

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Change to attendance procedures

The local authority have updated their attendance procedures around term-time holidays.

Going forward, when we receive a request for a term-time holiday we have to write back to both parents, regardless of who the request is made by. This means, for example, where parents live separately, we are now required to send a letter to each noting the request and explaining the procedure we have to follow.

As always, we are grateful when holidays are taken outside of term time, and for the support we have from our school community in ensuring the children attend school regularly. At the time of writing, overall attendance across school is a very healthy 97.9%, which is well above the national average.

Thanks to everyone who responded to last week's Parent Survey. Whilst it came out really positively overall, we also have some things to think through. I've summarised the responses on page 2, and included some of the comments we received.

It was great to see so many of you at our Harvest celebrations on Thursday afternoon this week - thank you all for coming in.

I hope everyone enjoys their half-term break, and we'll see you when school reopens on Monday 2nd November.

Many thanks for your support,
Ross Peacock
Head Teacher

Early Years Stephney Farm trip

Our Early Years class visited Stephney Farm on Wednesday this week, where they took part in some pumpkin picking and learned about how the farm works. They also met some of the animals, and helped to feed them too! Everyone behaved really well, and a good time was had by all!



Musician(s) of the Moment

The Beatles

Value of the Month

Looking after our mental health

Celebration Assembly

<u>Values Award</u>	<u>Word Wizard</u>
EYFS: Poppy	Alice
C1: Isla	Danny
C2: Luca	Robyn
C3: Roby	Sam
C4: Elijah	Miah
<u>Excellent Work</u>	<u>Sports</u>
EYFS: Maisie	Kendall
C1: Cienna	Jacob
C2: Cienna	Layla
C3: Robin	Charlie
C4: Evelyn	Jessica
TT Rockstars:	
<u>Most Improved Times</u>	<u>Most Correct Answers</u>
1st Sky Segall	Ava Gaines
2nd Charlie McBroom	Ras Van Halen
3rd Fiona Genesis	Art Altman

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.

Parent Survey October 2026 - Summary

Thanks again to everyone who took the time to send us some feedback via our recent Parent Survey. We received 41 responses in total, with questions 1-12 being answered as below (figures stated are percentages):

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child is happy at school	51	42	0	7	0
2. My child feels safe at school	59	39	0	0	2
3. The school cares well for my child's wellbeing	56	39	2	2	0
4. My child enjoys coming to school	46	46	0	7	0
5. My child is making good progress	44	46	7	2	0
6. The school has high expectations for my child	44	49	5	2	0
7. Behaviour at the school is good	44	46	5	5	0
8. The school promotes positive behaviour and respect	59	37	2	2	0
9. The school promotes my child's personal development	46	46	2	2	2
10. I feel well informed about my child's progress	30	44	12	12	2
11. I feel comfortable approaching school with questions/concerns	59	30	7	2	2
12. The school is well led and managed	66	30	0	2	2

Thank you for the many positive comments we received - here is a small sample:

"Provides a safe, respectful and supportive environment where children can learn, be challenged, develop confidence and shine in their own unique way"

*"Makes my child want to come to school and learn.
Teachers are approachable if I've any issues or concerns"*

"The school provides a supportive environment where children can learn, grow and develop their confidence. The staff work hard to support the children's learning and wellbeing, and I appreciate the effort they make to help pupils feel safe, included and encouraged"

We also received comments that are helping us to think about what we could do better. The key themes that came from the survey are to

- Look at how homework is acknowledged in school, including reading journal entries
- Offer some paper-based homework, rather than all through apps
- Look at the quality of school dinners
- Consider further ways we can ensure parents feel well-informed about the children's progress
- Streamline our communications, and ensure they are sent out in a timely manner
- Encourage more families to walk to school

We plan to hold a meeting for parents next half-term, to which everyone will be welcome. We'll use the time to discuss the points above. Watch out for a date in our upcoming newsletters!



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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TERM DATES 2026/2027**AUTUMN TERM 2026**

STARTS;	ENDS;	HALF TERM;
WEDNESDAY 2 ND SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 18 TH DECEMBER	MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 30 TH OCTOBER

SPRING TERM 2027

STARTS;	ENDS;	HALF TERM;
TUESDAY 5 TH JANUARY	THURSDAY 25 TH MARCH	MONDAY 15 TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 19 TH FEBRUARY

SUMMER TERM 2027

STARTS;	ENDS;	GOOD FRIDAY; 26TH MARCH
MONDAY 12 TH APRIL	FRIDAY 16 TH JULY	EASTER MONDAY; 29TH MARCH
		EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY; 3RD MAY
		HALF TERM; MONDAY 31 ST MAY – FRIDAY 4 TH JUNE

Autumn Term Dates

Date	Event
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 22nd October	Harvest Performances 12.50pm EYFS (Nursery and Reception - in class) 1.15pm Class 1 1.45pm Class 2 2.15pm Class 3 2:45pm Class 4
Monday 26th Oct—Friday 30th Oct	October half-term holiday
Tuesday 3rd November - after school	Halloween Disco
Tuesday 24th November	Class 3 Parents' invited to join in with Art—3D sculpture. Making a Christmas tree.
7th-10th December	Juniors' swimming week
Friday 11th December 2pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 16th December PM	Christmas Performances 12.50pm EYFS (Nursery and Reception) 1.15pm Class 1 1.45pm Class 2 2.15pm Class 3 2:45pm Class 4
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Parties
Thursday 17th December 7pm	Choir - performance at St Mary's and Michael's
Friday 18th December 1.15pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays