

## One week to half term...

Although it barely feels like we've started it, we're almost halfway through the summer term.

We've seen a King crowned, had a wheelchair basketball tournament, made felt, Year 2's and 6's have completed their 'SATs', and the sunshine has returned...

In what feels like no time at all, we have sports days and the summer fayre looming on the calendar and the academic year ends in just eight and a half weeks from now!

## Do YOU know a possible partnership governor?

Governing bodies include a range of governor categories: **parent governors** are drawn from and elected by the parent community; **co-opted governors** are selected by the other governors; **LA governors** are selected from employees of the Local Authority; and a **staff governor** is elected by the staff.

As a **Foundation School**, our governing body also has to have a statutory minimum of two partnership governor roles. These **cannot** be parents of current pupils, but should be drawn from the wider community and, ideally, nominated **by** parents.

Although filling parent, staff and co-opted roles is usually quite simple, we have been seeking two partnership governors since September, without success.

We also have a vacancy for the LA governor role.

If you know of anyone suitable, for example a retiree or local business person, who would like to know more, please ask them to contact the head or chair of governors.

## SPARE PLACES IN NURSERY AND RECEPTION...

We are anticipating lower than usual intakes in nursery and Reception classes over the next year or two with relatively few toddlers locally. Naturally, we'd prefer fuller classrooms.

Word of mouth is the best form of advertising, so if you know of anyone with a 2/3/4 year old, please let them know that we have spare capacity and advise them to get in touch!

## SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPLICATIONS

Don't forget to apply for your free school transport - the deadline is Wednesday 31 May!

If your child is starting primary or secondary school this September, Cumberland County Council provide free school transport for pupils who live more than two miles away (up to eight years old) or three miles away (aged eight years old and over).

**The deadline for online applications is Wednesday 31 May.**

For more information, FAQs and further details on how to apply, please visit [School Transport | Cumberland Council](#)

## ADULT LEARNING

After half term, Janette will start a five week programme, 'Time together at home', aimed at parents of EY/KS1 pupils.

She will cover strategies to support children during the long summer break so that they are primed for learning in September.

Attendees will qualify for a funded daytrip in the Lakes.

## Monster Phonics

Those of you with pupils in Early Years and KS1 should now be quite familiar with the decodable reading books and the family of monsters that support our phonics curriculum.

Our collection of paper books has proven increasingly difficult to distribute as we'd like - and prone to damage from puddles, yoghurt, water bottles, being sat on, toddlers, dogs, bananas....

From September, we will subscribe to Monster Phonics E-Books which will allow parents instant online access to the relevant book for their child's current phonics stage, as well as all earlier ones.

You can see samples here: <https://monsterphonics.com/free-ebooks/>

### TRANSITION DAYS

Over the final half term, children will have a number of opportunities to spend some time with their new teacher and classmates.

These will mostly be arranged around outdoor sessions, as these create a natural 'gap' in classes to allow us to move children around, and we will be aiming to make sure that pupils in years R-2 get the most opportunities to adjust.

If you have any specific concerns about your child moving up a class, please contact us to arrange an opportunity to discuss these with their new teacher.



### MEASLES WARNING

Parents are being asked to make sure children are fully up to date with their MMR vaccinations after cases of Measles were confirmed in the Northwest. Parents can check their child's vaccine records by looking in their "Red Book" or asking their GP. Measles is a highly infectious disease that can lead to serious problems such as pneumonia, meningitis, and on rare occasions, long-term disability, or death. Symptoms include a high fever, sore red watery eyes, and a blotchy red brown rash, and it is particularly easy to catch/spread in environments when in close contact with others.

[Director of Public Health warns Cumbrians of risk of measles | Cumberland Council](#)

### DIARY DATES

#### MAY

- **Weds 24th** - Group photographs (am); Reception NHS eye tests
- **Thurs 25th** - Year 5&6 trip to Withaugh (8am start!)
- **Fri 26th** - ICE CREAM FRIDAY
- **Mon 29th - Fri 2nd** - Half term break

#### JUNE

- **Mon 5th** - Oliver Twist - M&M productions
- **Thurs 8th** - Transition time - years N-5
- **Fri 9th** - KS2 sports day @ the Sheepmount. Parents welcome from 12:45-14:30.
- **Weds 14th** - New Reception intake open evening (see previous letter)
- **Thurs 15th** - Transition time - years R-2
- **Weds 21st** - EY&KS1 Sports Day @ school. Parents welcome from 13:45pm
- **Tues 27th** - Year 6 @ WHS for transition day; moving up day for Yrs N-5
- **Thurs 29th** - Year 5&6 - Talkin Tarn watersports day - details to follow
- **Fri 30th** - ICE CREAM FRIDAY

#### JULY

- **w/c 3rd** - Pupil reports sent home
- **Thurs 6th** - Transition Yrs R-2
- **Friday 7th** - Splats Circus workshop leading into **Summer Fayre** (3-6pm)
- **Friday 14th** - Transition time - YN-5
- **Wednesday 19th** - **END OF YEAR**

**REMINDER - DIARY DATES (and changes to them), NEWSLETTERS AND MORE CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND IN THE JOTTER APP**