

# MORESBY



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

## Friday 5th September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

### Welcome back

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break, and that you were able to spend some time away if you wanted to. The children have come back full of stories of what they've been up to, from sleepovers with friends, to spending time with family both at home and away from Whitehaven.

We've been straight back into it this week, and the children have been superb, getting stuck back into learning straight away. Our several new children have settled in well, and we're all enjoying getting to know them.

I have been working with the staff to get the essential dates into the year diary, which you'll find in the newsletter every week.

Please take a moment to have a read of the diary, and keep an eye on it through the year as more dates are added.

Parents of children in Years 1, 4 and 6 will particularly note the dates of this year's statutory assessments in May and June: please ensure that the children are in school across that period, and in the lead up to it.

Many thanks for your support,  
Ross Peacock Head Teacher

### Instrument Lessons

We have some places available for starting instrument lessons. Year 2 and above can sign up for keyboard and guitar, Year 3 and above for drums.

If you are interested, please e-mail Mrs Hurley with your child's name and the instrument they'd like to learn at [Samantha.hurley@moresby.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Samantha.hurley@moresby.cumbria.sch.uk). Lessons will cost £28 per half-term this year.

### Josh MacAlister MP Visit

We were delighted to welcome Josh MacAlister, MP for Whitehaven and Workington, for a visit to school earlier today. He helped us to give certificates out in assembly and ran a House of Commons-style debate with everyone, met with our School Council for a Question and Answer session, and had a good look round in order to get to know what we have to offer. It was great to welcome him into school, and we hope to see him again!

You'll also see on pp2-3 a letter from the Prime Minister that we have been asked to share with parents.



### Musician(s) of the Moment

Queen

Value of the Month

Making sense of the world

### Celebration Assembly

Values Award                      Excellent Work

C1: Onyx                              C1: Zac

C2: Luke                              C2: Noah

C3: Sam                                C3: Bella

C4: Cooper                          C4: Erin

TT Rockstars:

*Most Improved Times*      *Most Correct Answers*

1st Uma Zeppelin              1st Strike Woolfe

2nd Royal Garcia                2nd Lou Jammy

3rd Kasia Reilly                 3rd Diesel T Hendrix

**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.**



Dear Parent/Carer,

Across England, millions of children and families are beginning a new school year.

As a father of two, I know well the pride and joy of watching your children grow up. But I also understand how juggling parenthood, work and other responsibilities can sometimes be difficult especially when the cost-of-living is still tough, childcare is expensive, and your time is tight.

Supporting families is at the heart of our Plan for Change. Over the past year we have started to deliver the change promised – new help designed to make your life easier and give your children the best possible start.

We are making high quality childcare more affordable by introducing 30 hours of government-funded childcare during term time, from the end of parental leave to the start of primary school, saving an average working parent up to £7,500 per year – money that stays in your pocket for your family's needs.

We are making family life easier too, with hundreds of school-based nursery places opening this September, and thousands more to come. This means more families can access government-funded childcare and perhaps manage with just one school run in the morning. This comes alongside expanding wraparound childcare available to you outside of school hours, including a free Best Start Breakfast Club which we will be rolling out in every primary school.

We are proud to build on the legacy of Sure Start through our Best Start Family Hubs, a growing network of welcoming spaces. Families can access a wide range of support and services to make the journey of being a parent a little easier – from expert advice on feeding your baby to how to support your toddler’s learning and development at home.

Of course, this is just the beginning. This government will keep building support for you and your family to help make parenting easier and ensure no child’s background dictates what they go on to achieve. I know that this is also a priority for local MPs and councils, who can provide more information about what is available in your area. I encourage you to get in touch with them directly.

To find out more about the support available to you and your family, including free breakfast clubs, eligibility for childcare offers, Best Start Family Hubs in your area and support with your child’s early health and learning, visit our new site that brings this all together in one place: [www.BestStartinLife.gov.uk](http://www.BestStartinLife.gov.uk).

I also wanted to thank you, the parents and carers, and the grandparents, as well as the childminders, early educators, teachers and health workers, for all you do to give children the best start in life.

Nothing will stop me in my mission to back families like yours through our Plan for Change, to build a better future for you, for your children, and for Britain.

All best wishes,

Keir Starmer

### 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

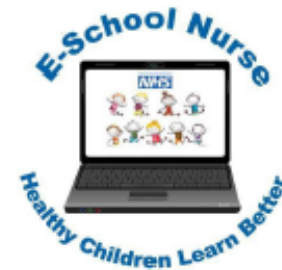
LKS2 A	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English Fiction	The Manor House		Elf Road		The Magician's Shop	
English Non-Fiction	Is Plastic Fantastic?	How to Trap a Troll		Cracking Contractions		Trip Advisor
Science	Animals Including Humans (Y3)	Sound (Y4)	Light (Y3)	Forces and Magnets (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](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19)

You can telephone for an appointment

**01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm**



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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025/2026**

**AUTUMN TERM 2025**

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

**Number of school days in term – 73**

**SPRING TERM 2026**

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

**Number of school days in term – 53**

**SUMMER TERM 2026**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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**

### Autumn Term Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 9th September	Guitar and drum lessons start
Wednesday 10th September	Keyboard lessons start
Wednesday 17th September	Y6 Forest School sessions start
Wednesday 24th September 3.15pm	Y6 Parents' Meeting
Tuesday 30th September and Wednesday 1st October	Parents' Evening
Friday 10th October	Class 4—Snappy Operas project
Wednesday 15th October	Nasal flu vaccinations
Wednesday 22nd October	Class 4 Parents' Meeting - York Residential
Friday 24th October	Harvest Performances 1.15pm Class 2 1.45pm Class 1 2.15pm Class 3 2.45pm Class 4
Friday 24th October	School closes for October half-term
Monday 3rd November	School reopens
Friday 5th December 2pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9th December	Class 2/3/4 trip to Theatre By the Lake
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Performances 1.15pm Class 2 1.45pm Class 1 2.15pm Class 3 2.45pm Class 4
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Dinner and Parties
Friday 19th December <b>1.15pm</b>	School closes for Christmas

### Spring Term Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 7th January	School reopens
Thursday 15th January	Mid-year reports are sent home
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)
Friday 13th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 23rd February	School reopens
Monday 2nd March	Swimming starts for Classes 3 and 4
Friday 20th March	Moresbury Music Festival
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
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 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 <b>1.15pm</b>	School closes for the summer