



Jericho Primary School

News Update

Welcome — spring is here!

The sunshine has finally arrived and we are well and truly into spring — fingers crossed the fine weather continues as we enjoy a lovely summer term ahead. It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents' meetings last night. A quick reminder that Sports Day has moved to Friday 15 May; please make a note in your diaries. It's been a great week in school — huge congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 4 children who won their Kicky Rounders competition this week. Thank you for your continued support.

Tesco Stronger Starts

We are delighted to share that our application to the Tesco Grants Programme has been successful. Our project focuses on improving children's health, wellbeing and early development through outdoor trikes and daily healthy snacks for our EYFS (Nursery and Reception) children.

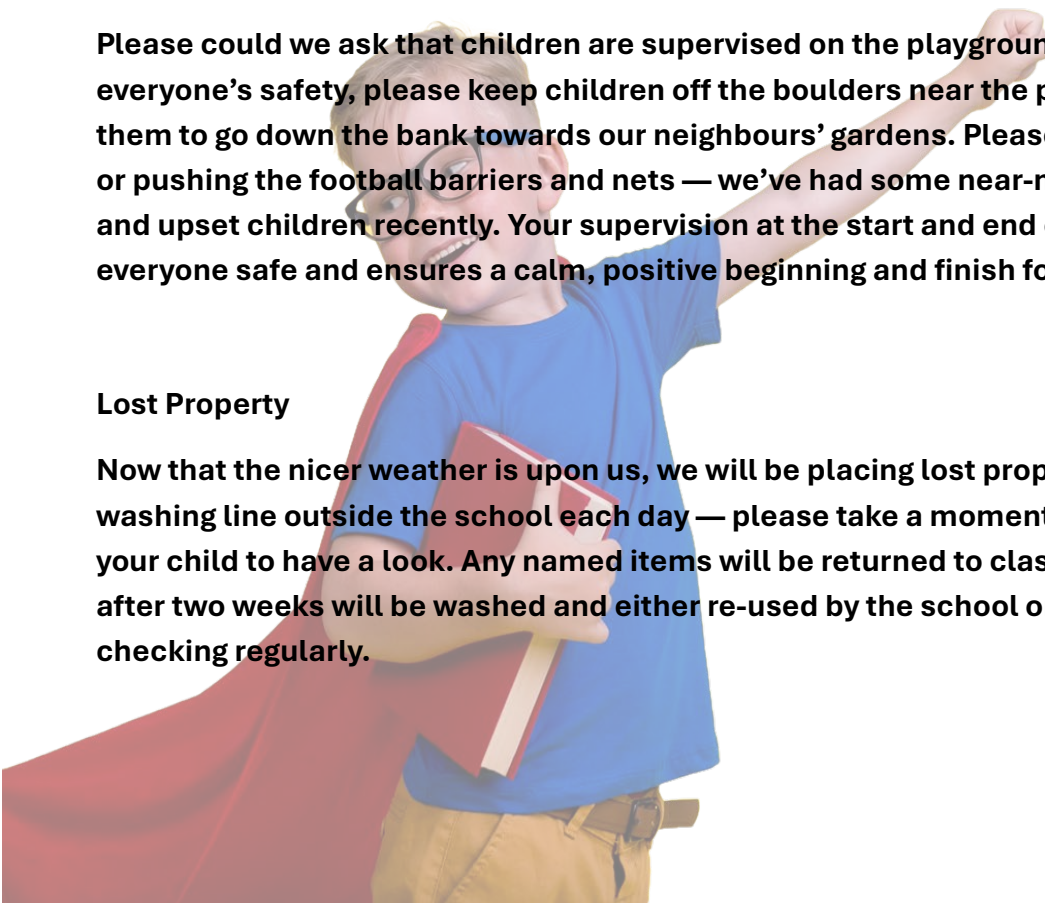
Voting will commence in Whitehaven Tesco store from Tuesday 28th April until the end of July 2026, please support us by collecting a blue token at the checkout and placing it in our school's voting box. Every token makes a difference and thank you for your support.

Playground supervision — a polite reminder

Please could we ask that children are supervised on the playground before and after school. For everyone's safety, please keep children off the boulders near the play areas and do not allow them to go down the bank towards our neighbours' gardens. Please also discourage climbing on or pushing the football barriers and nets — we've had some near-miss accidents, muddy feet and upset children recently. Your supervision at the start and end of the day helps to keep everyone safe and ensures a calm, positive beginning and finish for all families. Thank you.

Lost Property

Now that the nicer weather is upon us, we will be placing lost property on the lost-property washing line outside the school each day — please take a moment when you drop off or collect your child to have a look. Any named items will be returned to classrooms; unnamed items left after two weeks will be washed and either re-used by the school or donated. Thank you for checking regularly.



Opal Play update

The sunshine this week has meant we could open new play areas and make the most of outdoor learning — our sand pit at the back of the school is now in regular use, and dressing-up and den-building are proving huge hits. It's been a joy to see imaginative play thriving outside; I even spotted Olaf and Captain America enjoying the playground in the sunshine this morning. Thank you to the staff who've set up these spaces — they're already supporting children's creativity, communication and physical skills

We'd like a little help please

We're planning to lay turf around the outside of the sandpit and will purchase the turf, but we're looking for an expert turfer (or a keen DIY gardener) who might be able to spare an hour to advise and help with the final laying. If you can lend a hand (or know someone who can), please contact the school office. Your support will make a big difference to the children's outdoor play space — thank you.

Governors' consultation — questionnaire reminder

A reminder to please complete the Governors' consultation questionnaire sent via Arbor about our school uniform, Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) and pupils' use of social media. Your views help governors shape policy that supports every child's wellbeing and learning—please take a few minutes to respond. The consultation is open now and will close in 2 weeks time.; if you need a paper copy or have any questions, contact the school office. Thank you for taking part.

[From the Governing Board – Your Voice Matters – Fill in form](#)

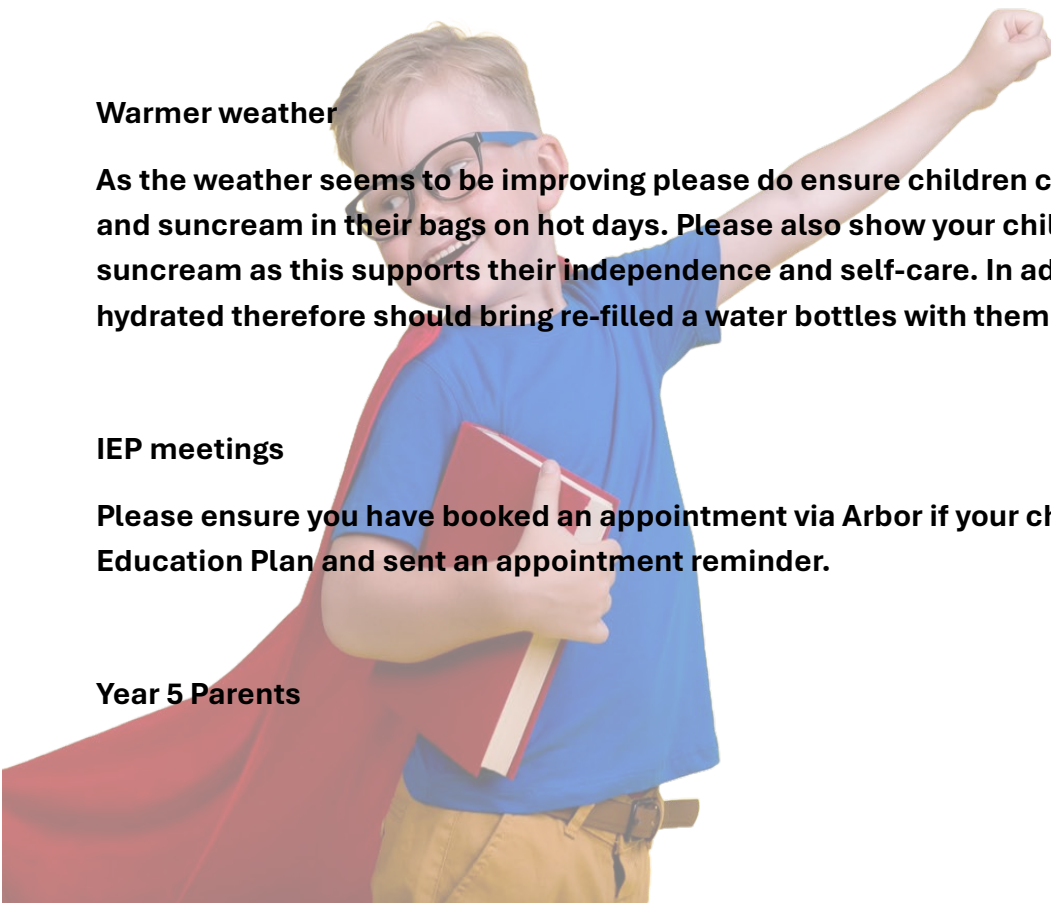
Warmer weather

As the weather seems to be improving please do ensure children come to school with sunhats and suncream in their bags on hot days. Please also show your child how to apply their suncream as this supports their independence and self-care. In addition children need to remain hydrated therefore should bring re-filled a water bottles with them each morning.

IEP meetings

Please ensure you have booked an appointment via Arbor if your child has an Individual Education Plan and sent an appointment reminder.

Year 5 Parents



**Keswick School are holding an open evening for Year 5 prospective students and parents:
KESWICK SCHOOL: YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING, Thursday 25th June 2026, from 5pm**

Celebrations:

Golden work:

Charlotte in Reception - a super sentence all by herself.

Oliver in year 6 for superb rainbow weaving

Maiya in year 4 for her superb structure in DT

Ruben and Ayrton in Year 5 for mastering powerpoint design.

Looking ahead:

28th April Pro cycling in school

29th April – Year 1W Low Stanger Farm Visit

4th May - Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed.

6th May – 1H Low Stanger Farm Visit

11th May – 14th May – Year 6 SATS week.

15th May – Sports Day at Whitehaven Academy

18th May – Year 6 Swimming – afternoon lessons all week.

19th May – 4H Rivers Trust Visit

Friday 22nd May - School Closes for Half Term

Monday 1st June - School reopens for Summer Term 2

1st June – Year 4 Multiplication Check begins.

1st and 2nd Year 5 Visit Levels

2nd June – Year 4W Rivers Trust Visit

8th and 9th June - Year 6 Visit Levels

8th June – Year 1 Phonics Check begins.

18th June – Year 2 visit to Lowther Castle.

22nd June and 24th June – Year 4 visit to Walkmill

23rd June – New Reception parents meeting at 4:00 p.m.

26th June – Reception visit Trotters Farm



29th June and 4th July Year 4 visit to Walkmill

1st July – Year 6 Transition day to secondary school.

Friday 10th July – Bake Off Celebration at Jericho – Afternoon tea

Friday 17th July term ends for Summer Break @ 1:30 p.m.

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

Residential:

Year 5 - 11th May - 13th May

Year 3 - 21st May - 22nd May

Year 4 - 10th June - 12th June

Year 6 - 23rd June - 26th 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







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