School Newsletter: 23rd October 2026

Welcome!
Wow! What a first half term we have all had. It has been a busy (and fun) one!

All our learners had a fantastic time finishing this half term with 'Spooky Day' yesterday. We had some amazing costumes as well as plenty of spooky learning taking place within each age group.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your support during this half term. It can be an overwhelming couple of months with children starting new year groups and learning new routines and timetables. We have been so grateful to you for supporting us and for promoting good attendance.

We hope all our families have a wonderful half term holiday, taking the time to relax! We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 2nd November.

Key dates:
Friday 23rd October- School closes for half term
Monday 2nd November- School opens
Week commencing Monday 9th November – Parents meetings (further details below).
Monday 16th November – Whole school photographs.

This week's attendance: from Friday 16th October- Thursday 22nd October.

A big well done to Beech Class who are this week's attendance winners! I know they have been so close all half term and finally it is their turn at the top of the leader board. Thank you for such a positive attitude to your attendance 😊

Hedgehog Class	96%
Squirrel Class	96.9%
Oak Class	96.3%
Beech Class	97.6%
Maple Class	93.8%
Chestnut Class	97.3%

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.

Parent Meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Parent meeting appointments for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be available to book via the Arbor app from Monday 2nd November.

The meetings will take place during the week commencing Monday 9th November.

Please log in to Arbor from 2nd November to select a suitable appointment time.

PE Timetable Autumn 2- 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
Thursday- Little Fawns Tuesday and Wednesday – Little Owls Outdoor Activities Daily	Squirrel – Monday Hedgehog - Friday Outdoor Activities Daily	Oak – Monday and Wednesday Beech – Monday and Wednesday	Chestnut – Wednesday and Thursday Maple – Tuesday and Thursday

Celebrating attendance – Reception, Year 1 and 2.

At the beginning of Autumn Term, we sent a letter communicating our attendance expectations and ways in which school celebrate good attendance. For every week that your child has had 100% attendance, they have received a raffle ticket. This means every child in school has received raffle tickets, as all our learners have attended full weeks in school, regardless of illness.
We will be drawing the raffle for this today and the winner will receive a prize that their family can enjoy together.
We will contact the winning family via email.

Halloween raffle.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a raffle ticket during October.
We have raised a fantastic £136.00 for school funds which will be used to support our learners and provide some exciting learning experiences throughout this year.

A big thank you to all the kitchen staff who have contributed and created the hamper. I know they have had great fun and it is incredibly generous of them all.
We will contact the winning family via email.

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 as it officially remains open at these times.