



Bowness-on-Solway Primary School Newsletter

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Staffing Changes

Elaine

After an incredible 25 years working at Bowness School, Elaine will be leaving us at the end of this year. This will be a very sad day but we wish her the very best for her retirement.

Elaine has seen and done it all here. She has impacted positively on the lives of hundreds of children. Everyone knows and treasures Elaine; she is held in the highest regard throughout the community.

We will all see her around, so it's not quite 'goodbye,' but things will be different with an Elaine-shaped hole in the school!

Elaine has requested no fuss but, well... she's been here 25 years! I think a few words will be said during our leavers' assembly on **Wed 19th July at 13:30**. I encourage a big turnout to this special event.



Catherine

We are delighted to welcome Catherine Servanté to work in a predominantly 1:1 role. You may know Catherine from the village or from her time in the preschool a few years ago. Catherine has a proven track record as an excellent practitioner and we greatly look forward to welcoming her to the team later this term.

Eco Corner



Since our spring recycling appeal, we have so far collected over 70 pens, 120 crisp packets and 370 batteries.

Our eco committee and gardening club have sprinkled wildflower seeds, cleaned out our spring bulbs and planted beans, onions, a blackcurrant bush and potatoes in our veg patch.

We are now getting ready to take part in '30 Days Wild', the 'Big Green Week' and 'Wear it Wild,' which are all happening in June - more details to follow.

Please send in your completed SRM booklets on Monday after half term. We look forward to seeing the progress made!

School Charges

It is important to us to keep costs to our parents and carers as low as possible. School dinners are currently charged at a very low price compared to other schools – and prices have stayed the same for the last 7 years, despite rising costs. With budgets being affected by significant inflation, we will be reluctantly increasing prices from September. Be assured that we will continue to keep prices as low as we feasibly can. I will write to you with more details in due course.



Attendance

Attendance is consistently good across the school. Great attendance = great learning!

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Week beginning 15th May

Owls: 98% Ospreys: 97% Kestrels: 97%

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Parent Association

Thank you to everyone who turned up to the AGM and our Zoom session. We are keen to encourage as many parents and carers as possible to engage with the PA as it is a great way to get involved in school life. Look out for a great calendar of events!

The newly-elected committee is as follows:

Chair:	Steven Kent
Secretary:	Emma Matthews
Treasurer:	Andrea Armstrong
Publicity Officer:	Tracey Robbins



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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085501847791>

You may wish to consider joining the PA's *WhatsApp* group so that you can keep up to date with things. Please send me the mobile number that you wish to be added and I will arrange it for you.

The PA's target is to raise £3,000 in order to enhance our pupils' experiences in the outdoor environment. A lot of work has gone into our outdoor classroom, the pond / wildlife garden area, the woodland and the outdoor more generally. We are aiming to have these fully developed so that children can make the best use of them to improve their enjoyment in learning.

Big thanks to everyone involved in the PA – past, present and future!

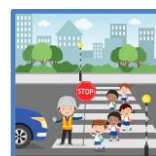
Hot Weather

How lovely to have some sunny weather! Please apply sunscreen ahead of school and send children in dressed appropriately for the weather, with a hat.



PCSO Visit

We were pleased to welcome Peter on Tuesday 23rd May to discuss road safety with the Owls class and online safety with the Kestrels and Ospreys. I would encourage all parents and carers to continue to discuss these important topics at home. Even the road outside school can be hazardous so it is very important that children know to stay on the pavement and how to cross safely.



Upcoming Dates For Your Diary

Mon 5th June	First day of summer term 2
Tue 6th June	'Wear It Wild' – dress as animals in exchange for £1 for the WWF
Wed 7th June	Ospreys aquarium visit
Thu 8th June	Beach School begins
Early June	Year 4 times tables check
Mon 12th June	Class photos
Mon 12th June	NTS visit to meet our Y6s
12th-14th June (inc.)	Cyclewise bike safety (Y5&6)
Wed 21st June	Height & weight checks (Y6 & Reception children)
Wed 28th June	Open morning in Early Years
Thu 29th June	Collective marathon – Jigsaw
Mon 3rd July	Move Up Morning
Wed 5th July	Owls educational visit
Fri 7th July, 9:30-11	Sports Day (provisional)
Tue 11th July	Y2-6 educational visit
Thu 13th July	Y6 leavers' performance
Wed 19th July, 13:30	Y6 leavers' assembly
Wed 19th July	Last day of school year

Half Term

Wishing you all a restful break over the half term. The final 7 weeks of the school year begin on **Monday 5th June**.

Beach School

We are delighted to start a block of *beach school* sessions after half term, led by Geoff Norman.

These will usually take place on Thursdays, starting from **8th June** for all pupils. The Kestrels and Ospreys will usually have a morning session, with the Owls in the afternoon.

The dates are: Thu 8th June, Thu 15th June, Thu 22nd June, **Tue 27th June**.

Children will need a suitable change of clothing – typically old clothes that can get dirty, and comfortable, grippy old trainers or wellies.

