



Bowness-on-Solway Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 8th September 2023

Welcome Back!

It's always a special day when the children return to school. It's like they have never been away!
We have already got lots of things in the diary; this is going to be a great year for everyone!



Summer Fayre – 10:00-14:00, Sunday 17th September



We are super excited about this event which – we hope – will be held on the school field!
The Friends of Bowness have been working hard to arrange this, and it promises to be fantastic! There will be a large variety of games and stalls to enjoy. We are accepting donations of baked goods to be sold at the refreshments stall. There will also be a non-uniform day next **Friday 15th September** in exchange for a raffle prize (however big or small). Please also save your milk bottle tops and send them in!

Holidays from School

Thank you for your support following the publication of our attendance policy. It is important that children attend school as much as they are able. Even a short absence from school can have a significant effect on learning. When pupils miss part of a learning sequence, it can be a challenge for them to catch up.

Our overall attendance last year was 96.5%. I am setting the target of 97% for this year. I am confident that we can achieve this by ensuring our children are at school whenever they are well.

There may occasionally be exceptional circumstances that warrant a short absence, e.g. a wedding of a close family member. In this instance, please complete the relevant form and send it in to me.

I am reminding everyone that family holidays during term time will not be authorised and the local authority will issue fines and take legal proceedings. Please see the school holiday dates (overleaf) when planning holidays.

School Dinners

Dinner Money: £12.50 every Monday, please.

Infant prepaid (free) meals are for Reception to Year 2.

Let us know if you require the details to make electronic payment.

Labelling Uniform

Please label your child's clothing with their name to avoid uniform mix-ups.

Toddler group takes place every Thursday from 9:15 until 10:45. We ask for a contribution of £1 per child.



PE Days

Starting this Fri (8th Sep), PE kit should be worn as follows.

All classes: **Mon & Fri**



Data Forms

These have been sent home this week. If you have not yet sent yours back to school, we would be grateful if you would return them on Monday as a priority. Thank you.

Charges

Here is a reminder of our current charges:

Breakfast Club	-	£4.00 per child, per day
School Dinners	-	£2.50 per child, per day (school meals are free in reception, Y1 & Y2)
After School Club	-	£5.00 per child from 15:25-16:25. £8.00 per child from 15:25 – 17:00.



Applying for School Places – Primary and Secondary

You can apply online now for a place in reception or year 7 starting September 2024. Please search *Cumberland School Admissions* (without quotation marks).

The closing date for reception applications is **15th January 2024**.

The closing date for year 7 applications is **31st October 2023**.

Photographer Visit

The photographer is in school on **Friday 6th October** for individual and family pics. If you wish to bring siblings who do not attend at Bowness, please come at 8:30.



Hot Weather

Well the Sun has got his hat on, so please ensure that all children do too! Keep also applying the sunscreen in the mornings when hot and sunny weather is forecast. Children need to be well-breakfasted and well-watered in warm conditions, with suitable clothing and a sun hat.



Farewell to Tudor

You may be aware that Vicar Tudor is soon to move on to a different parish in Carlisle. We will welcome him for one more assembly in the coming weeks. I'm sure you will join us wishing Tudor and his family the very best in their future endeavours.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

9:30am on Friday 29th September will be the Macmillan coffee morning. This will provide an opportunity to come and say hello to some of our staff and to enjoy coffee and cake – all whilst raising vital funds for a worthy charity.

Home-made cakes (to be sold at the event) are welcomed but please ensure that they are accompanied by a full list of ingredients and that they do not include peanuts.



Eco Matters

We had a hugely successful year with the SRM which will continue this year (look out for new log books going home soon). We also had huge success with Eco Schools and have achieved the Green Flag Award! Thanks to Miss Graham and all of our children and families for making all of this happen.



Diary Dates - School Year 2023-24

Wednesday 6 th September to Friday 20 th October	-	First half of the autumn term
Thursday 14 th September	-	Mini Medics course for Years 3-6
Friday 15 th September	-	Non-uniform in exchange for raffle prize donations
Sunday 17 th September	-	Summer Fayre (Parents' Association)
Thursday 5 th October	-	Nasal flu vaccine (Reception to Year 6)
Friday 6 th October	-	Individual and family photographs
Thursday 12 th October, 13:30	-	Harvest (provisional)
Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October	-	Autumn half-term holiday
Monday 30 th October to Tuesday 19 th December	-	Second half of the autumn term
Monday 20 th November	-	Play In A Day (Kestrels Class)
Thursday 7 th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 th December, 9:30	-	Christmas Extravaganza! Whole-school community performance and carol service
Wednesday 13 th December	-	Christmas dinner
Tuesday 19 th December	-	Last day of autumn term
Wednesday 20 th December	-	Christmas holidays begin
Wednesday 3 rd January to Friday 9 th February	-	First half of the spring term
Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	-	Spring half term holiday
Week beginning 18 th March	-	Barcaple residential for the Kestrels
Monday 19 th February to Thursday 28 th March	-	Second half of the spring term
Friday 29 th March to Monday 15 th April	-	Easter holidays
Tuesday 16 th April to Friday 24 th May	-	First half of the summer term
Monday 6 th May	-	May Day bank holiday
Monday 13 th to Thursday 16 th May	-	'SATs' Week (Years 2 and 6 pupils)
Tuesday 21 st May, 9:30	-	Sports Day (1 st option)
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	-	Summer half term holiday
Monday 10 th June, am	-	Class photographs
Monday 3 rd June to Friday 19 th July	-	Second half of the summer term
Two-week window commencing Monday 3 rd June	-	Multiplication tables check (Year 4 pupils)
Tuesday 21 st May, 9:30	-	Sports Day (reserve date)
Week commencing Monday 10 th June	-	Phonics screening check (Year 1 pupils)
Friday 19 th July 2024	-	Last day of summer term and school year
Monday 22 nd July to Tuesday 3 rd September	-	Summer Holidays

School Year 2024-25 In Brief

Wednesday 4 th September to Friday 20 th December	-	Autumn term
Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	-	Autumn half term holiday
Tuesday 7 th January to Friday 4 th April	-	Spring term
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	-	Spring half term holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April to Friday 18 th July	-	Summer term
Monday 5 th May	-	May Day bank holiday
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	-	Summer half term holiday