



## JULY 2024 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*This will be our final newsletter of the school year - and what a year it has been!!*

*I wish to give a personal thank you to all of the staff who work tirelessly to ensure our school provides the very best opportunities for our children. Some of these staff are not at the 'chalkface' and work 'behind the scenes' but still play their part. So, to all the teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, lunchtime staff, cleaning team, Mr Ross, Governors, Friends of Maryport CE Primary, friends from the church and everyone who volunteers in any way - THANK YOU for everything you have done this year.*

*I also want to thank all of our fantastic parents and carers who support all of our events and encourage and nurture their children's learning at home. It really does make a massive difference when we work together.*

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## **Class Structure for September 2024**

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*On Wednesday 3rd July we will be having our 'move up day' where our present Y6 children will spend the day at Netherhall and the rest of the school will spend the day with their new teacher for September. Children are to arrive and leave from their usual entrances and exits.*

*Below are our Classes for 24-25*

*Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) - Miss Pape*

*Year 1 - Miss Mein*

*Year 2 - Miss Kirkbride*

*Y3/4 - Miss Harrison, Mrs Rowland-Jones, Mrs Brinicombe*

*Y5/6 - Mr Stockdale, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Hurst/Miss Lockwood*

*We will also be welcoming Miss MacDougall who will be covering classes across the infants.*

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## **Goodbye and Good Luck**

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*We are also saying goodbye and good luck to a few staff at the end of this term -*

*Miss Irving is taking up a new position at Flimby Primary School and Miss Scott, having covered for Mrs Holliday, has secured a permanent position at Dearham Primary. As neither are going too far away, I am sure we will still get lots of opportunities to say hello.*

*Mrs Minchella and Mrs Tweedie are both also leaving to take up new challenges - we wish you both well in your future plans.*

*We are also saying goodbye to Mr Clarke, our music teacher, wishing him all the best too.*

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## Home Reading Book Amnesty

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*As we come to the end of the academic year, we need to do an audit of our reading books to ensure we are fully stocked up for September. Please could we ask that you check behind the sofa or under beds and return any books belonging to school.*

*Replacing books is expensive so it is important that we get back all the home reading books before the end of term. Thank you.*

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## Attendance

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*Our whole school attendance target is 96%. To date, only one class is achieving that - well done to Elm class Y2 with 96.27%*

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## Attendance Between 04/09/2023 and 28/06/2024

Class	Present
Rowan	93.29
Ash	92.93
Elm	96.27
Lime	95.17
Maple	92.86
Oak	95.13
Willow	90.33
Juniper	95.6
Birch	94.15
Pine	94.02
Beech	93.71
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.06</b>

## OPAL

*Last week we were absolutely delighted and proud to be recognised as a PLATINUM AWARD OPAL SCHOOL. This honour is only bestowed to 0.5% of schools across the country and we are the first in West Cumbria and only the 2nd in the whole of Cumbria to achieve the accolade. A massive well done to our entire OPAL team for everything they have done.*

*We were also delighted to host a showcase school event where staff from other schools came to see our outstanding practice. It was lovely to hear all the positive comments not only about our provision but also about the children's behaviour, attitude and happiness.*

*Our final audit report commented -*

*'Your school has managed to implement the cultural and practical changes recommended in the OPAL programme and the results are clear to see, Maryport C of E Primary is now truly a Platinum Award Level OPAL school. This means that every child has an amazing playtime every day. It also means that play is taken seriously at the school and is given appropriate leadership, planning,*

evaluation and resources. Playtimes at Maryport are inclusive, joyful and provide a wonderful variety of types of play.'

*On Thursday 4th July, myself and Mrs Bell are attending an award ceremony where Mrs Bell has been nominated by OPAL as an outstanding play worker of the year - very much well deserved!*

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## Summer Show

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*This year, our Y6 end of summer show will be Matilda. Tickets will be on sale initially to families of Y6 and will then be on general sale after that. Please come along if you can - we have some amazing talented children and they will certainly entertain you.*

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## DIARY DATES

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*1 July - Y5 to Senhouse Roman Museum*

*1-12th July - Y4 swimming sessions*

*2 July - Y6 to Blencathra Centre*

*3rd July - 'move up' day*

*4 July - Y5 at Netherhall*

*5 July - cross country competition*

*11 July - Y6 visit to Workington Magistrates Court*

*12 July - Reports sent home*

*16th July - Summer show*

*17th July - Nursery visit to Stockwood*

*18th July - Reception visit to Stockwood*

*18th July - Y6 Leavers Service in St Mary's 9.30*

*19th July - School finishes for the summer break 1.30*

**School reopens for children on Wednesday 4th September 2024**

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