

MORESBY



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year

I hope that everyone enjoyed the last couple of weeks, and that you managed to get some time away from work to relax a little.

It has been great to see everyone back in this week, including our new starters in nursery, who have settled in really well.

We're quickly back into trying to improve what we offer as a school, with the first project of the year being a trial of a programme called **Reading Plus**.

We're going to use it in Class 3 and 4 across January before making a decision whether to buy it or not before half-term.

It can be accessed at home, and we would really appreciate it if you could support the children in having a go over the coming weeks. I intend to survey parents to get your thoughts on it as part of our decision, so please do spend a little time having a look at it with your child.

You can read about Reading Plus, and the ways it supports children here: [Reading Plus - Proven to Improve Reading by 97% - Daisy Education](#)

Midwinter Hullabaloo

We have been working with Handpicked Productions on their Midwinter Hullabaloo event in recent weeks. It's taking place in Moresby on Friday 23rd January, and starts here at school at 4.30pm. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun - see pages 2 and 3 for further details, including how to book tickets.

Thank You

A quick "thank you" on behalf of the staff for the many cards and gifts that were sent in for us. While we don't ever expect anything, we really appreciate your kindness - we've got enough chocolate and biscuits in the staff room to last us for a good few weeks!

Many thanks for your support,
Ross Peacock Head Teacher

Class 1 Superheroes

Our children in Class 1 are reading *Supertato* at the moment, and have some activities coming up next week linked to it.

On **Monday 12th January**, please send the children in with a vegetable of their choice; they'll use it to make a vegetable superhero of their own. Don't worry if you aren't able to provide one - we will have spare in school - but thank you if you're able to help with this. Then, on **Friday 16th January**, we would love the children to come dressed as a superhero for our *Supertato* Day. There is no need to buy a costume — simple outfits such as wearing one colour, a homemade mask, or a cape are absolutely fine. We will also have some masks and capes available in the classroom.

Musician(s) of the Moment

Kate Bush

Value of the Month

Engaging with the arts

Celebration Assembly

Values Award

C1: Gracie

C2: Elijah

C3: Effie

C4: River

Excellent Work

C1: Isla H

C2: Brooke

C3: Violet

C4: Jasper M

TT Rockstars:

Most Improved Times *Most Correct Answers*

1st Bunny Rockeezy 1st Rocco Furstenfeld

2nd Cheese Hudson 2nd Zarah Nolan

3rd Sunshine Glasshouse 3rd Jennifer Bluhm

Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about a child, please let either Mr Peacock, Mrs Crelling or either Mrs Lawman know. Alternatively, you can contact Cumbria Safeguarding Hub on 0333 240 1727.



Handpicked Productions



The Mid-Winter

Hullabaloo

Moresby • Egremont • Cleator Moor



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

Friday 23 January

Moresby School & Rugby Union Club

Saturday 24 January

Egremont Castle & Market Hall

Sunday 25 January

Cleator Moor Square & Civic Hall

4.30pm-8pm

Tickets £8 | Party of 4 £30

(including food and a warm drink)

Book your tickets at
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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Class 2 Curriculum Plan 2024-25

KS1 A	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English Fiction	Finding Tale (Little Charlie)	Problem Resolution (Magic Porridge Pot)		Warning Tale (Kassim and the Dragon)		
English Non-Fiction	Persuasion		Instruction (How to make Magic Porridge)		Information (Moresby Ridgeback)	
Science	Everyday Materials (Y1)	Investigation Skills	Animals Including Humans (Y1)	Plants (Y2)	Living Things and Their Habitats (Y2)	
Computing	Modern Tales	Drawing with shapes	My online life (Y1)	Story Land	Heads up	
Design Technology	n/a	Vehicles (Robotics)	n/a	Phunky Foods Strive for Five	n/a	Playgrounds
Geography	Weather and Climate		Continents and Oceans		Local Study History of Lowther Street (own unit)	
History	How am I making History?		n/a	How was school different in the past?	Local Study History of Lowther Street (own unit)	
Art	Colour splash (Y1)		Tell a story (Y2)	Paper play (Y1)	Map it out (Y2)	
Music	Introducing Beat	Adding Rhythm and Pitch	Having Fun with Improvisation	Combining Pulse, Rhythm and Pitch	Exploring Improvisation	
PE	Dance - Streamers / Conkers	Gymnastics - Body Management	Gymnastics - Floor Exercise	Gymnastics - Vault	Dance - Friends, Bubbles, Shadows	
Games	Attack, Defend, Shoot Y1 Unit 1	Send and Return Y1 Unit 1	Attack, Defend, Shoot Y2 Unit 1	Send and Return Y2 Unit 1	Attack, Defend, Shoot Y2 Unit 2	Send and Return Y2 Unit 2 OAA
PSHE	Family and Relationships (Year A)	Health & Wellbeing (Year A)	Safety (Year A)	Citizenship (Year A)	Economic Wellbeing (Year A)	Boys and Girls (Relationships and sex education)
RE	Caring for others	Gifts and Giving / The Christmas Story	Easter and surprises		Beginnings and Endings	Ceremonies
Class Book	James and the Giant Peach	Winnie The Witch	Fact or Fake? The Truth About Animals	Traditional Tales	Bear Grylls Adventures	Perfectly Peculiar Pets

Class 3 Curriculum Plan 2024-25

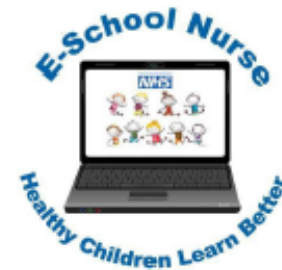
LKS2 A	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English Fiction	The Manor House		Elf Road		The Magician's Shop	
English Non-Fiction	Is Plastic Fantastic?	How to Trap a Troll		Cracking Contractions		Trip Advisor
Science	Animals Including Humans (Y3)	Sound (Y4)	Light (Y3)	Forces and Magnets (Y3)	Living Things and Their Habitats (Y4)	
Computing	My Online Life (Y3) Keyboard Adventures T-shirt Designers	Hour of Code	Dancing Robot	Games Designer	Endangered Species	
Design Technology	n/a	Programming with robots - Happy Traveller	Phunky Foods A Healthy Lunch		n/a	Photo Frames
Geography	n/a	Rivers	n/a	Rainforests	n/a	North America
History	How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?	n/a	The Mayans	n/a	How different were beliefs in Ancient Egypt?	n/a
Art	Abstract shape and space (Y3)	Light and dark (Y4)	Ancient Egyptian scrolls (Y3)		Mega materials (Y4)	
Music	Combining Elements to Make Music	Enjoying Improvisation	Recognising Different Sounds	Developing Pulse & Groove Through Improvisation	Connecting Notes and Feelings	
PE	Dance - Explorers / Hornpipe	Gymnastics - Body Management	Gymnastics - Floor Exercise	Gymnastics - Vault	Dance - Giraffes Can't Dance / Incognito	
Games	Football Y3	Basketball Y3	Hockey Y3	Football Y4	Rounders Y3	Athletics Y3 OAA
PSHE	Family and Relationships	Health & Wellbeing	Safety	Citizenship	Economic Wellbeing	Bits & Bobs & Sweat... (Relationships and Sex Education)
RE	People of Faith		Christianity	Good Friday	Hinduism	Buddhism
MFL - Spanish	Phonics 1 & 2 I'm Learning Spanish	Animals	I Can	Fruits	Presenting Myself	Family
Class Book	The Boy Who Made the World Disappear	The Water Horse	The Great Egyptian Grave Robbery	One Dog and His Boy	The Butterfly Lion & Varjak Paw	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Class 4 Curriculum Plan 2024-25

UKS2 A	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English Fiction	Warning Story	<i>Finding Tale (secondary unit)</i>	Character Description	<i>Fear Story (secondary unit)</i>	Portal Story	<i>Finding Tale (secondary unit)</i>
English Non-Fiction	<i>Instructions (secondary unit)</i>	Information	<i>Information (secondary unit)</i>	Persuasion	<i>Explanation (secondary unit)</i>	News Recount
Science	Forces in Action (y5)	Earth in Space (Y5)	Living Things and Their Habitats (Y6)	Electricity(y6)	Animals Including Humans (Y5)	
Computing	Online Safety Dilemmas	My Onlife Life (Y5)	Lost in Space	VR Worlds	News Reporter	
Design Technology	Fairgrounds (Robotics)	n/a	n/a	Phunky Foods Eatwell	n/a	Bird Houses
Geography	n/a	Mountains	n/a	UK	n/a	Local area and region
History	The Vikings	n/a	Local Study/Census	n/a	What was life like in Tudor Times?	n/a
Art	I need space (Y5)		Make my voice heard (Y6)	Interactive instalation (Y5)	Photo opportunity (Y6)	
Music	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Exploring Notation Further	La Villa Strangiato	GarageBand Advanced	Identifying Important Musical Elements	
PE	Dance - World of Sport	Gymnastics - Body Management	Gymnastics - Floor Exercise	Gymnastics - Vault	Dance - Theseus and the Minotaur	
Games	Football Y5	Basketball Y5/6	Hockey Y5/6	Football Y6	Rounders Y5/6	Athletics Y5/6 OAA
PSHE	Family and Relationships (Year A)	Health & Wellbeing (Year A)	Safety (Year A)	Citizenship (Year A)	Economic Wellbeing (Year A)	Your Mummy... Men & Women... (Rel & Sex
RE	Commitment	The True Meaning of Christmas	Creation Stories	Easter -Cruxification	Justice, Freedom and Forgiveness	
MFL - Spanish	Aprendo Espanol L1-3 The Date	My Home	Tudors	Habitat	At the Weekend	Me in the World
Class Book	Journey to Jo'burg	What's That in Dog Years	Titanic Detective Agency	Viking Boy	Tom's Midnight Garden	



E-School Nurse Video Clinics (By appointment only)



Twice weekly **online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.**

Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using [Attend Anywhere](#). The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient.

In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic**

Please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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**CUMBRIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE
SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025/2026**

AUTUMN TERM 2025

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 September	Friday 19 December	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Number of school days in term – 73

SPRING TERM 2026

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 7 January	Friday 27 March	Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February

Number of school days in term – 53

SUMMER TERM 2026

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 13 April	Friday 17 July	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Number of schools days in term – 64

Good Friday – 3 April
Easter Monday – 6 April

Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 4 May

Spring Term Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 7th January	School reopens
Monday 12th January	Class 1 children bring a vegetable to school for a <i>Supertato</i> -themed activity
Wednesday 14th January	Class 3 trip to Tullie House
Thursday 15th January	Mid-year reports are sent home
Friday 16th January	Class 1 Superhero Day - wear a superhero costume for the day. NB. Normal uniform for the rest of school please
Friday 16th January PM	Anna Poole - musician - Midwinter Hullabaloo workshop with Class 3 (and possibly Class 4)
Monday 19th January	Janice Murray - designer - Midwinter Hullabaloo workshop with Class 3 AM and Class 4 PM
Tuesday 20th January	Reverend Paul Kerry assembly - Classes 2, 3 & 4
Wednesday 21st January	Parents' evening (please note that appointments to this parents' evening will be sent out by school, and will not include all children)
Thursday 22nd January	Class 4 online video call to our partner class in Indonesia
Friday 23rd January 4.30pm	Midwinter Hullabaloo starts at school *please note this is <u>not</u> a school event and staff will not be present*
Monday 26th — Friday 30th January	Cyclewise in school with Year 5
Thursday 29th January PM	Class 4 - Sportshall Athletics at Whitehaven Academy
Friday 13th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 23rd February	School reopens
Monday 2nd March	Swimming starts for Classes 3 and 4
Tuesday 3rd March	Reverend Paul Kerry assembly - Classes 2, 3 & 4
Friday 20th March	Moresbury Music Festival
Tuesday 24th March	Classes 2, 3 & 4 trip to St Bridget's Church - Easter assembly with Reverend Paul Kerry
Wednesday 25th March	Class 2 trip to Torpenhow Farm
Friday 27th March	Easter Performances 1.15pm Class 2 1.45pm Class 1 2.15pm Class 3 2.45pm Class 4
Friday 27th March	School closes for Easter

Summer Term Dates

Date	Event
Monday 13th April	School reopens
Tuesday 28th April	Reverend Paul Kerry assembly - Classes 2, 3 & 4
Wednesday 6th May	Sports Day for Classes 2, 3 and 4
Thursday 7th May	Sports Day for Class 1
Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 20th May	Y6 SATs Celebration 3.15pm—5.00pm
Thursday 21st—Friday 22nd May	Class 3 Langdale Residential Trip
Friday 22nd May	School closes for May Half-Term
Monday 1st June	School reopens
Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Wednesday 3rd June - Friday 5th June	Class 4 York Residential
Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen
Tuesday 16th June	Reverend Paul Kerry assembly - Classes 2, 3 & 4
Tuesday 7th July	Y6 SATs results back and shared with the children
Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July	Parents' Evening
Friday 17th July 10am	Leavers' Assembly and End of Year Awards
Friday 17th July 1.15pm	School closes for the summer