

Dear parents and carers,

As the weather turns chilly and the first signs of ice appear, we kindly remind all families to ensure children are dressed warmly and safely for the colder days ahead. This week, we are delighted to celebrate the fantastic sportsmanship shown by our children who took part in the Carlisle Football Club event—your children’s teamwork and spirit truly made us proud! Meanwhile, Year 4 have enjoyed a crisp and invigorating week at Forest School, embracing the outdoors and learning in the fresh air. We look forward to another busy but great week ahead at Jericho!

Reminders:

Early Years open evening- Thursday 27th November. Please see attached our open evening flier for Nursery and Reception. Please do pass this on to friends and family who have children ready to join nursery or reception in the next academic year.

Reading at home: Over the last couple of weeks, we have seen a decline in the number of children reading at home to a parent / adult. Please, can I ask you to go back to the regular routines of reading each night? We made the decision last year to remove homework as the research is clear that reading at home daily makes a significant difference.

Parking on site: Our Car Park will continue to be closed to parents and staff during the school day. Portakabin will be continuing removing the temporary classrooms. Breakfast and after-school parking will be on the gravel at the top of the driveway. Please be extra vigilant as there will be heavy machinery on site. Please be courteous with your parking in the community and ensure no driveways are blocked for local residents.

Christmas is coming:

Christmas Hampers

Each class has a special theme or colour for their Christmas Hamper this year! We invite everyone to join in by donating items that match your class colour. Every contribution, big or small, will help make these hampers extra special. Tickets are available via Parent Mail, as well as in-person from the school office, on Christmas Decoration Day and at the Christmas Plays.

Christmas Performance Tickets

Christmas Performance tickets (£2.50 per ticket) will be available on Arbor in the 'School Shop' from 5pm on Friday 21st November 2025.

To ensure fairness, we initially limit purchases to 2 tickets per child.

Then any remaining tickets are made available on a first-come, first-served basis from week commencing Monday 1 December 2025.

Please note that physical tickets will not be issued. Staff will have a list of purchased tickets to check off as parents and family members arrive for each performance.

Save the date: 5th December - Christmas Decoration Day. A reminder that on Friday, 5th December in the afternoon, we will start our formal Christmas countdown in at school. We will be putting up our decorations, and each class will be busy making gifts, cards and decorations. We would love as many of you to attend, and we will be opening our doors to parents and carers from 1:45 until 3:15 p.m.

Friends of Jericho Christmas Fayre – You’re Invited!

Join us on Friday 5th December from 3:30 to 5:00pm at Jericho School for a festive afternoon of fun!

Enjoy delicious seasonal treats and browse a variety of stalls offering handmade crafts, gifts, and sweet treats – perfect for your Christmas shopping. Bring the whole family and get into the festive spirit!

Interested in running a stall?

We’d love to have you!

· Cost: £10 per table (cash on the day)

· You keep all your profits

· Ideal for sellers of festive gifts, crafts, and goodies

Spaces are limited so book early! To secure your table please email: admin@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk

We can’t wait to see you there!

In the Community:

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without The potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and help get them back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents and carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition and Patient eligibility

Earache Aged 1 to 17 years

Impetigo Aged 1 year and over

Infected insect bites and stings Aged 1 year and over

Shingles Aged 18 years and over
Sinusitis Aged 12 years and over
Shingles Aged 5 years and over
Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) Women ages 16 to 64 year

Our local Boots Store in Whitehaven offers a Pharmacy First Service. They are eager to help and support our Jericho Community. Please contact the store for more information or to access the service.

Celebrations:

Well done to Nova, Gracie, Scarlett, Esme and Hattie (Year 1) who attend Karen Starkey's Dance School in Whitehaven. They have completed their first rosettes for tap and ballet. Amazing achievement.

At the weekend Ruby (Year 4) took part in grading at karate and was awarded her yellow stripe belt. She also completed her 800 metre distance medal at swimming. Daniel (Year 2) was awarded his 25 metre distance at swimming.

Theo, Aaron and Ethan S (Year 6) competed with their team Bransty Rangers U11's at the Ulverston U11's Football Tournament last Sunday, they worked hard as a team, brilliant goals by Aaron and Ethan, great passing, some crunching tackles and awesome saves by Theo! This resulted in winning the tournaments shield cup! Well done boys!

Golden Work:

Alex and Lily-Mae in Year 2 for fabulous subtraction with exchanging in Maths.

Sophia in year 6 for superb focus in maths and improvement in arithmetic.

Harper in nursery for sequencing the owl babies story independently

Looking ahead:

26th Nov - 6W Rum Story Visit

28th Nov - 6H Rum Story Visit

3rd Dec- Years 3,4,5,6 to see Wizard of Oz

Thursday 4th Dec- Nursery decoration day-more details to follow

Friday 5th Dec- Christmas decoration afternoon and fayre- Reception to year 6

WC 8th Dec- Christmas performances

Monday- Y3, Tuesday- Y4, Wednesday- Y5, Thursday- Y6 at St Johns Church @ 4.00pm

11th Dec- Reception/Year 1/Year 2- Rosehill visit

12th Dec- Christmas dinner and jumper day

19th December- School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm

7th Jan - School reopens after the Christmas Break.

Christmas Performances at School in the Hall:

Monday 8th December : *Year 2* Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.**

Tuesday 9th December: *Year 1* Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.**

Monday 15th December: *Reception* Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 2:30 p.m.**

Christmas Performances at St John's Church:

Monday 8th December: ***Year 3*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.**

Tuesday 9th December: ***Year 4*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.**

Wednesday 10th December: ***Year 5*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m.**

Thursday 11th December: ***Year 6*** Christmas Performance - **parents are to attend at 4:00 p.m**

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Nursery and Reception starters 2026

JERICO PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Reception Children: Was your child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022? They will be due to start Reception in September 2026. The application process for next year's Reception places is now open!

Nursery Children: Will your child turn 3 within 2025 - 2026? They will be due to start nursery the term after their 3rd birthday, September, January or April starting dates.



We are holding an open evening on

Thursday 27th November

from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for parents and carers to come and see what makes our school special. Pop in for a look around.



High Quality
Teaching and
Learning



Outstanding
Personal
Development



Community
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