



December 2022

Maryport

Church of England Primary School

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I would like to thank all of our school community for your on-going support. We had a fantastic turn out at parent's evening and likewise at our bingo evening and Christmas craft afternoon. We hope to have similar events again in the Spring term.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising for Children In Need. We raised just over £400 from selling the official merchandise and having a non uniform day.

On behalf of the staff and Governors of the school, we wish all of our families a very happy, healthy Christmas.



This year, we have not been able to run a Christmas shop as we no longer have a PTA. Our previous PTA members children have all now moved on to secondary school or they have moved to new jobs where they cannot dedicate the time to organising fundraising events.

We would love to get an active PTA up and running again so if this is something you may be interested in, please get in touch with Mrs Penn.

THEATRE VISITS



*We are very aware that many families are feeling the pinch of the increased cost of living. As such, we are providing our 2022 Christmas theatre visits **free of charge**.*

On 13th December, children in years 1-6 will go to watch the Aladdin panto at the Sands Centre. The visit will take place in school time and children will need a packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks or glass bottles please). Full uniform must be worn but children may wear a Christmas accessory if they wish.

Our Nursery and Reception children are going to the Theatre By the Lake in Keswick on 20th December to see The Ballad of Rudy.



Christmas Countdown

Week ending 2 Dec - ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH

6 Dec - Y6 Bright Sparks STEM workshop

6 - 7 Dec - Y3/4 Stocking making workshop

7 Dec - Y6 visit to Buddhist Temple

7 Dec - Choir to the Rotary Christmas Carol Service, 6pm at St Mary's Church

12 Dec - Y3/4 Lego We Do workshop

13 Dec - Years 1-6 to see Aladdin at the Sands Centre

14 Dec - Christmas dinner/Christmas jumpers

15 Dec - Infant Christmas production. 2pm & 6pm, tickets required.

16 Dec - Christmas Parties

19 Dec - Junior Christmas service at 9.30 in St Mary's Church

20 Dec - Nursery & Reception trip to Theatre at the Lake

20 Dec - School closes for Christmas holidays at 1.30

4 Jan - School reopens for Spring term



SAFEGUARDING

At our school, safeguarding is our number one priority. We are committed to ensuring all children feel safe and secure and pupil welfare is paramount. In school we have a safeguarding team who all have designated safeguarding responsibilities. Our safeguarding team are - Mrs Ormond, Safeguarding Lead and Designated Lead for Looked After Children; Mrs Bell, Deputy Safeguarding Lead; Miss Pape, Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Miss Dover, Deputy Safeguarding Lead. All of our safeguarding team are trained to level 3.

Our safeguarding Governor is Susan McKendrey.

*Safeguarding is however **EVERYBODY'S RESPONSIBILITY**, and all other staff in school are trained to Level 1.*

*If you have any concerns about a child, please come and speak to one of our safeguarding team - it may be that your worry is just one small piece in a larger jigsaw of abuse or harm. If you do not feel able to share concerns with school then please contact the Safeguarding Hub on **0333 240 1727** . Further information can be found on the Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership website <https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/>*

A message off Maryport Town Council



EARLIER THIS WEEK WE RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE OFF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Just a little message to thank you all for providing the stage entertainment on Saturday; we hope everyone found their performances an enjoyable experience.

Rather than hiring in acts, we like to give our young local people a chance for them to demonstrate their talent on the stage, as well as provide the local community with an opportunity to see what talented youngsters we have in the area. To do this, we are dependent each year on you coming forward, for which we are extremely grateful.

Would you please pass on our thanks to all those involved for doing a fantastic job, well appreciated by the crowd.

We have posted several pictures & videos which we took to the Town Council's facebook site if you would like to view or share them.

Thank you once again,

Lisa & Paul

OPAL PLAY



OUTDOOR PLAY

AND LEARNING



Our OPAL play team would like to pass on their thanks to everyone who has donated items so far. After Christmas, we will continue to put out fortnightly requests for specific items and the collection boxes will be by both main entrances to drop items off in.

Remember that wellies are needed to access the grass at the moment. We have new welly racks ordered which should be in place for the new term.

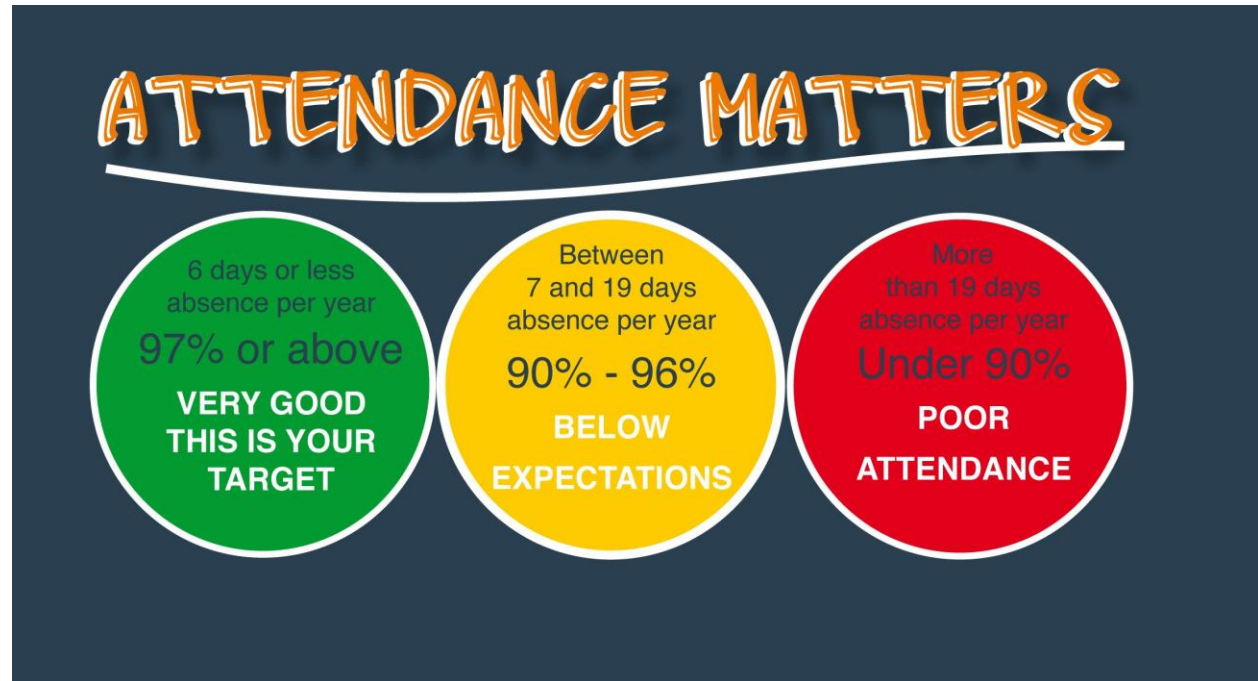








Attendance and Punctuality



Class	ATTENDANCE %
Willow N	91.87
Ash REC	94.21
Rowan Y1/2	93.6
Elm Y1/2	95.54
Birch Y1/2	94.19
Lime Y3/4	97.45
Pine Y3/4	95.51
Juniper Y3/4	94.49
Beech Y5	94.5
Maple Y5	90.76
Oak Y6	93.79

1 - For the Autumn term up to 25/11/22 our attendance was 93.07%. Here that is broken down into year groups.

It is important that all children attend school to ensure that they access a full education. We will shortly be doing our next attendance review for the Autumn term. Our target overall school attendance is 97%.

Cumbria County Council says -

What is regular school attendance?

- *Attending school everyday unless there is a very good reason for absence.*
 - *Getting to school on time.*
 - *Being present at school for both morning and afternoon sessions.*
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Children who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- *Keep up with school work.*
 - *Develop good habits and important life skills.*
 - *Maintain friendships.*
 - *Gain better qualifications.*
 - *Have access to a wider range of opportunities when they leave school.*
 - *Stay away from harm.*
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What does the law say about parental duty concerning children's education?

- *Parents must make sure that their children receive efficient full time education in school or elsewhere.*
- *Once a child is registered at school, the parent must make sure that the child attends regularly.*
- *Parents should inform the school of the reasons for any unavoidable absence on the first day.*

- *Parents may request term time absence only in special or exceptional circumstances; this should be made in writing to the head teacher.*
 - *Giving as much notice as possible.*
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What is unauthorised absence?

Only the headteacher can decide if the reason given for absence is acceptable. If the head teacher decides that the reason given for absence is unacceptable, the absence will remain unauthorised.

Parents can face legal and financial sanctions if their child fails to attend school

- *Fixed Penalty Notices to the amount of £ 120, this amount will reduce to £ 60 if paid within 21 days.*
 - *An Education Supervision Order issued by the family court.*
 - *Prosecution in a Magistrates' court.*
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