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Weekly newsletter 26th September 2025

What a fantastic week it has been at Jericho! Our Year 6 children have shown impressive bike ability resilience, mastering new skills with confidence and enthusiasm this week. Meanwhile, the sunshine has been the perfect backdrop for our OPAL play sessions over lunchtimes, where children have been enjoying being creative, problem solving and having a good dance in the music area. Year 5 have embarked on brilliant forest and beach adventures, exploring nature and making wonderful memories. And this is just the beginning—there are lots more exciting events coming up over the term, so make sure you have your calendars ready!

Today key stage two took part in a special celebration assembly for our wonderful pupil Jay Cartmell to mark his anniversary. They are tasked with huge smiles and messy play for the weekend in loving memory of him.

Transfer to Secondary School in September 2026- Please see the attached letter from the local authority advising how to make secondary school applications for children who are currently in year 6. Please be aware applications must be made by 31st October 2025.

Bransty Rangers U12 Girls and Boys

Bransty Rangers are currently on the look out for new players to join their successful club.

Year 2 (U7s) and Year 6 (under 12s).

Whitehaven Amateurs are looking for under 10 girls to join their fun and friendly team. Please see the attached flier.

Changes to School Meals

If your child would like to move from packed lunches to school dinners, or from school dinners to packed lunches, we kindly ask for one week's notice.

To avoid any confusion, this notice must be provided in writing and sent to admin@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk so that we can process the change correctly.

Update regarding path around the school field

We are aware that part of the path surrounding the school field is waterlogged and have been working throughout the summer to try to resolve the issue. A number of agencies have been involved, including United Utilities' Fresh Water and Wastewater Teams, Cumberland Council's Environmental Health Team, and a local drainage company.

These teams have carried out several site visits, with some testing already completed and further investigations underway to identify the exact source of the water. This has been a lengthy and complex process, and work is still ongoing.

As this appears to be a wider community issue, we would encourage any local residents experiencing similar problems to contact the school office. The message is far stronger when the voices of those in the community who are directly affected are also included.

Morning and after school supervision: Please do not let children climb the trees at the bottom of the school yard at the beginning and end of the school days. It has led to trees being damaged and we want to ensure children's safety at all times.

Reception reading and settling in meeting- Thursday 30th September at 3.30pm. Children will be dismissed from the normal doors then please make your way to the side door of the hall where the meeting will take place.

Harvest Supper: We have changed the dates and times for Harvest so please see the revised timetable for the week.

During the week of the 13th October, we would like to welcome you to school to join us in our Harvest Celebrations. Over the lunch period we will be inviting you to join us for lunch for half an hour. Lunch for adults will be vegetable soup and a roll. It will be very informal and a chance to come together. Over the course of the week, we will be collecting for our local Foodbank. Please see the attached poster from the foodbank with information about donations. If you would like to support our appeal, then please bring your donations into school that week.

Please save the dates for your year groups and more information will follow via parentmail.

14th - Reception - 11:30am and Year 3 at 12:00pm

15th - Nursery - 11:30am and Year 6 at 12:30am

16th - Year 2 - 11:30am and year 5 at 12.00pm

17th - Year 1 at 11:30 p.m. and Year 4 at 12:30 pm

Parents meetings- Please ensure you book in slots on the app for settling in parents meetings coming up on the 8th and 9th October.

Celebrations:

We love to celebrate everyone's successes at Jericho, both in school and out of school. If you would like to share news or pictures of your child's achievements out of school then please let us know. You can email us via the following email address. We will then share the news on our Facebook page and in our News Updates - goingtheextramile@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk

First a celebration for all our Year 6 who have taken on their roles this week. We have some expert librarians, kind and compassionate buddies and supportive, competitive team captains. A special mention to our new Head Pupils: - Theo and Nora, and our Assistant Head Pupils: - Heidi-Rose, Isabel. We are really proud of all our year 6 and appointing all the roles was a very tricky job!

Golden work:

Charlotte in year 3 for wonderful writing

Jonah in year 2 for his superb scientific knowledge

Matilda in year 2 for wonderful Mondrian artwork

Max in year 1 for superb work in science identifying his senses

Achievements-

Congratulations to Mrs Ponticelli who walked over 15 miles of Hadrian's wall last weekend raising vital funds for One Trauma support! Currently having raised over £1200! What an amazing achievement.

We would also like to wish Mrs Kelly all the best for her nomination at the Cumbrian awards next Thursday! We are all rooting for you in the category of best support staff!

Looking ahead:

Upcoming dates for this half term:

30th September - Reception settling in and introduction to reading meeting

30th September - Year 5 React Science Show

6th October - School Individual Photos

8th and 9th October- Settling in parents meetings

13th October - Nasal flu jabs

WC: 13th October - Harvest festival soup lunches for parents all week - more news to follow

17th October - Vindolanda trip for Y4

21st and 23rd October - Stone Age workshop in Y3

24th October - Finish for Half Term

25th October- School finishes for the October half term

3rd November - School returns for Autumn Term 2

5th November – 1W Trip to The Beacon

6th November – 1H Trip to The Beacon

Next half term look out for dates and information coming up on: our Halloween disco, remembrance service, nursery harvest soup, anti-bullying week and children in need celebrations- all before the Christmas excitement begins to build!