



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026



Thank you for supporting our Macmillan Coffee afternoon in memory of Mrs Ashcroft. We raised £480!

Raffle Winners: 1st – Violet Y4, 2nd Connor Y4, 3rd Stanley Y5, 4th Trish Spedding, 5th Elaine Moran, 6th Isla Y1

Guess number of cups – Denise Williams

Guess number of sprinkles – Mr Tidyman

Guess how many sweets in the jar – Tabitha Y1

RECEPTION CLASS 2027

Can any parents with children who will be starting Reception class next September please be aware that applications have opened. The closing date for applications is January 15th 2027.

HARVEST

Our annual service will take place in the Parish Church at 10am on 8th October at 10am. All welcome.

PARENTS EVENING

These will be held on Monday 19th October for Y2 and Monday 19th October and Wednesday 21st October for Reception to Year 6 in school! Appointments will go live to book through Arbor on Monday 5th October at 6pm. These important appointments will allow you to discuss how your child is settling into their new class and how they are progressing.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Any child who lives in a household where at least one parent/ guardian receives universal credit is eligible for free school meals (FSM) from 1st September 2026.

If your child has not previously received FSM you will need to apply through the Cumberland council portal and use the national Insurance number of the adult claiming universal credit for assessment. If your child was already receiving FSM last year they will have been reassessed by the council. As long as the person who originally applied for the FSM still claims universal credit your child will continue to be eligible.

Cumberland Council have taken the local policy decision that all children regardless of the new targeted FSM or Expanded FSM status will receive the uniform grant and access to WONDE holiday vouchers.

If you think you could be eligible, please click the link [here](#)

SAFEGUARDING

Bookwell School are committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all children. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads (listed below). For significant and immediate concerns, please contact the police on 999. For concerns that are not immediate, please contact the Cumberland Safeguarding Children Partnership: 0333 240 1727

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr R Hardy (01946 820408 or head@bookwell.cumbria.sch.uk)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Wolfenden (01946 820408 or s.wolfenden@bookwell.cumbria.sch.uk)

We are supporting Cumbria's primary school Battery recycling campaign
We have a box in the main office where families can recycle their batteries.

REMEMBERING MRS HUDDART

It is with great sadness that we share the news that **Mrs Huddart, affectionately known to many as Aunty Irene, sadly passed away last week.**



Irene was a much-loved member of the Bookwell family. She first worked at Bookwell as a midday supervisor during the **1980s**, before returning in **1994** and continuing to look after our children at lunchtime for many years. She eventually stopped working at school following the Covid pandemic.

It is quite remarkable to think that Irene was still working at Bookwell well into her 70s. She absolutely loved being around the children, looking after them at lunchtime, helping them when they needed it and, most importantly, simply being there for them. She was a kind, caring and incredibly familiar face around school and such a strong supporter of Bookwell School.

Irene had an amazing memory for people and always had a story to tell. She would often tell me about children's parents and remember what they had been like when they themselves were pupils at Bookwell.

I will always remember how kind and welcoming Irene was to me when I first came to Bookwell. She made me feel very much part of the school. Her knowledge of the school and our community was incredible.

Although Aunty Irene has not been part of school life since Covid, I know that she will still be remembered very fondly by so many of our families, parents, former pupils and members of the wider Bookwell community. There will be generations of children who remember her looking after them at lunchtime.

Our thoughts and memories are with Irene's family at this very sad time.





BOOKWELL SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 2

Healthy
Choices
Brighter
Futures



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
- Fruity Flapjack & Custard



FRIDAY

- Chicken Chunks & Chips
- Quorn Nuggets & Chips
- Fresh Fruit Jelly & Cream



AVAILABLE DAILY



MEAL CHOICE:

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



DESSERT:

Hot Pudding/
Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

GF = Gluten Free



EF = Egg Free



V = Vegetarian

Good food, fuel for learning!



CWWA 2026 Physical Activity Strength & Fitness Project

**FREE
entry**

**Cumberland &
Westmorland
Wrestling comes
to Egremont**

FALCON CLUB
Egremont CA22 2QN

EVERY TUESDAY

from 8th September 2026

6.30 - 8.00pm



**Open to all adults
and children 6yrs+**

children under 8yrs must be
accompanied by a responsible adult

**Welcome to all
Come along and give it a go!**

Key Dates for the Year 2026 / 2027



2nd September	Back to School
9th September	Y5 Group 1 - Walkmill Rivers Session
16th September	Reception Phonics Meeting 9am
25th September	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 1.15pm
1st October	Y3 Family Lunch 11.30am
2nd October	Open Afternoon - Reception 2027 - 1.15pm - 2.30pm
6th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
7th October	Y6/Y4 REACT Science Show
8th October	Harvest service at St Mary's & Michael's Church 10am
15th October	Y4 Family Lunch 11.30am
19th October	Parents' Evening 1
21st October	Parents' Evening 2
20th October	Individual Photographs - Winter Uniform
23rd October	Break for Half-Term 3pm
2nd November	Back to school 8.45am start
3rd November	School Disco - Fancy Dress
4th November	Y5 Group 2 - Walkmill Rivers Session
6th November	Non-Uniform Day - SUDEP fundraiser
8th November	Remembrance Parade
9th November	Anti-Bullying Week
12th November	Y5 Family Lunch 11.30am
25th November	Y3 Class Assembly 9am
26th November	Y6 Family Lunch 11.30am
1st December	Carnegie Panto
9th December	Carol Service at St Mary's & Michael's Church 10am
9th December	Guitar Concert 2pm Y5/Y6 Guitarists
10th December	Christmas Lunch - Christmas Jumper Day
11th December	Christmas Fair 1.30pm
16th December	School Party Day
18th December	Break for Christmas 1.30pm finish
5th January	Back to School - Spring Term 8.45am start
5th - 8th January	Swimming Sessions Y4
14th January	Y2 Family Lunch 11.30am
25 - 29th January	Arts Week
29th January	Arts Week Parent viewing 3pm
4th February	Y1 Phonics Meeting 11am & Y1 Family Lunch 11.30am
8th February	Children's Mental Health Week
9th February	Safer Internet Day
10th February	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
12th February	Break for Half-Term 3pm



22nd February	Back to School
1st March	Parents' Evening 1
2nd March	Parents' Evening 2
4th March	World Book Day
10th March	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am
11th March	Reception Family Lunch 11.30am
23rd March	KS2 School Concert 1.30pm and 6pm - Egremont Market Hall
24th March	Y1 Class Assembly 9am
25th March	Break for Easter. School ends 1.30pm
12th April	Back to School - Summer Term 8.45am start
3rd May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
10th - 14th May	Year 6 SATs
14th May	Reception Class Assembly
28th May	Break for Half-Term 3pm
7th June	Back to School
7th June	Y4 Multiplication Test Week
14 - 18th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
8th June	Cross Country
10th June	Sports Day
16th June	Y4 Class assembly
16th- 18th June	Y6 York Residential
29th June	Infant Concert 1.30pm - Egremont Market Hall
30th June	Infant Concert 1.30pm - Egremont Market Hall
2nd July	Year 5 Class Assembly 9am
8th July	Guitar Concert 2pm Y5/Y6 Guitarist
9th July	Summer Fair 1.30pm
15th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 6pm
16th July	Break for Summer Holiday - School closes 1.30pm

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