)

### Attendance

This week you will have received a letter from our Attendance Team. This provides more detail on how we monitor attendance in school and also how we plan to celebrate attendance too. If you have any questions regarding attendance, please speak to Mrs. Hind or Miss. Alexander who will be happy to assist you.

This week's attendance: from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September-Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September

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|----------------|-------|
| Hedgehog Class | 95.9% |
| Squirrel Class | 97.8% |
| Oak Class      | 98.9% |
| Beech Class    | 98.7% |
| Maple Class    | 96.7% |
| Chestnut Class | 96.4% |

We are delighted with this week's attendance and thank families for your continued support.

### Lost Property

We already have a small amount of lost property in school! Please can we ask that you label all your child's belongings with their name. Our staff are encouraging children to take care of their belongings, however, at a young age this can take some time. Your help in this is greatly appreciated.

### Year group entrance/exits

Little Fawns – entrance and exit through the gate in the Little Fawns building.

Little Owls – entrance and exit through the Little Owls door (opposite the Main Office).

Reception – entrance through the Main Office door. Exit through the BIG gar den (at the bottom of the car park and turn left).

Year One – entrance through the Main Office. Exit: Beech class through the hall fire exit doors, Oak class through the Main Office.

Year Two – entrance and exit through the doors in the playground.

A member of school staff will stand at each door.

### School Road and School Gates

**School Road is closed to all traffic from 8.15am and 2.45pm.**

School Road is closed to vehicles at the beginning/end of the school day. This is a council initiative to support the safety of residents and school.

Our car park is open for blue-badge holders. The gates will remain unlocked at these times for you to access the car park.

We ask that anyone using School Road during the day, drives considerately. Thank you.

### Nasal Flu Immunisation- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only

This will take place in school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Please scan the QR code attached to the e-mail if you would like your child to receive this.