

Broughton Primary School:**13/07/2026**

Attendance 06/07/26 - 10/07/26		
	Attendance	Unauthorised
Reception	95.7%	0.00%
Year 1	97.9%	0.69%
Year 2	94.8%	0.00%
Year 3	97.6%	0.79%
Year 4	98.6%	0.48%
Year 5	98.4%	1.6%
Year 6	97.8%	0.00%
Whole School	97.2%	0.53%

Friday 10/07/26	
	Golden Sweatshirt
Reception	Shane Muyambo
Year 1	Myla Basnett
Year 2	Jack Wallace
Year 3	Jonah Quinn
Year 4	Franky Osbourne
Year 5	-
Year 6	Penny Anderson & Phoebe Hannah

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last newsletter of the year:

And just like that, the academic year is nearly over. As I reflect on the year we have had, I feel incredibly proud of all the individual, class and school achievements across 2025-2026 – there have been so many! I feel privileged and blessed to be the Headteacher of Broughton Primary School, to work with our fabulous children every day and our amazing and dedicated staff team. I am really excited to see what is in store for us next year at BPS. I'd also like to take the opportunity to wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they transition to Cockermouth School – you are all more than ready and will smash it, as you have done here at Broughton. Finally, I'd like to thank all of our parents/carers & families for all of the support shown to school over the year, whether that is through kind words, completion of our school survey, being part of our parent committee KABS or volunteering to help out with lifts etc for trips, visits and sporting events – it does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Thank you.

There will be no newsletter next Monday as most of the school will be on the fell walks. Apologies as this one is a very long one!!



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Plans & reminders for September:

- All children will use the same entry points to school in September – children in Nursery & Reception will use the Nursery door, and children in Years 1- 6 will use the front red door. To exit school, Nursery & Reception will exit from Nursery door, children in Years 1 & 2 will exit from the hall doors, and children in Key-Stage 2 will use the front red door.
- To report an absence through illness, please can you contact the office by telephone by 8.40am or use the 'Report an absence' webform on our school website. All requests for term-time absences need to be requested via a holiday form which can be provided by our office or printed from the website.
- Apart from blue-badge holders, please can all parents/carers avoid using our school park for dropping-off & collecting children, including the bottom of the drive. If a family member is collecting/dropping-off, please can you share this information with them, as grandparents who collect from time-to-time often report that they weren't aware of this.
- If your child requires prescribed medication which needs to be administered more than three times per day, please call into the office and complete a medical form which will ensure that we can administer the medication at the correct time.
- Please use SchoolMoney to book wrap-around care sessions. OOSC is open from 7.35am every morning (with the free breakfast session starting at 8.15am). After school, it runs from 3.20-4.30pm. You are able to make on the day bookings for OOSC but we are introducing a new 'cut-off' point to make on the day bookings of 1pm. In the case of needing an emergency booking, please call the school office to make the booking.
- School lunch payments can be made on SchoolMoney and we would encourage payments to be made on a weekly basis. If lunches are not paid for over three weeks, we may need to temporarily suspend providing school lunches until balances are cleared. From September, there will be a slight increase in cost per school meal, increasing from £3.00 to £3.10 - this is due to the global price increase of food resulting in it becoming increasingly difficult to provide a high-quality cooked lunch for the current price. Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 are eligible for Universal free school meals.
- We will continue to use ClassDojo as our main method of communication, including private messages. We are very fortunate that our parent communities are very respectful in its use and respect appropriate times to send staff messages during their usual working hours. If you would like to have a face-to-face meeting with a member of staff, please can you send a message on Dojo to arrange a suitable time. We are always happy to meet with you but as school is so busy, it isn't always possible to meet immediately.

Parent/carer survey feedback:

Thank you for taking the time to complete a survey and provide us with your valuable feedback. This year, we had 46 completed surveys, which is an increase on last year. Thank you. There were many positives to celebrate including:

- 100% of parents said that they felt their child was safe and well-looked after in school
- 98% said they felt the amount of homework set was 'just right'
- 100% of parents felt that any cases of bullying were dealt with effectively or that your child had no experience of this
- 100% of parents said they would recommend the school

There were many positive comments left to acknowledge the hard work of the school staff team, who you feel are nurturing and dedicated to the children. Many parents said they were proud that their child attends BPS. Our school ethos is to ensure your child feels happy and safe when in school, which will allow them to thrive academically – it is wonderful to know that our parent community recognises this.



The feedback also led us to two main areas for development for next year:

‘Strive for five’ reading – some parents feel that their child feels ‘forced’ to read five times per week, which is stripping the enjoyment from reading for pleasure. Children can then become demotivated to read, which in turn affects the class reading challenge results. To overcome this, we plan to stop the Strive for Five challenge next year, and instead, offer children a timeslot within the school day to enjoy quiet reading. We will also ringfence time at the end of the school day for your child’s class teacher to read a story to their class, ensuring that all children can immerse themselves in a good story, no matter their reading ability or age. Reading will remain a part of the homework tasks, but it will not be tracked like it currently is in the hope that this takes away the pressure element. The Top 20 books within each class will remain, for children to work through over the year. A good suggestion was listing the books in each class set of Top 20 reads on the website, as sometimes children struggle to swap their books due to another child reading it.

Sporting teams – Some parents feel that their child has not had the opportunity to represent the school on many sporting teams this year. Our process in choosing teams is that we always talk to the child at the first opportunity to make sure they would like to take part – some children do not want to and politely refuse, and their place will then be offered to a different member of their class. The sporting competitions in our local area are largely targeted towards children in upper Key-Stage 2, with less events being planned in for Years 3&4, and even less for Key-Stage 1. This is due to the National Curriculum in P.E being skills based rather than teaching team sports for Years 1&2. We do try very hard to rotate our school teams and offer every child who would like to, the opportunity to take part in a sporting event but it can be very hard to keep track over the course of the academic year, and can also become complicated in that our class numbers are not consistently high and so some children are required to play up a year. In September we will keep a record of all sporting teams to allow us to keep track more easily of which children have attended which events.

Fell walk:

On Monday 20th July, our Year 1&2 children will walk up Binsey fell and our Year 3 – 6 pupils will walk Dodd Fell – both of which are Wainwrights. We aim to set off at 10am and return to school for approximately 2.30pm. Children will need to wear weather appropriate walking clothing (walking boots/trainers, waterproof jacket (in a backpack bag if warm), sun hat/glasses). They will need a packed lunch with plenty of drinks. Please can all children attend wearing sunscreen and also bring a spare bottle in their bags. To support us in covering the costs of the transport, it would be much appreciated if you could make a donation of £5 on SchoolMoney.

I will keep an eye on the temperature as we move towards the end of the week, and if it is going to be too hot to safely walk the fells, we will need to cancel. In the case of cancelling the walks, please can children still attend school with their packed lunch as Mrs Farley will be unable to provide a cooked school lunch at short notice.

World cup support:

After the success of England in their last match against Norway, we are inviting all children to come to school in their football kits or red/white/blue clothing on Wednesday to show our support as they face Argentina. Come on England!!!!!!

Reports:

All children will receive their end of year school report this Wednesday (15th July). It will be sent as a PDF document by private message on ClassDojo and will be a celebration of your child’s achievements and progress throughout this academic year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s report, please contact us in school before we break up for summer and we will be happy to chat with you.

To ensure consistency when reporting on attendance, we have used guidance from the Department for Education:

- 98% plus attendance – Exceptional
- 95-97% attendance – Good



- 90-94% attendance – Room for Improvement
- Below 90% attendance – Cause for Concern

KABS end-of-year discos:

Come along for some end of year fun!! **Please can we ask that children do not bring mobile phones to the discos.**
Thank you for your support with this.



Please can all children in the Early Years & Key-Stage 1 disco be supervised by an adult.

Year 6 Leavers assembly:

We would like to invite the families of our Year 6 pupils to our Leavers assembly next Tuesday morning at 9am. It is always very emotional, especially for parents, but is always a lovely way to celebrate their time at BPS. We hope to see you there.

School field & Forest school area over the summer holidays:

During assemblies, I have explained to the children that I am happy for them to use our school field and forest school area over the summer holidays, as long as they are respectful in picking up any litter and not damaging any of our resources, especially in our forest school area. They can gain access to the field using the gate at the top of the field – we are aware of the damaged fence at Church Meadows where children are gaining entry, but do not want to give children access this way as we are looking into having the fence repaired and there may be some barbed wire used temporarily. We are proud that we have increased the biodiversity in our school grounds, so children need to take extra care in our Forest School area, to avoid trampling on wildlife living in the long grass and the saplings which are growing in there.



Dates for your diary Summer term:

Please keep an eye on the dates below. More dates will be added as events are confirmed:

- Wed 15th July – Support England in football kits or red/white/blue clothing
- Thurs 16th July – KABS disco in school hall (Early Years & Key-Stage 1 disco followed by Key-Stage 2 disco)
- Sat 18th July – Broughton Carnival
- Mon 20th July – Year 1 – Year 6 walk
- Tues 21st July 9am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome
- Tues 21st July 1.15pm - Break up from school for summer
- Tues 1st Sept – Return to school for the new academic year

Kind regards

A. Bewsher

Mrs A Bewsher – Headteacher



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