



JANUARY 2026 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely Christmas and New Year break. As always, we are straight back into learning and the Spring term is often the time where children begin to build on their previous learning to really consolidate the skills and knowledge they gained in the Autumn.

We were delighted with the progress our infant children made in the Autumn term in their phonics - thank you to all the parents who supported with this at home. Please keep up the home reading regardless of which year group your child is in.

Thankfulness



Our focus Christian value for this half term is THANKFULNESS.

Christians believe that God loves and cares for them in many different ways in all aspects of their life. They know that their response to this provision should be one of thankfulness and praise.

'Always be thankful' – Thessalonians 1, 5-16

'Always give thanks for everything to God the Father' Ephesians 5-20

For activities to do at home with your child around this value, please click the link to our website [here](#)

SEND Coffee Afternoon

On Monday 26th January, we are hosting a coffee afternoon for those parents whose child has any SEND - Special Educational Needs or Disability. Joining Mrs Holliday in the hall will be representatives from Owl Blue, Cumberland Family Hub and Lynne Mumberson the Social Prescriber at Maryport GPs.

This event will give parents the opportunity to share any worries or concerns they have or to find out about any further support they can access.

Do come along for a chat even if your child has not got a formal diagnosis.

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COFFEE AFTERNOON

Do you have any queries about your child that the services below could help with? Join us for an informal coffee afternoon on Monday 26th January, 1.30-3.00 (in school). This is an excellent opportunity to gain support and advice.

OWL BLUE

Owl Blue's practitioners are qualified to access information, advice and strategies free of charge for those with hidden disabilities. You do not need a diagnosis to access support.

FAMILY HUB (HUB2U)

Helping to improve Cumberland's families and the lives of children and young people through various avenues of support and startegies.

SOCIAL PRESCRI BER

Lynne Mumberson from the GP surgery is also attending, she can help with referrals advice and support.

Attendance

Following a visit by the Local Authority Attendance Officer, I would like to remind parents about our procedure for notifying the school about absences.

Parents are required to notify the office of any absence on each day of the absence. Should we not receive a reason as to why a child is not in school we will -

- 1. send out a text message*

2. *follow up with a phone call*
3. *make a home visit*
4. *refer to the safeguarding team*

All parents are also required to notify us in advance of any holidays to be taken within school dates. Should the number of days taken out of school for holidays exceed 5 (or 10 half day sessions), then the Local Authority requires us to refer to them to decide if a fixed penalty notice is to be issued.

Any child with attendance below 90% flags up on the Local Authority monitoring system as being 'persistently absent'. This means that attendance will be closely monitored and if there is no sign of improvement, parents may be asked to attend a meeting in school to discuss this further.

OPAL

Our OPAL team would like to request that if you have any kitchen items eg ladles, wooden spoons, pans etc; small world toys eg cars, diggers, trucks or any dressing up costumes that are no longer used at home that these could be donated to school. Please see Mrs Bell or Miss Wood if you have anything else you feel may be of use. Thank you.

UNIFORM - including bringing a coat when the weather is cold!

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.



DIARY DATES

Please be aware additional events may still be added/confirmed so keep an eye on Tapestry and Seesaw for updates.

7th Jan - School re-opens for all

14th Jan - cross country trials at Netherhall

21st Jan - Y1/2 multi-skills at Netherhall

26th Jan - SEND coffee afternoon

3rd Feb - Y1/2 Blue Bot session

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

2nd March - Pine class farm visit

4th March - Juniper class farm visit

5th March - World Book Day

6th March - Ash class farm visit

13th March - Comic Relief

17th March - silly Science workshops

23rd - 24th March - Parents Evenings

25th March - Y5/6 Tag rugby at Netherhall

27th March - Finish for Easter at 1.30

