School Newsletter: 16th October 2026

Welcome!

We have had a busy week in Inglewood! The children have been working incredibly hard in their learning and I have observed some fantastic things going on as I have walked around school. Our learners are a credit to you and one of the best parts of the day is seeing so many friendly and polite children greeting me at the school gates. Thank you all for your continued support in school.

Key dates:

Thursday 22nd October – Spooky Day in school for all children. We are very excited to enjoy a day of 'spooky' fun!

3.15-4.15pm Halloween themed disco for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children (tickets available from the school office)

Friday 23rd October- School closes for half term

Monday 2nd November- School opens

Monday 16th November – Whole school photographs.

Week commencing Monday 9th November – Parents meetings (further details to follow).

Don't miss your chance to win this amazing Halloween hamper packed with treats!



Raffle tickets: **£1 each**
Winner drawn: **Thursday 22nd October**
Tickets available from the **School Office**

This week's attendance: from Friday 9th October- Thursday 15th October.

Wow! For the FOURTH week in a row, Maple class have achieved the highest attendance in school. Well done to all our Maple Class learners and thank you to their families for supporting their attendance. It was a close call this week with lots of full classes – thank you to everyone for supporting us in promoting attendance.

Hedgehog Class	96%
Squirrel Class	97.6%
Oak Class	96%
Beech Class	98%
Maple Class	98.4%
Chestnut Class	92.3%

Attendance	Category	What This Means
95% and Above	Good Attendance	**Meeting national expectations for attendance.** Children with attendance at or above 95% are more likely to achieve their full potential and benefit from all aspects of school life.
90% to 94.9%	Below Expectation	Attendance is below the expected level and may begin to affect learning, progress and wellbeing. The school may contact families to discuss attendance and offer support where required.
Below 90%	Attendance Concern	Attendance is a significant concern and falls below the level expected by the Local Authority. In line with **Cumberland Council's attendance procedures**, continued low attendance may result in involvement from the Local Authority Attendance Team and further intervention.

Class Dojo- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are replacing Evidence Me with a new digital communication and school engagement platform called Class Dojo.

Please look out for a QR code which will be placed inside your child's reading record. Scan the QR code with your camera and follow the online instructions to join your child's class on Dojo. Please speak to us if you are having any difficulty registering.

Once we get everyone onto the new system, we will start to use it to communicate class updates, home learning tasks and other general notices.

Please keep in mind this will not be monitored every day and urgent communications should still go through the school office to ensure they are addressed promptly.

School Road and School Gates

School Road is closed to all traffic from 8.15am and 2.30pm

Please can all our families be aware that School Road is closed to vehicles at the beginning/end of the school day.

This is a council-led initiative which was put into place in order to support the safety of residents and school children/staff.

The school governors previously agreed that, if necessary, anyone holding a blue-badge could access the school car park therefore the gates will remain unlocked.

However, school has no jurisdiction over School Road and it officially remains closed at these times.

We ask that anyone using School Road during times that it is open, drives considerately. Thank you.



The Governor Corner

We are aware of recent social media posts suggesting that parents can approach their children's school attendance as they choose. While we fully respect the responsibility parents and carers have for their children, we must also recognise our shared responsibility to ensure that every child receives the education they deserve. Regular school attendance is vital to children's learning, progress, friendships, confidence and future opportunities. Every day in school matters, and missed learning can be difficult to recover. Good attendance is a partnership between families, school and the wider community.

School attendance procedures are informed by statutory guidance and local authority requirements. The school has a legal duty to follow this, apply its attendance policy and ensure that absences are recorded and addressed appropriately. If your child is absent, please notify the school on the first day, explaining the reason, and keep the school informed of any ongoing absence. If you have concerns or your child is experiencing difficulties attending, please contact the school so that we can work together to offer support. Planned absences should be discussed with the school in advance.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governing Body