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News Update 11th July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We are hurtling towards the end of the summer term, and there is so much to celebrate in today's news update.

A special celebration - SATS Results: As we are beginning our final goodbyes to our Year 6s, I wanted to share that they have all achieved some wonderful SATS results this year. Their combined results will place us in the **top 5% of schools nationally**. 91% passed their reading, 91% passed their writing, and 91% passed their Mathematics. 89% passed all three. This is now our second year of superb results, and we could not be more proud of their achievements and their progress this year. Everyone in the cohort has moved mountains to make such great progress.

More to celebrate: Our Year 4s have also smashed it out of the park in their recent statutory multiplication check. Over 57% of them scored full marks compared to only 38% nationally. This again will mean that our national ranking is very high.

And even more: Our Year 1s have also achieved very well in their phonics results this year. Over 90% of them passed the Phonics check compared to 80% nationally.

The children in our school all work so hard to be the best that they can be. Thank you also to our great and dedicated staff team.

Early Warning - CLOSURE - In line with our cluster schools, the school will close for the Summer Holidays on Friday, 18th July 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Please arrange for your child(ren) to be collected from school at this time. Children who normally walk home from school will be sent home as usual. Please ensure there is someone at home to greet them. There will be no after-school club offered on this date.

Chair of Governors change: In September, the governing body has now appointed a new chair of governors - Loren Redmond. Loren will be taking over as Chair following Gary Gregg, who has served as Chair of Governors for around 6 years. He has been on our board for 10 years. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication to our Jericho Family. We will be very lost without his skills, expertise and his steady hand steering the ship. Thank you Gary.

Reports: By the time you read this, our reports should be with you in your email inbox. Please look at the email and click on the link. If you have any problems, please ring our office on Monday. Our nursery children will be bringing their reports home today as paper copies. All second copies that we normally post will be posted over the weekend.

Year 6 parents only: A reminder that our Y6 leavers' party will be on Wednesday, 16th July at 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. We will be holding our Y6 Leavers' Assembly on Thursday, 17th July at 2.00pm.

Jericho End of Year Parent Survey: Tonight, on behalf of the governors, we will be opening our end-of-year survey on parentmail. Please could I ask as many of you to share your views with us as possible? The questions cover a range of topics such as safety, behaviour, homework and how well we communicate with you. The governors will then collate your responses, and these will be used to inform our school improvement plans for 2024-2025. The survey will close on Thursday 17th July 2025

Children's Exercise Books: We will be sending home children's completed exercise books next week. Please could you send your child to school with an extra bag next week for these books - some pupils have completed 6 Maths books alone this year! Please also remember that teachers do not routinely make comments in books. Our teachers work hard to provide on-the-spot feedback in lessons, and therefore, work may look unmarked. This is because feedback would have been given in the lesson or at the start of the following lesson.

Reading books: Can all reading and library books that children have at home please be returned to school by Wednesday next week and handed into staff.

School Meal Price Increase from September 2025: Starting from Wednesday, 3 September 2025, the cost of school dinners will increase to £3.00 per day, which is £15.00 per week. This decision has not been made lightly. The increase is necessary to ensure we can continue to provide high-quality, nutritious meals for all pupils. We remain fully committed to offering balanced, healthy meals that meet national nutritional standards.

The rising costs in ingredients, staffing, and kitchen operations mean we must adjust our pricing to maintain the high standard of our freshly prepared meals. We now source from local suppliers, including Haighs for fresh rolls and ham, to support quality and sustainability.

Even with this change, our school dinners remain among the lowest in the area.

We understand that affordability is important for families. Free school meals will remain available to those who are eligible. If you think you may qualify or need any support, please contact the school office in confidence.

New Sports Kit: A huge thank you to Hayden's Dad, Karl who has recently won a competition for a full sports kit. He has generously donated it Jericho. Thank you so much for your kindness.

A huge shoutout for Oiver and Henry are running the junior Great North Run in memory of their little brother Noah. They are raising money for 4Louis - a charity that supports grieving families. If you would like to show your support for Oliver and Henry, please follow the link to find out more: [Click Here](#)

Celebrations from across the school:

Muddy Runners: Last weekend, some of our children slipped on their running shoes and headed for the mud to raise money taking part in the Race for Life. Well done to Joshua, Noah, Harris, Romey from Year 2 and Miles and Harper from Year 1. Between them they have almost raised £1000 which is absolutely brilliant.

Well done to Allegra and her mum, Jess who also took part in the Race for Life last weekend. They raised over £270 pounds for cancer research.

Dancers: Some of our Year 3 pupils took part in a summer dance show at Solway Hall recently. Well done to Rosie, Ava, Nella, Georgie and Edie and all those from Stage Stars Performance School.

Super Swimmer alert: Well done to Kody in Year 3 has now completed 94% in his gold swimming award.

Footballers: Well done to Whitehaven Miners Under 8s Blue team who recently beat Cockermouth Raptors 4-1 in the final (and beating Whitehaven AFC Whites 1-0 in the semis) to win the "Europa

League" cup at the Whitehaven AFC Football festival. It's really special as several of the players are in Year 3!

Well done to Jack in Year 3 for his talented football skills. His team also recently won the Workington Junior Tournament. Celebrations all around!

A huge well done our very own Mrs Hayes who took part in the Great North Run last weekend. A super time and lots of money raised for Hospice at Home.

Our Golden work stars this week:

Starr in year 4 for her wonderful independent writing

Lomax in year 3 for superb description in his mythical writing

Lois in year 3 for her wonderful Greek pottery design

Nova in reception for her superb independent story writing

Summer Craft Workshops: Please find some information attached from Keswick Museum advertising their summer workshops.

Looking Ahead:

Autumn Term: School starts on Wednesday, 3 September 2025

Autumn Half Term: Monday, 27 October to Friday, 31 October

Autumn Term Ends on: Friday, 19 December 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

Spring Term: School starts on Wednesday, 7 January 2026

Spring Half Term will be: Monday, 16 February to Friday, 20 February

Spring Term Ends on: Friday, 27 March 2026@ normal time.

Summer Term: School starts on Monday, 13 April 2026

Summer Half Term: Monday, 25 May to Friday, 29 May

Summer Term Ends on: Friday, 17 July 2026 @ 1:30 p.m



Summer

Craft Workshops

Suitable for all ages

Join us at Keswick Museum for an
hour of crafts at 11am or 1.30pm
Select Wednesdays 23 July until 27
August 2025

Make masks, clay pots, lavender
bags and even a woolly mammoth
(not life size).

Be prepared to let your imaginations
go wild!



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