



# Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2025

## Important Dates

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens after May half term
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform Day - collecting tombola prizes for the Summer Fair
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check for children in Year 1
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Tables Check for children in Year 4
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform Day - collecting bottles for Summer Fair
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day and Summer Fair
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception visit to Beacon Fell
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Tigers Class visit to Martin Mere
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> and Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability for children in Year 6
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> and Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> July	'Moving Up' transition afternoons for all children
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly at 9am
	School closes for the summer holidays at 2pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	School re-opens for the new school year

## Statutory Tests

Children in **Year 4** will be taking their Multiplication Tables Check in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June. During the past two weeks we have been having a real push on learning these, as we really were struggling with them. Some children have really pulled out all the stops and are now regularly scoring 23, 24, 25 out of 25 on their tests. Some however still have a lot to do and so need to make sure they are learning the tables at least once a day over the half term holiday please. We will be doing practise tests the week we are back from half term and fingers crossed everyone will be scoring 20 or more.

Children in **Year 1** will have their Phonics Screening Check in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure your children are practising their reading as much as possible and any extra activities they bring home to help ensure they are fully prepared.

Please avoid making appointments during school time in the weeks when these tests and checks are taking place if you have children in these year groups. Thank you.

## Sports Day and Summer Fair

Sports Day this year is being held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. For our new families, this is usually a whole day event, with races in the morning, followed by a family picnic at lunchtime and the PTA put on a barbecue. We then have our Summer Fair in the afternoon. Families are very welcome to join us for the whole day, or parts of the day, but if parents can't make it, then children will be well looked after by their teachers. Further details after half term.

## Mrs Jackson's Retirement

There must be something in the air ~ Mrs Jackson came to see me a couple of weeks ago and announced that she would like to retire at the Summer holidays this year. She is our longest serving member of staff, having been at Catforth for 15 years (I think!). She works with children from different classes, helping them if they need extra support with reading and has had such a huge impact on so many children in giving them confidence and helping them to succeed with their reading. We really are going to miss her and are busy planning a special celebration where we can say a big 'THANK YOU' to her and share some happy memories. We will share details of this after half term.