



FEBRUARY 2026 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a great start to 2026!!!

Only a month in and we have had so much success both in and out of the classrooms. Each class in school is working incredibly hard and recent visitors to the school have commented on how hard-working, polite and friendly our children are.

Our 2 year old provision is mid-refurbishment and we are excited to share with you soon the enhancements we are having done to the room to provide our youngest members of school with an even more wonderful experience.

Our cross country team did fantastically well at the Allerdale trials with 7 of them then qualifying for the Cumbria final. The conditions were very muddy at this event and there was lots of slipping and sliding - Coen even lost a shoe!! Huge congratulations to them all for doing such a great job against very tough competition from all over the county. They certainly gave it their all and we are very, very proud of them.







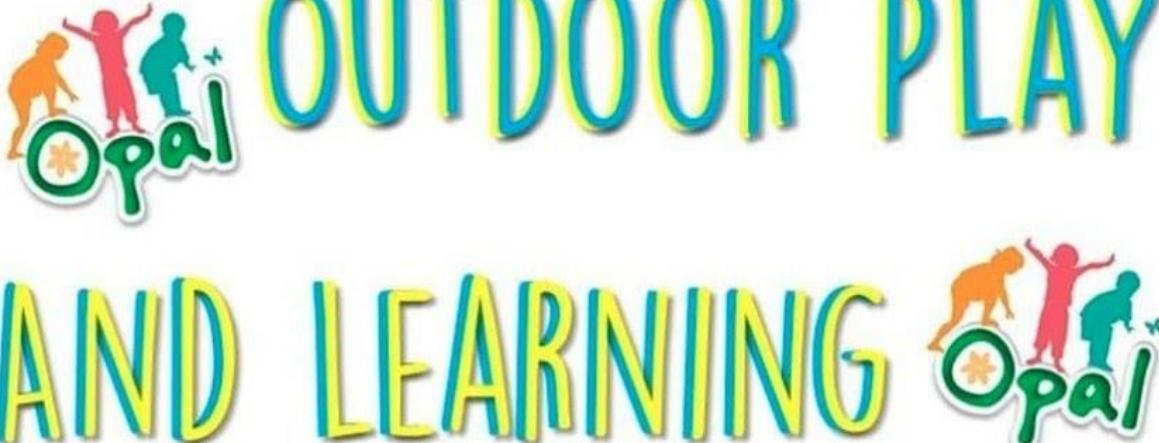






OPAL

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

The logo for OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) features the word "OPAL" in a stylized, colorful font where the letters are composed of yellow and blue stripes. To the left of the word "OUTDOOR" and to the right of the word "LEARNING" are illustrations of children in various active poses (running, jumping, stretching) in orange, red, and green. A small yellow flower is positioned between the two children on the left.

When we began our OPAL journey, we could never have imagined the actual difference it would make to our lunchtimes. Previously, children would be bored; football dominated large areas of the outdoor space and very often led to disagreements and fall outs; there were few resources and children did not use their imaginations or get creative.

OPAL has changed all of that and we were delighted to achieve the platinum award for our outdoor provision. It was also fantastic to be a beacon school for OPAL with schools from around Cumbria coming to be inspired by our practice.

Coming up soon is our re-accreditation day and as such we are auditing our resources. The OPAL team are therefore asking for donations of action figures, dolls and prams please.

Could we also remind parents that if their child is accessing the digging zones, then wellies and change of socks are needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Reading at home - STRIVE FOR FIVE !!

The importance of reading and sharing books at home is well documented and the benefits go far beyond just being able to read the words on a page.

Our 'strive for five' initiative does not have to be a chore - 5-10 minutes a day sharing a book after tea, in the car, at bedtime or even waiting for an appointment can easily be fitted in to even the busiest of lifestyles.

It has been fantastic this week to see how enthused the Y5 & 6 are for their 'Spellbinding Book Challenge'. We have even got some of our reluctant readers devouring the books and wanting to come in and have book talk with the adults. Brilliant!!



CARS ON THE DRIVE

For the safety of our children - please can all parents and carers not use the school driveway for drop off or pick up - at any time of the day and whatever the weather. Only those who have got permission from Mrs Ormond may use the drive.



SEND COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you to the parents who came along to our first SEND coffee afternoon. We hope you found it useful to chat to the professionals who were able to come to offer support and also to chat to one another.

A few of the professionals we invited were unable to attend on the day so we will be inviting them again to our next coffee afternoon which will take place in the summer term.

In the meantime, parents may be interested in the session detailed below.

Cumberland Family Hubs

Cumberland Family Hubs offers a growing programme of activities for families with babies and young children as part of the 'Best Start in Life' offer. Please encourage families to check out the website - [Homepage | Cumberland Family Hubs](#) - and Facebook page for the programme - [Cumberland Family Hubs](#)

Cumberland Family Hub. 

Cumberland Council 

0-8 Holiday Activity

(February half-term)
at
Family Hub in the Port - Maryport



Did you know 2026 is the National Year of reading?
Come and join us as we enjoy one of our family favourite books.



Come and join us at our **FREE** February half-term fun holiday activity. Our theme will be based on a family favourite book whilst spending quality time as a family enjoying a range of crafts, messy and imaginative play, games and much more.

This is a bookable session. Contact us on: 01900 706 164 or email: familyhubs4@cumberland.gov.uk

Wednesday 18th February
1:30pm - 3:00pm
Ennerdale Road, Maryport, CA15 8HN

DIARY DATES

3rd Feb - Y1/2 Blue Bot session

4th Feb - Gymnastics competition at Netherhall

5th Feb - Y5/6 Young Voices

10th Feb - Safer Internet day

11th Feb - Y3/4 Dodgeball at Netherhall

13th Feb - break up for half term

23rd Feb - return to school

24th Feb - Y2 visit to Muncaster Castle

25th Feb - Y5/6 football at Netherhall

2 March - Y6 brass concert at the Carnegie

2nd March - Pine class farm visit

4th March - Juniper class farm visit

5th March - World Book Day

6th March - Ash class farm visit

11th March - Y5/6 visit to the Beacon

12th March - Y5/6 visit to the Beacon

13th March - Comic Relief

16-20th - Book Fair in school

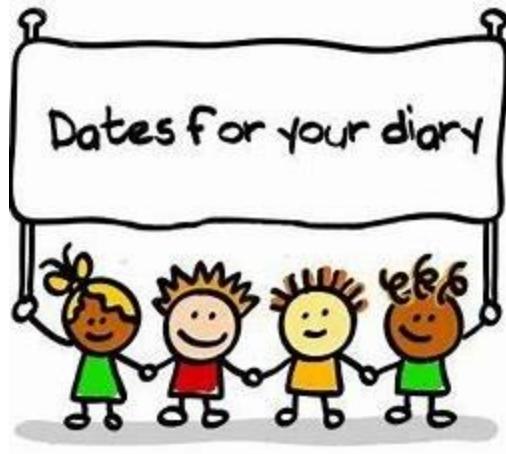
17th March - Silly Science workshops

23rd - 24th March - Parents Evenings

25th March - Easter service in church

25th March - Y5/6 Tag rugby at Netherhall

27th March - Finish for Easter at 1.30



UNIFORM

Please can all parents/carers ensure that children are coming to school each day with the correct uniform.

- *Grey trousers/skirts/pinafores*
- *optional checked skirt/pinafore*
- *White polo shirt*
- *Navy blue jumper/cardigan*
- *black shoes*

PE

- *Black shorts/leggings/joggers*
- *white t.shirt*

- *optional blue hoody*

Forest school

- *old trousers, jumpers and coats*
 - *wellies*

IMPORTANT

The only jewellery to be worn in school is a watch (NOT a smart watch) and stud earrings which must be removed for PE.

Acrylic nails and make up are NOT to be worn for school. Any lip products must be handed to the adults in class to ensure they are applied appropriately.

