



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Welcome back to a new school year. If it is your first newsletter, 'Thank You' for entrusting your child's education to us. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and your children are well rested and keen and enthusiastic to return to school. Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully. It is sent out every Friday and helps to communicate useful information to keep you up to speed on school activities. At Bookwell, we have a strong tradition of fostering close collaboration between our school and families. This partnership is key to our success, helping to create a positive and lasting impact on the future of each child.

Y6 YORK RESIDENTIAL JUNE 2026

You can continue to make payments through Arbor for the next years visit to York

JEWELLERY

I have noticed a few children wearing earrings this week. The only item of jewellery we allow in school is a watch. Can you ensure children have removed any bracelets, chains or earrings before coming to school. Please also be aware that children are not allowed to do PE if they are wearing earrings.

FIRST DAY CALLING

If your child is absent, you must inform the school on the first day of absence, preferably before 9:00am. If no contact is made by 9:30am, you will be contacted by the school to provide a reason for the absence. If we are unable to make contact and all emergency contacts have been attempted, we will need to contact the police regarding the absence using the 101 telephone number to report the child as missing.

SEESAW

As many of you are aware, we have been experiencing some issues with Seesaw. While we had hoped to resolve these quickly, there are still a few ongoing problems which now require support from the Seesaw help team. We're hopeful these will be sorted soon, but—as many of you will know—getting things resolved through help desks can sometimes take a little longer than we would like! Thank you for your patience and understanding in the meantime.

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Next week, a list of important dates for the year will be sent home. Class Assemblies and class lunches will be starting again this year and will be on this list of dates

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Any staff led after school clubs will be starting the week beginning **15th September**. Information will be sent home next week for particular classes to sign up for any clubs we have on this half term.

Judo will restart on Tuesday 9th September

Charges

We want to make you aware that, from this term, we will need to introduce a small charge of £3 per session for our staff-led after-school clubs.

We have held off introducing charges for many years, but unfortunately—like many other schools—we now find this step necessary. With increasing pressures on budgets and a lower intake last year, we need to make this change in order to sustain our clubs and ensure we can continue providing quality resources and opportunities for the children.

This applies to all staff-led clubs such as Homework Club, Gardening Club, Craft Club and others. Please be assured that every penny raised will go directly back into the children's experiences—funding resources and equipment.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set on Fridays on Seesaw, and will need to be returned for the following Friday. Your child's teacher will keep you informed about expectations and the nature of the homework. Please support your child if you can to complete these tasks. The most important homework of all though is **READING** – this is the key to everything. It is so important for your child to read (or be read to) for at least 20 minutes a day. We would urge every parent to ensure this happens.

WRAPAROUND CARE

Wraparound care (Breakfast and After School Club) bookings can now be made via Arbor. Breakfast club runs from 7:30 until 8:30 and costs £4 per child/session. After school club runs from 3:00 until 5:00. The cost per child/session is £4 for 3:00–4:00 or £7 for 3:00–5:00. If you are using wraparound care for the first time, please enter through the bottom gate and drop and collect your children at the door on the ramp.

PE KITS

Your child can come to school on their PE days in their PE Kits. Our PE kit is a blue Tshirt with the school logo and plain navy blue shorts or longer navy blue cycling shorts and a pair of trainers, (NOT football tops or branded sportswear.) Leggings or joggers can also be worn during colder months and a school hoodie is available to purchase. If children do not have a school hoodie they can wear either a school uniform jumper or cardigan or a dark plain sweatshirt or hoodie. Nike pro style and other similar style shorts, which are very short, are not suitable.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025
SCHOOL HALL 9:30 – 10:30am

More information to follow next week

Attendance and the Law

The government's policy on attendance changed last year and is much stricter than previous. Action against families who have children with poor attendance will be taken by the County and not the school and they now have access to school data. Action is particularly harsh against term time holidays – please be aware of this. The Headteacher is not allowed to authorise absence and indeed any holiday absences in term time will be counted as 'unauthorised' and may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/fine. Parents need to fill in a leave of absence form if their child is going to be missing from school and this is on the school website. It is imperative that school knows where your child is for safeguarding reasons.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Only prescribed medicines can be administered by school. Please follow the procedure below: Once you know your child requires medicine in school time and it has been prescribed, please complete the permissions to administer medicines form on the school website. Once the form is completed the medicine should be handed over to the office. Please do not put any medicines in your children's bags. We are also a nut free zone.

We are continuing to support Cumbria's primary school Baa-ttery recycling campaign.

We now have a box in the main office where families can recycle their batteries.



LOTTERY

Congratulations to last week's lottery winner, Mr Young. For more information and to play through our page, [please follow this link](#). The next draw takes place on 6th September. Please don't forget to renew your numbers when you get a reminder.

BOOKWELL SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 1

Monday

Burger in a bun (GF & EF)
Veggie Burger & Beans (GF & EF)
Rice Pudding



Tuesday

Pork Chilli (GF & EF)
Veggie Chilli (GF & EF)
Fruit Crumble & Custard

Wednesday

Gammon Steak & Cheesy Mash (EF)
Salmon Nibbles & Cheesy Mash (EF)
Fruity Flapjack & Custard



Thursday

Roast Beef (GF) & EF)
Quorn Fillet, Mash & Veg
Ginger Biscuit & Milkshake

Friday

Fish Fingers & Chips (GF)
Mac & Cheese
Ice Cream



Available Daily

Meal choice: Jacket Potato (GF, V), Sandwich/Wrap, Fresh Veg/Salad
Dessert: Hot Pudding/Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

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2025-2026 dates

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2025/2026 Dates

14/09/25 Rehearsal

12/10/25 Rehearsal

09/11/25 Rehearsal

07/12/25 Rehearsal

11/01/26 Rehearsal

08/02/26- Rehearsal

15/03/26 Rehearsal

**15/03/25-16/03/25 South Cumbria Music Festival-
Ulverston**

**28/03/26 National Youth Brass Band Championships-
Birmingham**

26/04/26 Rehearsal and family lunch

16/05/26-17/05/26 Brass at the Castle- Brougham Hall

**14/06/26 Brass at the Seaside- Lytham St Anne's
(Rehearsal Locations TBC)**



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to sign up scan the code**

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Scouts  1st Egremont Scout
Group

Has places in

BEAVERS

6-8 year olds Fridays

5.00-6.15 p.m.

8-10 year olds

Thursdays

cubs

5.45-7.00 p.m.

SCOUTS

10-14 year olds

Thursdays 7.00- 8.30

Why don't you get in touch, come along
and join in the fun.

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Lead Group Volunteer