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School Newsletter: 6th November 2026

Welcome

A warm welcome back to all our families. It has been wonderful to welcome our learners back this half term and we have some wonderful (and busy) weeks ahead of us in school.

We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back in after a week at home. This shows just how well they have adapted to school routines and how much you have supported us in this too. Thank you.

Next week is our Parents Meetings week for learners in Reception and Key Stage One. These meetings are extremely valuable to both home and school so please do sign up for a meeting with your child's class teacher. These can be booked via Arbor.

Key dates:

Week commencing Monday 9th November – Parents meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2- Please log in to Arbor to select a suitable appointment time. If you have trouble accessing, please see the school office.
Friday 13th November- Children in Need – Children can wear a Pudsey Bear themed outfit or their favourite sports kit.
Monday 16th November – Whole school photographs
Wednesday 25th November- 4.30pm-6.00pm Reception and Early Years 2027 Open Evening
Thursday 3rd December- 3.30pm-5.30pm Reception and Early Years 2027 Open Evening
Tuesday 15th December – Reception's Christmas Performance (this will take place in the morning, times confirmed shortly)
Thursday 17th December- Christmas Dinner and Santa Day – Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day.
Friday 18th December- School closes for Christmas holidays

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

Year Group Newsletters

Children in Little Owls, Reception, Year One and Year Two will receive their Autumn 2 newsletter today. This newsletter provides further detail on year group specific information.

Please remember that your child's class teacher is here to help you the best they can. Morning and home time can often be a busy time but our staff are always willing to arrange time to discuss any needs or queries you have.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Attendance

This week's attendance: from Friday 23rd October- Thursday 5th November.

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent from school you must telephone the school office or leave a voicemail. Absences reported solely by email will not be accepted. Further details on our attendance procedures can be found on the letter sent via email in September.

Well done to Beech Class. This is their second week of achieving the highest attendance.

Hedgehog Class	88.8%
Squirrel Class	95%
Oak Class	95.3%
Beech Class	97.6%
Maple Class	96.9%
Chestnut Class	93.4%

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.

Governor Matters

The governors would like to remind all our families of the information below regarding School Road.

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.

