

NEWSLETTER 20th SEPTEMBER 2024

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2025

Please note, your child's secondary school application needs to be completed and received by Cumbria County Council by 31st October 2024. If you need any more information or help, please contact the school office.

RECEPTION CLASS 2025

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 2025. This year, we were under-subscribed. We are having two open days for prospective parents to come and have a look around. Please see our poster attached to the newsletter.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Would you like to support our School Lottery. It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Bookwell School. Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card. It's so easy to join. [Click on this link](#) to go to the main page.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Change of day for Yoga Club – this will now be on Thursday 3-4pm.

ATTENDANCE

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. **We cannot support term-time holidays as these are rarely classed as exceptional circumstances. Term-time holidays will likely be unauthorised and result in the local authority seeking to serve a penalty notice.**

Absence request forms will now be responded to with the Local Authority template letters that outlines the possible action that the Local Authority will take.

We will communicate again later in the term once we have met with our Access and Inclusion Officer; we will then be in a position to give more details about the approach that will be taken to support and facilitate good attendance.



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 Hub: 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)

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We are holding a coffee morning again this year in memory of Mrs Aschcroft on the 27th September at 9.30am in the school hall. All are welcome. Money raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

We will have a raffle and mini competitions with prizes on the day.

We will also be sending home a wordsearch with the children, if they would like to participate they can hand their completed wordsearch into their class teacher with a £1 donation. A winner will be drawn for each class on the day of the coffee morning.

JUDO- We have some availability for our Monday Judo After School Club. If you are interested in your child joining this club please go on to Arbor and register your child or contact the school office. Please note there is a charge for this club of £3 per session which can be paid termly.

MACMILLAN WORDSEARCH

This week, we are sending home a Macmillan word search activity for the children to enjoy! If your child completes the word search and brings it back by Friday 27th September, we kindly ask for a £1 donation. All completed entries will be entered into a class raffle, with a chance to win a prize in each class. Thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile charity.

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 school office. Please do not put any medicines in your children's bags. We are also a nut free zone.

We are supporting Cumbria's primary school Baa-ttery recycling campaign

A battery recycling campaign with a difference has been launched in primary schools across Cumbria to encourage more battery recycling, with a sheep as its mascot. We now have a box in the main office where families can recycle their batteries. All the children will be told about the campaign next week and that they can bring their used batteries into school.



BOOKWELL SCHOOL MENU

WEEK 3

Monday

Meatballs & Pasta (EF)
Marble Cake & Custard



Tuesday

Cottage Pie & Gravy
Shortbread & Custard

Wednesday

Chicken Tikka & Rice
Apple Crumble & Custard



Thursday

Roast Gammon & Veg (GF & EF)
Chocolate Crunch & Chocolate Sauce

Friday

Fish Portion & Chips (EF)
Ice Cream



Available Daily

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

Dessert: Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt (GF, V)



Moor Row U8's/u9's are looking to expand their teams. If you know any little girls in years 3 & 4 interested in joining a great bunch of kids, come along!

Contact: Adam 07554114838
or Paul 07584 070524



Whitehaven Theatre Group Presents
2024 Pantomime

3rd - 7th December 7pm

7th - 8th December 1pm

The Solway Hall,
Whitehaven



Hercules

By Clarke and Clarke

ADULT - £12

CONCESSIONS - £10

OPENING NIGHT - £10

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You could save up to **£490*** each year by claiming your child's free school dinners

IT'S EASY & CONFIDENTIAL

Children receiving Free School Meals are not identified to their peers



DID YOU KNOW?

Claiming your child's Free School Meal brings extra funding to our school

APPLY ONLINE TODAY

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-activities/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

*based on the national funding formula: www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-funding-formula-for-schools-and-high-needs





**Cumberland
Council**



Parents/carers are
responsible for applying
for a school place by
15 January 2025

Starting School

Children born between

1 September 2020

and 31 August 2021

can start school in **September 2025**

You can apply online at: **www.cumberland.gov.uk**

or contact: **01228 221582**

or email **school.admissions@cumberland.gov.uk**

cumberland.gov.uk



HM Government



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Cumberland School Attendance Pledge

1. Making sure children/young people regularly attend school is the responsibility of everyone.
2. We are committed to working together to improve school attendance for children/young people across Cumberland.
3. We understand that attending school is crucial for everyone, and when students are absent, it could signal important safety concerns we need to address, particularly if they are a child missing education.
4. Barriers to school attendance can be complicated and come from a number of reasons within families, communities, and environments. We are committed to breaking down these barriers.
5. We will collaborate with each other to remove barriers to attendance. Parents and caregivers play a crucial role in this partnership.
6. We strongly support and promote excellent attendance and role-model this.
7. If we notice that children/young people are not in school during school hours, we will be professionally curious and query the reasons behind their absence.

Each partner has an important and distinct role in supporting the child or family, no one partner can do it on their own.

