Warcop CofE Primary School

Together we celebrate our individuality, supporting each other to learn, grow and flourish.

We lift our eyes to the hills, from where does my help come?"
Psalm 121

Friday News

Newsletter 6 Autumn Term 2026 – Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and friends of the school,

This weeks' Friday News has been very difficult for me to write. I started this newsletter during the first week of my new job here, in September 2005, and it's where I have updated you every week with what's going on in school and in the local community. Therefore, it is appropriate that I share this important information with you all, albeit, when I'm in London with Class 4! After careful consideration and discussions with family and friends, I have made the difficult decision to leave at the end of this school year. Having been here for so long, it has been important for me that I give the governors and the school community as much time as possible to prepare for a new headteacher. From a very early age, I wanted to be a headteacher and after completing a Creative and Performing arts degree and qualifying in teacher training, that dream became a possibility. Having loved teaching practices in Newcastle, I decided to stay and taught at Wharrier Street Primary School, Mountfield Primary and Blaydon West. I was in one of the first cohorts to complete the NPQH qualification for headship and soon after, I started my quest to return to Cumbria with my family and find a headship. My mum had been headteacher of Morland School and I was looking for a similar small school. Juggling two young children, moving house, and applying for jobs was difficult but in 2005, I got the job at Warcop. I remember my interview at Augill Castle well and Simon Bennett calling me to tell me the news afterwards, I couldn't believe it! While I never expected to stay as long as I have, it has become everything that I had ever wished and hoped for. Over the years, the school has recruited a wonderful team of staff, many having been parents previously, expanded the building several times over, and has grown to 95 pupils on roll. I have been well supported by the governors as well as the local community. However, after 22 years, I feel that this is the right time for both the school to have a new leader and myself to have a different challenge. Having completed SIAMS and OFSTED inspections in the last two years, I know the school is in a strong position to move forward. Therefore, this is the ideal time for a new leader to take the reins, while the school is successful and thriving. It will also give me the opportunity to look for a new challenge, which I hope will be just as fulfilling, but will also give me more time to be around for family and friends. I look forward to the many exciting events ahead in the rest of the year; the expansion of the hall, extending links to the Nursery, going on the residential with Class 3, as well as my favourite thing- the end of term concert! I will support the governors in the next exciting step for the school. I would like to tell the children myself on Monday next week in Collective Worship, when I return to school. I would appreciate it if you could leave it until then for them to find out. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Linsley, Headteacher

Each week our Golden diners can have a turn in the new outdoor Mud Kitchen. This week's Golden Diner awards go to:-

- Davina, Millie R, Ella, Autumn, Grayson J and Olly

Friendship awards this week go to:

Class 1 – Hallie
Class 2 - Brodie
Class 3 – Samuel

DIARY DATES

Date	Time	Information
13.10.2026		Mini Police – Years 5 and 6, more details to follow
14.10.2026	All Day	Forest Schools – whole school. Please could children bring in appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoor activities.
15.10.2026		Wheelchair basketball
15.10.2026		Year 4 Information meeting after school for the Patterdale trip in March 2027.
w/c 19th October		Parents evenings, Monday to Thursday
22.10.2026	2.30	Harvest Festival St Columba's
26.10.2026-30.10.2026		Half term
04.11.2026	All Day	Forest Schools – whole school. Please could children bring in appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoor activities.
04.11.2026	PM	Cumbria Police for EYFS
06.11.2026	PM	Highlights Theatre for Years 5 and 6
09.11.2026		Hobby Horse Day
17.11.2026	2pm	SENDIASS coffee afternoon in Warcop Parish Hall
18.11.2026	All Day	Forest Schools – whole school. Please could children bring in appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoor activities.
25.11.2026	PM	Cumbria Smiles for EYFS
02.12.2026	All Day	Forest Schools – whole school. Please could children bring in appropriate clothing and footwear for the outdoor activities.
09.12.2026		Christmas Lunch
11.12.2026	2.15pm	Christingle
15.12.2026		Christmas Performance – Dress Rehearsal
16.12.2026		Christmas Performance
18.12.2026		Break up for Christmas


CRAFT CLUB
Tuesday 6th October
Autumn Crafts- Leafy Fun
Tuesday 13th October
Mini Hobby Horse Making
Tuesday 20th October
Spooky Crafts

Red Squirrels Nursery

Registered Charity 1036866



AGM

9am

on the 17th November 2026

in Warcop Primary School Staffroom

All welcome to attend

Westmorland & Furness **Best Start** Family Hub

Coat Swap & Donate



Does your child have a pre-loved coat, wellies, warm hat, or scarf that they no longer need?

Donate your gently used items or swap them for quality pre-loved items from our collection.

We welcome donations that are:

- Clean and in good condition
- Fully working, with no broken zips
- Free from stains
- Not heavily worn or damaged
- Free from strong smells

Event Details:

Location: Penrith Family Hub

Friday 30 October | 9:00am - 3:00pm

Saturday 31 October | 10:00am - 1:30pm

Donations can be dropped off at Penrith Family Hub from Friday 23 October.

Help keep our community warm while giving coats, wellies, hats, and scarves a second life.

Share Warmth • Reduce Waste • Support Local Families

Drop off a coat, find a coat, or simply spread the word!

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Westmorland & Furness
Community Safety
Partnership

Are you concerned about antisocial behaviour, crime, safety in public spaces, road safety or other community issues?

The Westmorland and Furness Community Safety Partnership would like you to complete a short survey which will ensure our future priorities reflect the experiences of our communities.

By taking a few minutes to complete the survey, you will help us build a safer, stronger and more resilient Westmorland and Furness for everyone.

Scan the QR code to access the survey





Westmorland & Furness Council

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria

NHS North Cumbria Integrated Care

Probation Service

DAVID ALLEN

Sunday Fun Day

Kendal Leisure Centre
8th November 2026

Organisers are inviting local organisations to host stalls and engage with families attending the event. Registration can be completed via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12_O1ghJdLOHhSSiwA1p9VtEYucMMXjnRSN0OQTjAnhs/edit?pli=1

Community Day

Penrith Leisure Centre
1st November 2026

Local organisations are also invited to participate in this annual community event. The deadline to express interest is 25th September 2026.

These events have been running successfully for several years and provide a valuable opportunity to connect with local families, showcase services and promote health and wellbeing initiatives.

If you are interested in taking part or would like further information, please contact Danielle Vipond Shields directly at danielle.houghton@gll.org

PENRITH A.F.C.
FOUNDED 1894
RES-NON-VERBA

PENRITH UNDER 10 GIRLS

PLAY
LEARN
BELONG

Year 5 Girls Wanted!

FRIENDSHIP
FITNESS
FUN



Small Town Big Community

GIRLS CAN PLAY

Come and join our fun and friendly football team!

No experience needed – everyone is welcome.

Join an existing group of girls enjoying football and playing in the Carlisle and Penrith District League.

Training

Tuesdays, 6pm – 7pm

Penrith Football Club
Frenchfields Stadium

Just come down on a Tuesday night and give it a try!

SAME GAME MORE GIRLS

For more information call or message:

07738 093 299 | **07792 086 336**

New players always welcome!

PENRITH A.F.C. RES-NON-VERBA

PENRITH AFC

KIRKBY STEPHEN FOOTBALL CLUB UNDER 7's

TRAINING SESSIONS

TUESDAYS
6:00PM - 7:00PM

PARROTS PARK,
KIRKBY STEPHEN,
CA17 4RX

LEARN
PLAY
MAKE
FRIENDS



- DEVELOP SKILLS
- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- MAKE FRIENDS
- LEARN & GROW
- ENJOY THE GAME

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

TRAINING LOCATION:
PARROTS PARK,
KIRKBY STEPHEN,
CA17 4RX

KIRKBY STEPHEN FOOTBALL CLUB

Westmorland and Furness SEND Information, Advice and Support Service

CONTACT US

Westmorland and Furness SEND IAS Service | Sendiass

Your local SEND IAS Service Co-ordinator will listen to your concerns and can offer:

- Appropriate support, impartial information, and advice on a range of SEND related queries including - identifying a need, exclusions from school, complaints, and disagreements when something goes wrong.
- Advice regarding SEND related health and social care matters.
- Detailed explanations of how the Special Educational Needs (SEN) process should work, for example the support that should be ordinarily available for all children and young people with SEND in early years, schools, and post sixteen settings.
- Information about local and national voluntary organisations
- Information about young peoples' and parents' support groups in your area
- Support through the Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) Process including annual reviews.
- To help you learn more about the SEND Code of Practice and your legal rights.
- Support at meetings where appropriate.

A child or young person may have learning difficulties caused by:

- A physical disability
- A problem with sight, hearing, or speech
- Difficulties with reading, writing or mathematics
- Emotional or behavioural problems
- Communication and social interaction.

For self-referral, please use our email:

sendiass.waf@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Please give a brief description of the matter you require support with, and your location and a member of our team will be in touch with you to offer advice and guidance.

Westmorland & Furness Council

Information, Advice & Support Services Network

Council for disabled children

Offering impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with special educational needs and or disabilities and their parents & carers.

KIRKBY STEPHEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1566
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Cumbria Education Trust

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF

Shopping

AT OUR 2ND

CHRISTMAS FAIR

HANDMADE CRAFTS, MAKERS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Tuesday
10th November 2026

Kirkby Stephen Grammar School
Christian Head, Kirkby Stephen,
Cumbria, CA17 4HA

5pm – 8pm

FREE PARKING and FREE ENTRY

MASSIVE RAFFLE

Lots of fantastic prizes to be won!

CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

A delicious selection of chocolate prizes!



All proceeds go to the DT department at KSGS

Support our school and local businesses this Christmas!



The Buzz Club

Appleby Wraparound Care

Autumn HOLIDAY CLUB

Come and join us
October 26th-30th.
All welcome!

OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:45AM - 6PM

Hours to suit you

All children age 3-11 years

Based at Appleby Primary School

email: applebywraparoundcare@gmail.com

phone: 07708 297 090

Cumbria **Fostering**



Become part of Cumbria's biggest Family

SCAN ME

Find out about

fostering?

...and how you can change children's lives

Come along to our information drop in at **Penrith Library** on **Tuesday 13 October between 12pm and 1pm**. Speak to our friendly team and foster carers and take away some information leaflets.

0300 019 0200

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