



# Jericho Primary School

## News Update

### Welcome

At Jericho we are all so proud of Year 6 for their incredible efforts this week as they finish final preparations for their SATs. Their focus and resilience have been brilliant to see — please join me in wishing them calm nerves and lots of confidence for next week. We know you will all be amazing!

We've also enjoyed a wonderful week of OPAL Play across the school — children have loved the extra freedom using the sand pit and mud kitchen demonstrating creativity and teamwork. Thank you to the staff who have supported this so enthusiastically.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered this afternoon to tidy and improve our school grounds in celebration of Sir David Attenborough's birthday (8 May 2026). The site already looks better and the children will benefit from the lovely spaces you helped create.

Finally — lots of exciting weeks ahead: please check the calendar on the website to keep up with dates. Please note that Sports Day is next Friday, 15 May 2026 — we look forward to seeing you there.

### Gold mark award for Sport

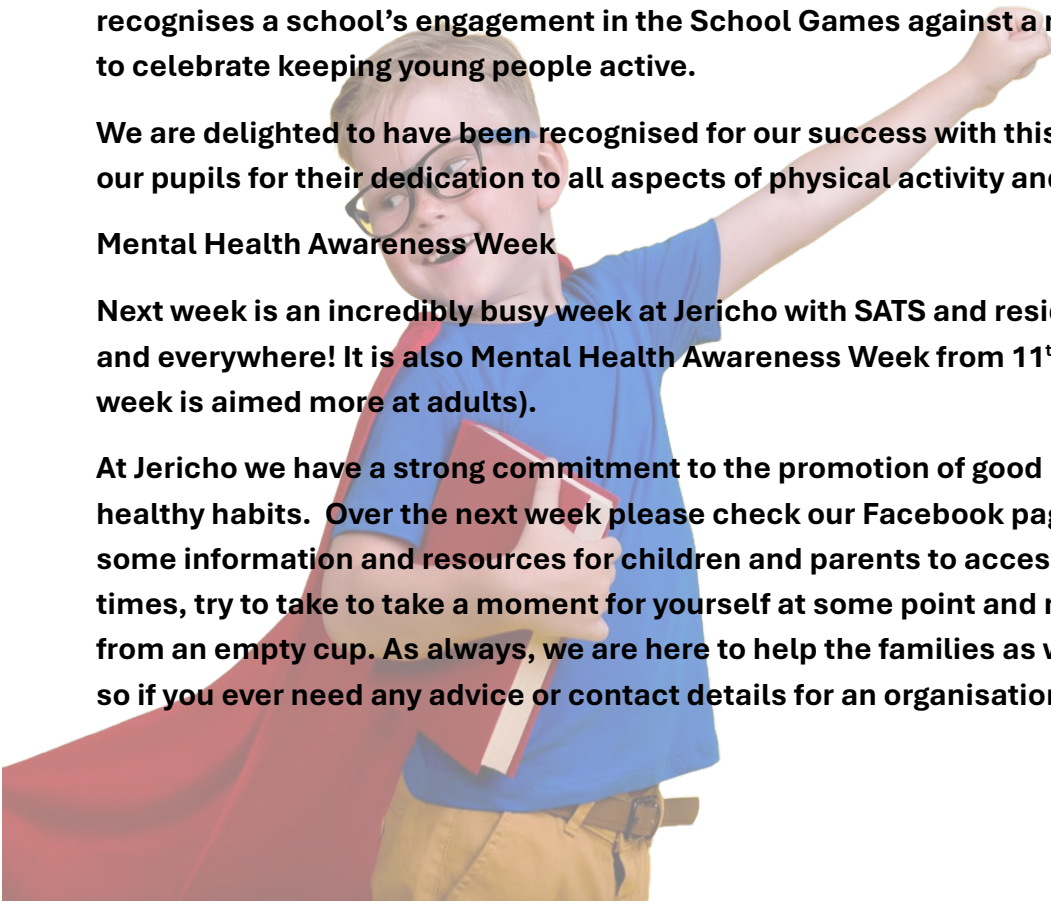
We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Gold Mark Award by the Youth Sports Trust. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme that rewards and recognises a school's engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark as well as to celebrate keeping young people active.

We are delighted to have been recognised for our success with this and are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport.

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is an incredibly busy week at Jericho with SATS and residentials and people here there and everywhere! It is also Mental Health Awareness Week from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May (this awareness week is aimed more at adults).

At Jericho we have a strong commitment to the promotion of good mental health and mentally healthy habits. Over the next week please check our Facebook page as Mrs Hayes will share some information and resources for children and parents to access. However hard it can be at times, try to take a moment for yourself at some point and remember that we can't pour from an empty cup. As always, we are here to help the families as well as the children in our care so if you ever need any advice or contact details for an organisation, please ask us.



**For our Year 6 parents:**

**SATS:** Next week, the children will be taking the key stage 2 (KS2) national curriculum tests, which are often referred to as SATs. We are incredibly proud of all our children, but particularly those in Year 6 as they have been working very hard towards these tests. The tests will take place from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th. These are statutory assessments and therefore pupils must sit the tests. If your child is unwell on the day, it is important that you contact the school office as soon as possible. We will need to give you a call to inform you of the next steps so that we can organise for the tests to be taken when your children returns to school.

We are inviting all our Year 6 children to breakfast club Monday - Thursday at 8:15 a.m. for a luxury breakfast treat and a chilled start to the day. Please can children arrive at the main entrance to sign in.

We will then take our children to their classes at 8:45 for the beginning of the tests.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

**Monday 11 May:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling

**Tuesday 12 May** English- reading

**Wednesday 13 May** Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic and Paper 2: Reasoning

**Thursday 14 May** Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

**Jewellery reminder**

We have had some children upset this week who have worn jewellery to school and it has been lost. Please ensure children do not wear jewellery to school (other than permitted ear studs) as stated in our school uniform policy.

**Sports day arrangements for walking to Whitehaven Academy**

**Reception and KS1 Parents Walking with their child to Sports Day.**

Please can any parents or carers that have volunteered to walk with their child to Sports Day, please meet at the main entrance of the school around 12p.m.

We leave a class at a time out of the main entrance and will call parents and carers over of the class you are specifically walking with. If you are a parent of siblings, we have asked that you walk with your younger child.

Any questions please ask.

**Special educational needs support services-**



Please see the attached poster with up to date contact information for the services designed to support parent of children with SEND. This includes the Cumberland SEND partnership, SENDIASS and SENDAC services.

### **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.

### **Sun cream and hats - 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.

### **Celebrations-**

On Sunday Whitehaven Amateurs U7s travelled to Washington in Newcastle to play their first ever big football tournament, 3 pupils from Year 2, Harper, Walter & Keegan all took part.

They played against 4 different teams not getting knocked out after first 4 games they got into the semi-finals then winning that game on penalties they got into the finals which they also won the final on penalties!! They lifted the trophy and all won medals, we are all so happy and proud of them.

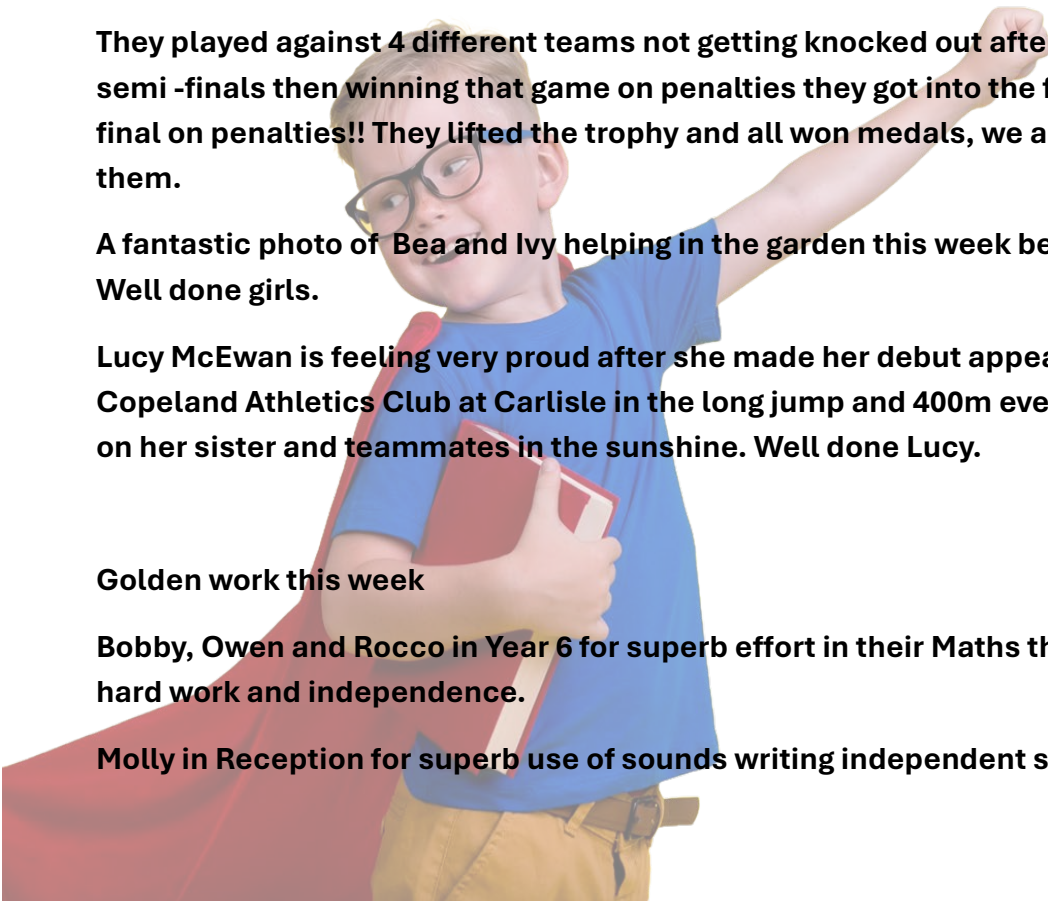
A fantastic photo of Bea and Ivy helping in the garden this week being like David Attenborough. Well done girls.

Lucy McEwan is feeling very proud after she made her debut appearance competing for Copeland Athletics Club at Carlisle in the long jump and 400m events. She also enjoyed cheering on her sister and teammates in the sunshine. Well done Lucy.

### **Golden work this week**

Bobby, Owen and Rocco in Year 6 for superb effort in their Maths this week with determination, hard work and independence.

Molly in Reception for superb use of sounds writing independent sentences.



**Pearl in Year 5 for beautiful shading with ink on her still life drawing.**

**Greyson in Year 2 for going the extra mile in his learning.**

**Harvey and Larni in Year 2 for creative poetry writing.**

**Bea in Year 2 for super science work.**

**Eve in Year 6 for her determination to improve in her work and her 20%er attitude.**

**Will in Year 6 for his superb improvement with arithmetic!**

**Roma in Reception for writing a super sentence independently.**

**Looking ahead:**

**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.**

**24th June – Year 1 trip to Carlisle Castle**

**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.**



**Residentials:**

**Year 5 - 11th May - 13th May**

**Year 3 - 21st May - 22nd May**

**Year 4 - 10th June - 12th June**

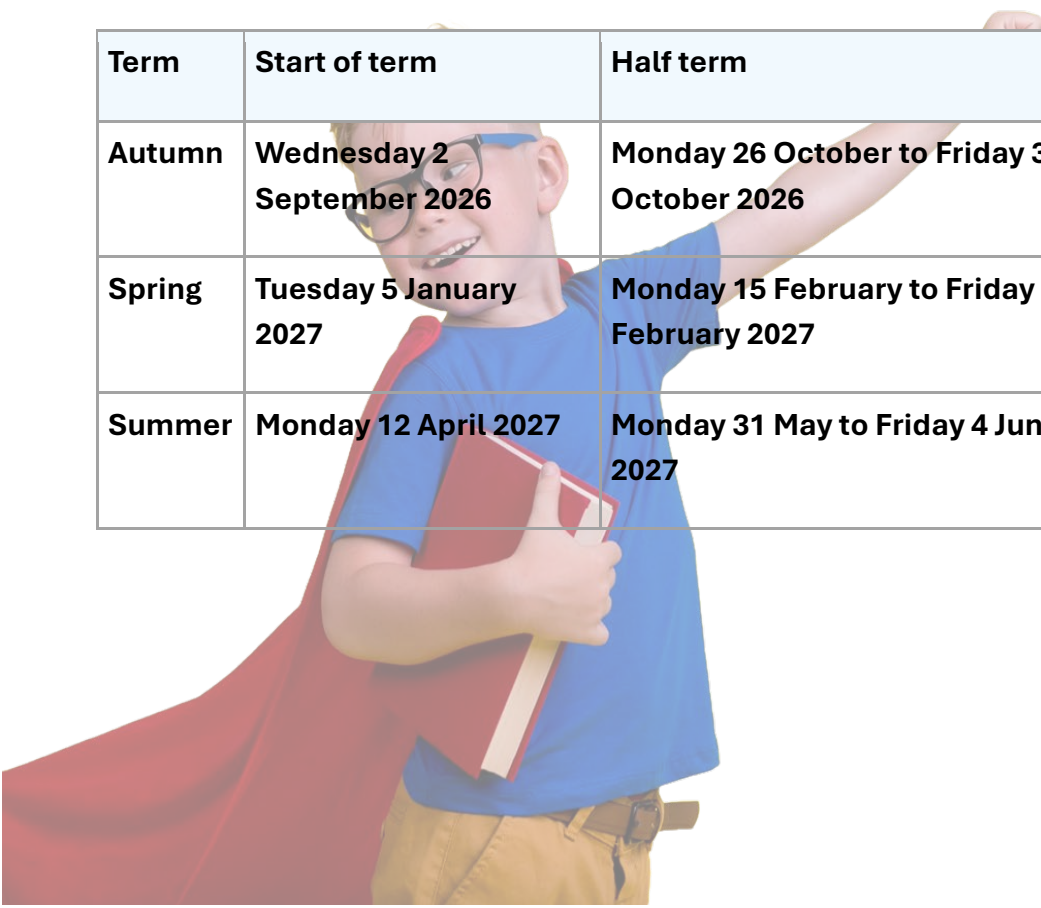
**Year 6 - 23rd June - 26th June.**

**School year 2025 to 2026**

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

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<b>Spring</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 January 2027</b>	<b>Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027</b>	<b>Thursday 25 March 2027</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Monday 12 April 2027</b>	<b>Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027</b>	<b>Friday 16 July 2027</b>





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## Cumberland SEND & AP Partnership

The Cumberland SEND & AP Partnership is made up of several organisations responsible for delivering SEND Services and provision in Cumberland. This includes:

- Cumberland Council (across children's services, including Education, SEND and Inclusion, as well as children's and adults social care)
- North East and North Cumbria ICB (responsible for commissioning health services for most of Cumberland)
- Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB (responsible for commissioning health services for the Millom area and South Cumbria)
- SENDAC, the statutory parent/ carer forum for Cumberland
- Our schools and education providers in Cumberland, including Alternative Provisions
- Our SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

The Partnership works to ensure that all these organisations work together to deliver effective and efficient services for families in Cumberland. We were formed in January 2024, following the Local Government Re-organisation Process in Cumbria, which saw Cumbria County Council be replaced by the two new unitary authorities, Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council.

Part of our work includes preparing for Ofsted and CQC Local Area SEND Inspections. These inspections assess how well our partnership works, and how effective SEND services and provision is in the local area. Our last inspection took place in June 2025, during which we were rated the middle outcome for our services and provision (inconsistent outcomes for children and young people with SEND). Schools can be part of this inspection as part of our tracking children and young people's journeys.



## SEND Alliance Cumbria (SENDAC)

SENDAC is not a support group in the traditional sense— although we fully recognise the importance of peer support, and we're always happy to signpost families to trusted local groups, charities, and services that can offer the help they need. Instead, SENDAC is an independent, parent carer led organisation known as a Parent Carer Forum. We are run by, and for, parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) across the Cumberland local authority areas.

Our primary role is to be the collective voice of SEND families. We do this by reaching out, listening, and gathering views, experiences, and feedback from families across Cumberland. Whether things are going well or have been difficult, your voice matters. We use what you tell us to build a broad picture of how local services are working for children and young people with SEND from education and health to social care and beyond.

What makes Parent Carer Forums like SENDAC different is that we work strategically and independently. We are not part of the local authority or the NHS, but we work with them, as equal statutory partners, to make sure that parent carers have a genuine voice at the table where decisions are made. This means we are able to bring your lived experiences directly to local leaders and service commissioners, helping to inform, shape, and influence the services your families need. We take part in a wide range of workstreams, strategic boards, and improvement programmes across Cumberland, covering everything from the development of new services and local area SEND inspections to transitions, short breaks, and educational health and care plans (EHCPs). Our mission is to create positive change by working together with families and professionals. By doing so, we aim to ensure that every child or young person with SEND has the opportunity to thrive, and that families feel listened to, understood, and supported.



## Cumberland SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

SENDIASS offer free, confidential and impartial advice, guidance and support to children and young people with SEND and their families. They are part of Cumberland Council but operate at an 'arms length' from all other services to ensure the advice and guidance they offer is impartial.

Their aim is to empower parents/carers and young people to feel confident with:

- Self-advocacy - expressing their views and wishes on their child's/their own needs.
- Their rights under SEND Law and Legislation.

The 'about us' page on SENDIASS website provides more information on whether SENDIASS will be able to support a family's individual circumstances. Their website offers lots of clear information and advice related to SEND. Some examples of what SENDIASS can support with include:

- Assist parents/ carers to understand policies and procedures
- Share information from legislation and statutory guidance with parents/ carers so they feel clearer on specific processes that are bound by legal duties
- Empower parents/ carers to feel confident to express their views and wishes
- Help parents/ carers to understand and exercise their rights and advise them of their options so they can make an informed decision
- Provide templates and examples for letters, emails, and paperwork, as well as resources in various formats to support parents/ carers enquiry (e.g. YouTube videos and information sheets)



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