



NEWSLETTER

27th JUNE 2025



Thank you to the parents who brought to my attention the issue of trucks from the new housing estate being built, passing the school at the beginning and end of the day, as well as parking at the top of the road, blocking footpaths and making it difficult for some children to walk safely. I have raised this with both the Town Council and Gleeson's, and have been assured that this should not be happening. Construction vehicles linked to the housing development have been instructed not to travel past the school during drop-off and pick-up times.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL 2026

York Trip – Payments Now Open

We're pleased to let you know that payments for the York trip can now be made via Arbor. You're welcome to pay in instalments or in full—whatever suits you best. We kindly ask that at least half of the total payment is made by Christmas, with the full balance due by 29th May 2026.

LOTTERY

Congratulations to last week's lottery winner, Mrs Richardson for more information and to play through our page, [please follow this link](#). The next draw takes place on 28th June. Please don't forget to renew your numbers when you get a reminder.

UNIFORM ORDERS - www.oneidentity.co.uk

The cut-off date to have uniform delivered to school has now passed, however you can have it delivered to your home address, or to school in September.

FRIDAY 4th JULY- PACKED LUNCH

All children will need a packed lunch next Friday as we have a Wonderdome coming in to school and this will fill the hall. FOBs are covering the cost of this show coming to school. Wonderful that with some of the money raised by FOBs for the school we can bring this fantastic experience to school. The Wonderdome is a mobile planetarium for children of all ages.

KS1 PLAY – YOU ARE SPECIAL

The infant concert is in the Market Hall in Egremont, on the 1st and 2nd July at 1.30pm

Tickets are **still available** on Arbor and you can buy as many as 6 more tickets for either of the performances. We will also be selling raffle tickets at each performance.

GUITAR CONCERT

Y5 and Y6 children who play guitar, will have a concert for their parents on THURSDAY 10TH JULY @ 2PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

SUMMER FAIR – FRIDAY 11TH JULY 2025 1:30–3:00 PM

The Summer Fair will start about 1.35pm and so school will finish at 1.30pm. We hope that the children can then be taken around the stalls by family or friends. Once you have finished at the fair, you can then just take your children home. You do not have to wait till 3pm. FOBS are planning the events and activities which they would like at the fair. There will be no after school club on this day. Fingers crossed for some nice weather.

PLEASE HELP– FOBS have asked for Milk bottle top lids and also prizes which can be used for a tombolo stall please. These can be given to class teachers.

Y6 CYCLEWISE – Monday 7th – Thursday 10th July 2025

Children will need to bring their bike and a helmet. Bikes can be left at school until Thursday if you prefer.

WALBY FARM PARK Y3, Y4 & Y5

THURSDAY 3RD JULY – Please can children at school for 8.30am so the children can leave on the coach at 8.45am. The children will need a packed lunch- No fizzy drinks allowed.

Recycling collection date: Wednesday 9th July 2025


If you have batteries to recycle, please send them to the school office





Curriculum





EGREMONT RANGERS

Family

Fun Day

SATURDAY 5TH JULY
1 PM TO 6 PM



FREE
ENTRY

**Bouncy Castle • Slip n Slide •
BBQ • Music
Plus lots of other activities**

**Live Music from Chelsea
Reynolds @ 3.30**

Free entry for all. £2 per child for
unlimited access to the bouncy castles and
other activities.

Refreshments will be on sale at the tuck
shop, own alcohol is not permitted.



EGREMONT RANGERS PITCH,
GILLFOOT PARK



Please can you help Forest School?

Our fire circle logs are over 10 years old and need replacing before they become unsafe. We need help to find ...

2 LONG LOGS TO SIT ON



8 - 10 STUMPS TO SIT ON



3 OR 4 TABLE HEIGHT CABLE REELS



IF YOU ARE HAVING A SORT OUT WE COULD GIVE THE FOLLOWING THINGS A GREAT HOME TOO.

OLD WELLIES & WATERPROOFS



STRING OR THIN ROPES



WOODLAND SMALL WORLD TOYS/TEDDIES



NATURE THEMED FICTION & NON-FICTION BOOKS



ANY SPARE POTATO PEELERS LYING UNUSED



CHALKBOARD



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

BOOKWELL SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 2

Monday

Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza (EF)

Tuna Pasta (EF)

Gingerbread & White Sauce



Tuesday

Chicken Korma, Rice & Naan (GF & EF)

Veggie Korma, Rice & Naan (GF & EF)

Rice Pudding

Wednesday

Cumberland Sausage & Mash (GF & EF)

Veggie Sausage & Mash (GF & EF)

Muffins



Thursday

Roast Turkey (GF & EF)

Quorn Fillet, Mash & Veg

Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce

Friday

Chicken Chunks & Chips

Quorn Nuggets & Chips

Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit



Available Daily

Meal choice: Jacket Potato (GF, V), Sandwich/Wrap, Fresh Veg/Salad

Dessert: Hot Pudding/Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt