



NEWSLETTER



16th January 2026

FALSE/ACRYLIC NAILS

For health and safety reasons, children should not come to school wearing false nails or acrylic nails. These can be dangerous during the school day, particularly during physical activities. Any child wearing false or acrylic nails will not be permitted to take part in PE lessons until they have been removed.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe.

Y1 PHONICS MEETING – Tuesday 27th January 2026 @11:00am

Phonics meeting will take place at 11am, immediately before the Family lunch.

Y1 FAMILY LUNCH – Tuesday 27th January 2026 @11:30am

The cost of a meal is £3 which can be paid using the school shop on Arbor or you can pay using cash on the day. Unfortunately, due to space we can only allow one adult per child to attend. Please complete your meal choice by following this link [FAMILY LUNCH Y1 – Fill in form](#)

ATTENDANCE

Please can all families ensure their child attends school as regularly as possible and on time – this is a statutory duty on parents.

There is a duty on schools to chase up any children who are missing when the school is not informed. This used to be passed to the Police but now the Police won't act unless the school carries out a home visit first. On a couple of occasions recently school staff have had to be taken out of their usual roles to carry out home visits (a minimum of 2 staff have to carry out the visits). As you can imagine this is a huge drain in resources on a school day. On every occasion to date, this has been a result of families not informing the school of illness and not answering phones, responding to texts or emails!! Please can all parents ensure they inform the office when their child is not attending to prevent this from happening.

YORK RESIDENTIAL – JUNE 2026

You can continue to make payment by installment of as little as £5.

The full amount will need to be paid by Friday 27th March 2026



CASTLE CLOSE

I have received further complaints this week from local residents regarding unsafe and inconsiderate parking at collection times, particularly around **Bookwell Road and Castle Close**.

Some residents have experienced their **driveways being blocked**. This includes residents who are elderly or disabled, for whom access to their homes is essential.

I must be very clear: parking in front of driveways, blocking roads, stopping on double yellow lines, or abandoning vehicles is unacceptable and illegal. It causes distress to our neighbours and creates significant safety risks for everyone.

I appreciate that pick-up time is busy, but this does **not** excuse poor parking. Please park legally, allow access to residents' homes at all times, and be mindful that people live and work on these roads.

I have already raised concerns with **Cumberland Council** and the **police**, and enforcement visits have been requested. Any further reports or evidence received will be passed on accordingly.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who already park considerately.



Extreme Weather/Heating be Emergencies

With winter here, it is to hoped that inclement weather is not serious, and that the heating system works effectively. If this happens not to be the case and the school is forced to close, then the following will be sources of information;

- A text message will be sent to all parents (it is of vital importance we have an up-to-date mobile number contact for every child)
- The County Council web site carries information on schools that are closed
- Radio Cumbria will be informed, and closure details will be included in their broadcasts

HULLABALOO Y3 & Y4

The Mid-Winter Hullabaloo

We have been delighted to support the imaginative *Mid-Winter Hullabaloo* project, working alongside **Handpicked Productions**.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children have played a key role in helping to shape this community celebration through their creativity, contributing artwork, songs and stories that form part of the final performances. It has been lovely to see the children so engaged in this creative experience, and we are incredibly proud of their involvement. We hope many of our families will be able to go along and support this wonderful project, celebrating the children's contributions and enjoying a truly magical event together.

KITCHEN ASSISTANT PERMANENT PART-TIME

OP3 £24,796 (Full time equivalent salary pro rata). £12.85 per hour.

Headteacher: Mr R Hardy **Tel:** (01946) 820408 head@bookwell.cumbria.sch.uk

Required for March 2026 or as soon after.

The governors are seeking to appoint a Kitchen Assistant, working term time, Monday to Friday 2 hours per day. 11.30am – 1.30pm

Duties will include serving lunches, operating the dishwasher, food preparation.

We are looking for someone:

- who works well in a team- who is keen to learn
- who can engage positively with children
- who will follow policies and procedures
- Support emergency and deep clean cleaning requirements from time to time as directed by line manager
- who will attend and undertake learning and development to fulfil role and/or legal requirements
- Level 2 Food Hygiene (desirable)

Application form and further details available from the school office or on the school website. Completed applications should be returned to Bookwell Primary School.

Bookwell Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the health, safety and welfare of children and young people. References will be taken up and the successful applicant appointment will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. Appointment is conditional upon its satisfactory return.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 28th January 2026

Key Dates for the Year 2025 / 2026



7th January	Back to School - Spring Term 8.45am start
13th January	Y2 Family Lunch 11.30am
26 - 30th January	Arts Week
30th January	Arts Week Parent viewing 3pm
27th January	Y1 Phonics Meeting 11am - Y1 Family Lunch 11.30am
9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
10th February	Safer Internet Day
10th February	Year 3 Class Assembly
13th February	Break for Half-Term 3pm
23rd February	Back to School
2nd March	Parents' Evening 1
4th March	Parents' Evening 2
5th March	World Book Day
11th March	Reception Family Lunch 11.30am
17th March	Y1 Class Assembly
24th March	KS2 School Concert 1.30pm and 6pm - Egremont Market Hall
27th March	Break for Easter. School ends 1.30pm
13th April	Back to School - Summer Term 8.45am start
4th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
11th - 14th May	Year 6 SATs
15th May	Reception Class Assembly
20th May	Year 5 Class Assembly
22nd May	Break for Half-Term 3pm
1st June	Back to School
1st June	Y4 Multiplication Test Week
8 - 12th June Year 1	Phonics Screening Week
10th June	Sports Day
16th June	Y4 Class assembly
17th- 19th June	Y6 York Residential
30th June	Infant Concert 1.30pm - Egremont Market Hall
1st July	Infant Concert 1.30pm - Egremont Market Hall
6th - 10th July	Swimming Sessions Y4
16th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 6pm
17th July	Break for Summer Holiday - School closes 1.30pm

Additional events and reminders will be sent via the weekly newsletter.



The Mid-Winter Hullabaloo

A brand-new celebration for families,
friends, and all ages.



Friday 23 January

Moresby School (meeting point)
then onto the Rugby Union Club

Saturday 24 January

Egremont Castle (meeting point)
then onto the Market Hall

Sunday 25 January

Cleator Moor Square (meeting point)
then onto the Civic Hall

4.30pm-8pm

Tickets £8 | Party of 4 £30 (including food and a warm drink)

Book now at: www.handpickedproductions.org

What is a Hullabaloo - and where might we find it?

This winter, join us for a community celebration full of wonder, music, storytelling, and shared moments. Together, we'll set out in search of the Hullabaloo and discover where it leads.

What to Expect

The Parade

We'll gather and set off on a short parade, guided by our MC and accompanied by original songs by composer Anna Pool. We'll then return indoors for warmth, food and drink.

The Mummers Play

Written by Emma McGordon, this playful, pantomime-style performance follows the characters of Moresby, Egremont, and Cleator Moor as they search their own streets and stories for signs of the Hullabaloo. Expect warmth, humour, and familiar local tales.

The Party

If the Hullabaloo is found, the night bursts into celebration. Our Hullabaloo band *Tryckster* leads music, games and singing. Join in as much - or as little - as you like.

Spot the Hullabalooos

Created by schools and community groups in the lead-up - and by visitors on the night - these small, meaningful objects appear throughout the evening. Keep an eye out, make your own, and take it home as a keepsake of the Hullabaloo.



For tickets and further information visit
www.handpickedproductions.org

With thanks to Arts Council England, Cumberland Council, and the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Tickets are heavily subsidised to keep the Hullabaloo accessible to all.



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CURRICULUM IN ACTION



WEEK 2

Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V & EF)

Tuna Pasta

Gingerbread & White sauce

Tuesday

Chicken Korma, Rice & Naan (GF & EF)

Veggie Korma, Rice & Naan (EF)

Rice Pudding

Wednesday

Cumberland Sausage & Mash (EF & GF)

Veggie Sausage & Mash (EF & GF)

Muffins

Thursday

Roast Turkey (GF & EF)

Quorn Fillet, Mash & Veg

Fruity Flapjack & Custard

Friday

Chicken Chunks & Chips (GF & EF)

Quorn Nuggets & Chips (GF & EF)

Fruit Jelly & Cream