



# Jericho Primary School

## News Update

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back — I hope you had a restful Easter and enjoyed a few extra moments of sunshine while the daffodils did their best curtain call. As they fade, it feels like summer is quietly edging in and we're straight back into a wonderfully busy term.

We've got so much to look forward to: cycling sessions for Reception to Year 4, swimming for Years 5 and 6, SATs for our Year 6 children, four exciting residential trips and our sports day. And because we like to finish the year with a bit of fun and flair, keep your aprons ready — our end-of-year celebration is going to be a Bake Off spectacular.

**Safety notice — near miss**

We need to make you aware of a worrying near miss this week: three children walking to school were playing in the road and not watching for traffic, and a car narrowly missed one of them. Thankfully no-one was hurt, but this could so easily have been far more serious. Please remind your child to use the pavement, hold an adult's hand if they are young, stop and look both ways before crossing, and avoid playing near the road. With lighter evenings and more pupils walking and cycling as summer approaches, please also check that cyclists wear helmets and high-visibility clothing where possible.

**Veg on a plate**

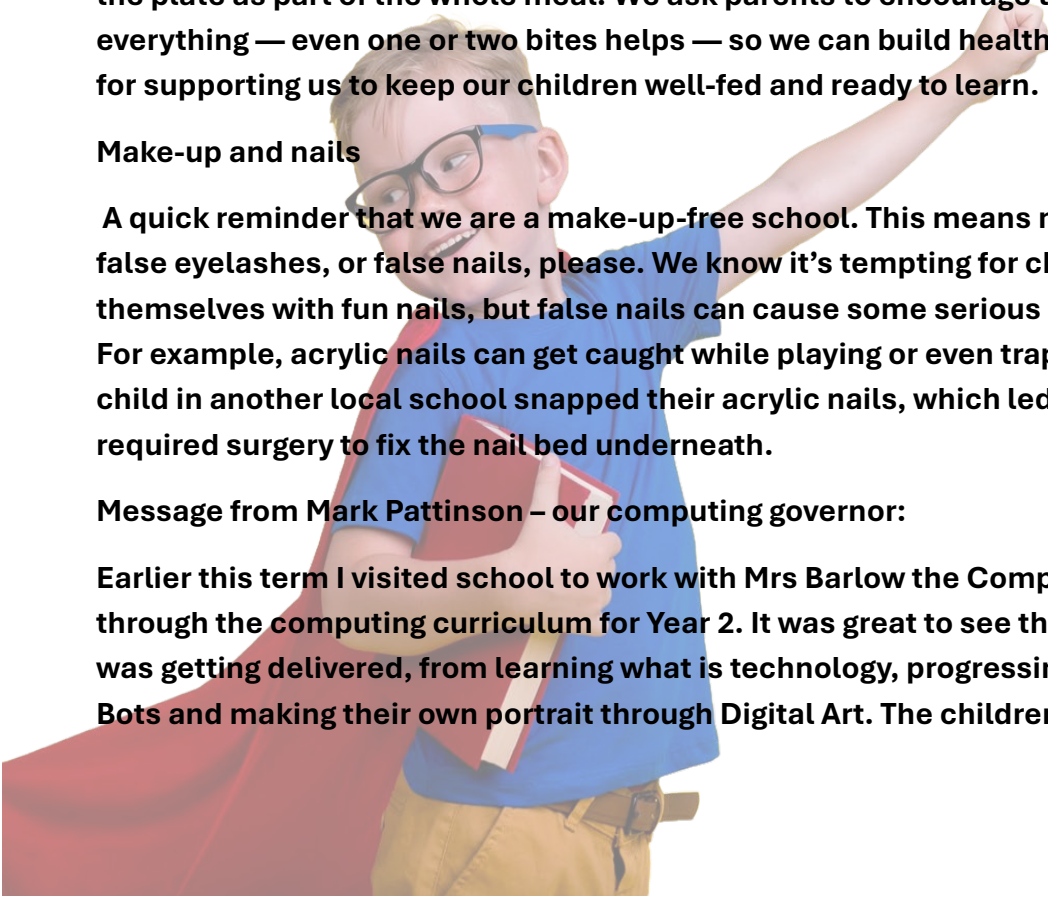
Good news from our meals service: from now on every lunch will include vegetables served on the plate as part of the whole meal. We ask parents to encourage their child to have a try of everything — even one or two bites helps — so we can build healthy habits together. Thank you for supporting us to keep our children well-fed and ready to learn.

**Make-up and nails**

A quick reminder that we are a make-up-free school. This means no lip gloss or tinted balms, false eyelashes, or false nails, please. We know it's tempting for children to want to express themselves with fun nails, but false nails can cause some serious health and safety problems. For example, acrylic nails can get caught while playing or even trap fingers in doors. Sadly, a child in another local school snapped their acrylic nails, which led to a painful injury that required surgery to fix the nail bed underneath.

**Message from Mark Pattinson – our computing governor:**

Earlier this term I visited school to work with Mrs Barlow the Computing Lead. She took me through the computing curriculum for Year 2. It was great to see the variety of curriculum that was getting delivered, from learning what is technology, progressing on to programming Bee-Bots and making their own portrait through Digital Art. The children were extremely enthusiastic



over the learning they have undertaken this year and it was pleasure to see their smile and enthusiasm in explaining their knowledge and excitement to learn more.

Mrs Barlow shared that she is working hard with her co-leader Mrs Coulson to continue to deliver the curriculum to a good high standard across the school and to keep up the enthusiasm for learning.

#### Attendance:

As a school we have a legal duty to keep an accurate attendance register and to monitor and follow up any absences with families. Our attendance data is automatically collected by the local authority who then request further information regarding absence. Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child receives a full-time, suitable education and to tell the school the reason for any absence. Our aim in doing this is to protect your child's right to an education and to make sure we spot and support you with any problems early. If you are worried about attendance for any reason, please get in touch — we are here as always to work with you and your child to remove barriers, offer practical support, and put in place any help needed before statutory interventions are considered.

#### Safeguarding Voices Pulse Poll

We're asking young people, parents and carers to share their views about whether they feel listened to and involved when decisions are made about safeguarding, support or services you access.

🕒 It takes 3–5 minutes

🔒 It's anonymous

💬 There are no right or wrong answers

🚫 It won't affect any support you receive

Your views will help adults and services understand what's working well and what needs to change.

👉 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cypCumberland>

You don't have to answer every question — share as much or as little as you want.

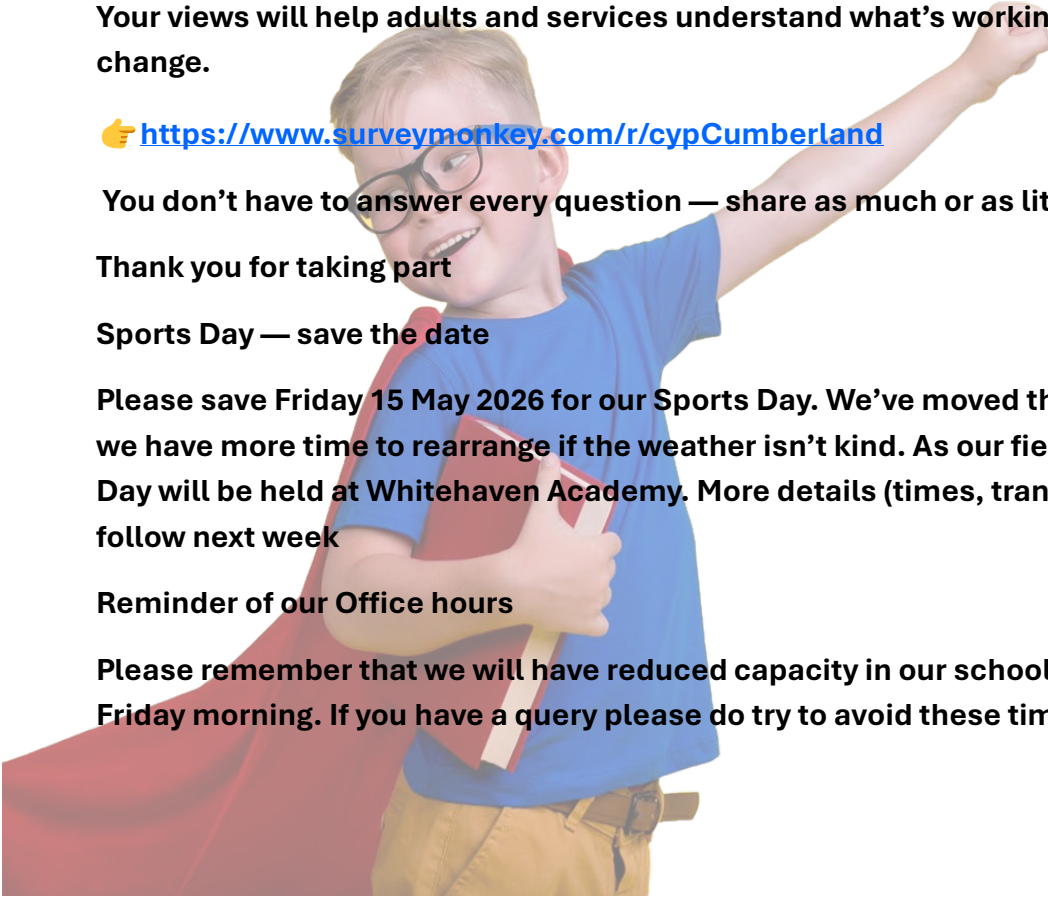
Thank you for taking part

#### Sports Day — save the date

Please save Friday 15 May 2026 for our Sports Day. We've moved the event earlier in the term so we have more time to rearrange if the weather isn't kind. As our field is still out of action, Sports Day will be held at Whitehaven Academy. More details (times, transport and what to bring) will follow next week

#### Reminder of our Office hours

Please remember that we will have reduced capacity in our school office on a Wednesday and Friday morning. If you have a query please do try to avoid these times in order to reduce the need



to wait for a response. As always queries can be sent to our admin email address [admin@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk) or you can call the office on 01946514545

#### **Dates for the Term ahead:**

This term's key dates have been updated — please pencil them into your diaries now. Highlights to note: Sports Day is Friday 15 May 2026 (at Whitehaven Academy), Year 6 SATs week is in May, four residential runs across the term, Year R–4 cycling sessions and Years 5–6 swimming lessons are underway, and our end-of-year Bake Off celebration will round things off. Full, dated details are listed below for you to keep. Thank you for your support — it's going to be a busy and brilliant term.

#### **Celebrations:**

##### **Golden work:**

Tommy in year 3 for super speedy reading

Reggie in year 6 for wonderful work on ratio in Maths

Max in Year 4 for outstanding Mathematical thinking.

Miles FW in Year 2 for fabulous drawing and shading of a spider in art.

Bobby and Ruby in Year 4 for fantastic art work. Super Talent!

Georgie in Year 4 for amazing story writing.

#### **Looking ahead:**

Wc. 20th April - Parents Meetings.

WC 20<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 begin Swimming Lessons – afternoon sessions for 2 weeks.

20<sup>th</sup> April – 4H Levels Visit to Whitehaven

21<sup>st</sup> April – 4W Levels Visit to Whitehaven

28<sup>th</sup> April Pro cycling in school

29<sup>th</sup> April – Year 1W Low Stanger Farm Visit

4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed.

6<sup>th</sup> May – 1H Low Stanger Farm Visit

11<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS week.

15<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day at Whitehaven Academy

18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Swimming – afternoon lessons all week.



**19<sup>th</sup> May – 4H Rivers Trust Visit**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - School Closes for Half Term**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - School reopens for Summer Term 2**

**1<sup>st</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Check begins.**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 5 Visit Levels**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 4W Rivers Trust Visit**

**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Visit Levels**

**8<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics Check begins.**

**18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 visit to Lowther Castle.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June and 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 visit to Walkmill**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June – New Reception parents meeting at 4:00 p.m.**

**26<sup>th</sup> June – Reception visit Trotters Farm**

**29<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July Year 4 visit to Walkmill**

**1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Transition day to secondary school.**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Bake Off Celebration at Jericho – Afternoon tea**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July term ends for Summer Break @ 1:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday 2 September 2026 – School opens for new academic year.**

**Residentials:**

**Year 5 - 11<sup>th</sup> May - 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 3 - 21<sup>st</sup> May - 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Year 4 - 10<sup>th</sup> June - 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 6 - 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 26<sup>th</sup> June.**



### School year 2025 to 2026

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring	Wednesday 7 January 2026	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May	Friday 17 July 2026

### School year 2026 to 2027

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 2 September 2026	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer	Monday 12 April 2027	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027	Friday 16 July 2027

