

NEWSLETTER 31ST JANUARY 2025

Y1 FAMILY LUNCH AND PHONICS MEETING

The family lunch for Year 1 is 5th February. We are also having a phonics meeting before the lunch to explain how reading and phonics is taught. This will start at 11am and the lunch will follow at 11.30am.

A message was sent earlier this week, please follow the link to make your food choice. Payment can be made on Arbor shop.

LOTTERY

Congratulations to last week's lottery winner, Miss McAllister for more information and to play through our page, [please follow this link](#). The next draw takes place on Saturday 1st February. Please don't forget to renew your numbers when you get a reminder.

BREAKFAST CLUB HOT SANDWICHES

We will be offering bacon and sausage sandwiches to children attending breakfast club on the first Friday of every month. The next sandwich morning will be Friday 7th February 2025. Make sure you get your child booked in.

FUNDRAISING TEA TOWEL

We still have our Fundraising self-portrait tea towel available to order through the Arbor Shop. The cost is £5 and they make fantastic gift. Please help support and buy a tea-towel.

PACKED LUNCH – NO CHOCOLATE PRODUCTS OR CEREAL BARS PLEASE!

Our Whole School Food Policy is written with the aim of helping all children to eat healthily at lunch time. As well as not allowing nuts in school, we do not allow chocolate products or cereal bars as we cannot guarantee that these are nut-free. We have children in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products. Thank you for support in following this guidance.

ATTENDANCE

In September, we advised that Government policy on attendance changed on August 19th and is much stricter than previous.

New Government guidance expects schools to take a firm stance on term time absence, including term-time holiday. One full school day is classed as two sessions. If a child is absent for a block of 10 sessions or more, or 10 sessions or more missed over a 10-week period, schools now have to report this to their Access and Inclusion Officer.

As required by the DFE, we are today sending letters to families whose children's attendance is less than 90% attendance, as this is termed as persistent absence.



SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER OR EMERGENCY

If school needs to close due to an emergency such as loss of power, or severe weather, parents will be informed as soon as possible by text and email. Notice will also be placed on the school website, Cumbria County Council website and BBC Radio Cumbria. We will use the same channels of communication to advise parents when school is able to re-open.

Test dates this year are:

KS2 SATs - Week beg. 12th May 2025

Y4 Times Table Check – 2 weeks from Monday 2nd June

Taking time off at the statutory testing time needs to be avoided completely.

📷 🇨🇳 CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR IN RECEPTION! 🇨🇳 📷

Our Reception children have been having a fantastic time learning about ****Chinese New Year****! 🇨🇳 They've enjoyed exploring traditions, creating beautiful dragon crafts, and even trying some Chinese food. From learning about the ****Year of the Snake**** to tasting delicious Chinese treats, it's been an exciting week filled with culture and fun!



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

CURRICULUM IN ACTION

