



Bowness-on-Solway Primary School Newsletter



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Wednesday 7th September 2022

Welcome Back!

How lovely to have our children back in school, well-rested, full of energy and ready to kick off a new year! It's been great to hear about all of their summer adventures. A special welcome to our new pupils and families – I am sure that our community will make them feel very welcome. We have got another hugely eventful year planned! Our dedicated staff have been working hard during the summer to get lots of things ready for our pupils. Please see overleaf for some initial diary dates.



Forest School



Starting this coming Monday, all pupils will take part in a series of half day Forest School activities in our woodland, delivered by Branch Out Education and our teaching staff. We are very much looking forward to this; we know that it will benefit the children in a variety of ways. The dates (all Mondays) are **12th September, 3rd October, 7th & 28th November and 12th December.**

For Forest School days, please send children in **outdoor PE kit** and a change of suitable outdoor footwear which can be wellies or old trainers. If inclement weather is forecast, we will get in touch to advise a suitable change of clothing.

Our School Vision and Values

This school has clearly gone from strength to strength over a number of years. It is important to us that we never stand still so now is the time to set our new vision for the future. Everyone in the school community (pupils, staff, governors, and parents) should have the opportunity to have a say in this. As such, I am sending out a form to gather your views on what our school's vision and values should look like. The questionnaires from the summer term provided a very useful insight; I am now seeking to build on this by asking for your input in a more specific way. Please see the attached letter; I would greatly value any responses.

School Dinners

Dinner Money: £10.50 every Monday, please.
Infant prepaid (free) meals are for Reception to Year 2.

TODDLER GROUP

Toddler group takes place every Friday from 13:00-15:00. We ask for a contribution of £1 per child.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

After school club will be kicking off from Monday. Please ensure that you return the letter if you wish your child to take part.

Breakfast Club is available from 7:30 and costs £3.

After School Club is charged at £5 until 16:15 and a further £1.50 until 17:00.

PE Days Starting this Fri (9th Sep), PE kit should be worn as follows.

Owls (Early Years and Year 1): **Mon & Fri**

Ospreys (Years 2, 3 and 4): **Mon & Fri.**

Kestrels (Years 5 and 6): **Mon & Fri.**



Diary Dates

School Year 2022-23

Wednesday 7 th September to Friday 22 nd October	-	First half of the autumn term
12 th Sep, 3 rd Oct, 7 th Nov, 28 th Nov, 12 th Dec	-	Forest School
Tuesday 27 th September	-	Owls Class visit to fire station
Tuesday 4 th October	-	Nasal flu vaccine (Reception to Year 6)
Friday 7 th October	-	Individual and family photographs
Saturday 15 th October (provisional date)	-	Autumn Fair (Parents' Association)
Friday 21 st October (provisional date)	-	Movie night (Parents' Association)
Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October	-	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 31 st October to Tuesday 20 th December	-	Second half of the autumn term
Monday 7 th November	-	Play In A Day (Kestrels Class)
Friday 2 nd December (provisional date)	-	Chocolate bingo (Parents' Association)
Tuesday 6 th December (provisional date)	-	Evening pantomime (theatre company)
Wednesday 7 th December	-	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 14 th December, 9:30	-	Nativity performance (Years 1 & 2 with Early Years)
Thursday 15 th December, 13:30	-	Christmas performance (Years 3-6)
Wednesday 21 st December to Tuesday 3 rd January	-	Christmas holidays
Wednesday 4 th January to Friday 17 th February	-	First half of the spring term
Saturday 14 th January	-	CUFC vs. Newport County match tickets (Year 3 upwards)
Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February	-	Spring half term holiday
Monday 27 th February to Friday 31 st March	-	Second half of the spring term
Tuesday 14 th March	-	Wheelchair basketball
Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April	-	Easter holidays
Monday 17 th April to Friday 26 th May	-	First half of the summer term
Monday 17 th April to Monday 3 rd July	-	Swimming lessons for Year 2 - 6
Monday 1 st May	-	May Day bank holiday
Monday 8 th May to Thursday 11 th May	-	'SATs' Week (Years 2 and 6 pupils)
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	-	Summer half term holiday
Three-week window commencing Monday 5 th June	-	Multiplication tables check (Year 4 pupils)
Week commencing Monday 12 th June	-	Phonics screening check (Year 1 pupils)
Monday 5 th June to Wednesday 19 th July	-	Second half of the summer term
Thursday 20 th July to Tuesday 5 th September	-	Summer Holidays

School Year 2023-24 In Brief

Wednesday 6 th September to Tuesday 19 th December	-	Autumn term
Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October	-	Autumn half term holiday
Wednesday 3 rd January to Thursday 28 th March	-	Spring term
Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	-	Spring half term holiday
Tuesday 16 th April to Friday 19 th July	-	Summer term
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	-	Summer half term holiday