



JUNE 2024 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we begin the last half term of the academic year, it seems like no time at all since September! It has been a fantastic school year to date with lots of learning, enjoyment, successes and challenges overcome.

The year however is not yet over and there is still more to come in the final 7 weeks. Please take the time to check out the diary dates at the end of the newsletter so you do not miss any events.

Focus Value - TRUST

This half term, our focus Christian value is 'TRUST'.

Trust is the basis of all relationships, including someones personal relationship with God. It is rooted in truth, and will grow through consistent experiences of reliability and integrity. God's commitment to humanity is seen in his willingness to trust ordinary people with the carrying out of his purposes through history.

'two people are better than one.....If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.' Ecclesiastes 4; 9-10

Please visit our website [here](#) to find ideas to share at home around this value.



Attendance

Attendance for last half term (April 16th -May 24th) was significantly down across all year groups. Please be reminded that holidays in term time are not authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.

From September 2024, the Local Authority are bringing in new procedures to tackle unauthorised attendance in Cumberland schools which include higher fixed penalty notices.

Attendance Breakdown Between 15/04/2024 and 24/05/2024

Group	Present
Little Acorns	93.24
Nursery	86.06
Reception	90.61
Y1	92.34
Y2	95.83
Y3	91.85
Y4	92.55
Y5	94.41
Y6	91.28
Whole School	92.21

Our target for attendance is 96% - congratulations to Y2 who are achieving that figure for their full year attendance.

Attendance Breakdown Between 04/09/2023 and 24/05/2024

Little Acorns	92.03
Nursery	90.67
Rec	93.02
1	94.36
2	96.42
3	93.87
4	94.25
5	94.44
6	94.19
Whole School	94.09

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Very soon, our Year 4 children will be taking the national multiplication check where they are tested on their knowledge of the times table facts. We know they have been working hard to become secure and fluent in their recall of the times table facts up to 12x12 so good luck to them all.

Parents can continue to support their child prepare for this by encouraging regular practice on TT Rockstars.

The outcome of the check will be included in the end of year reports.

KS2
Year 4

MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK

2024

WHAT

- Pupils are tested on their ability to answer multiplication questions up to 12 with an emphasis on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 (these are considered to be the most difficult)
- The tests are online and on-screen
- The check contains 25 questions with 6 seconds to answer each one
- There is a 3 second pause in-between each question, before the next one appears on screen
- Before the test, schools can access a practice area for children to become familiar with the style of check
- Each check takes less than 5 minutes per child
- There are multiple versions of the test. The version each pupil gets is selected at random
- There is no expected pass rate or threshold

WHO

- The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory test for Year 4 pupils
- Children will not be required to resit the test if they do not get a high enough score
- Schools will be required to report the results of each child to their parents or carers

WHY

- The purpose of the Multiplication Tables Check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12
- The check will help schools to identify pupils who require additional support

WHEN

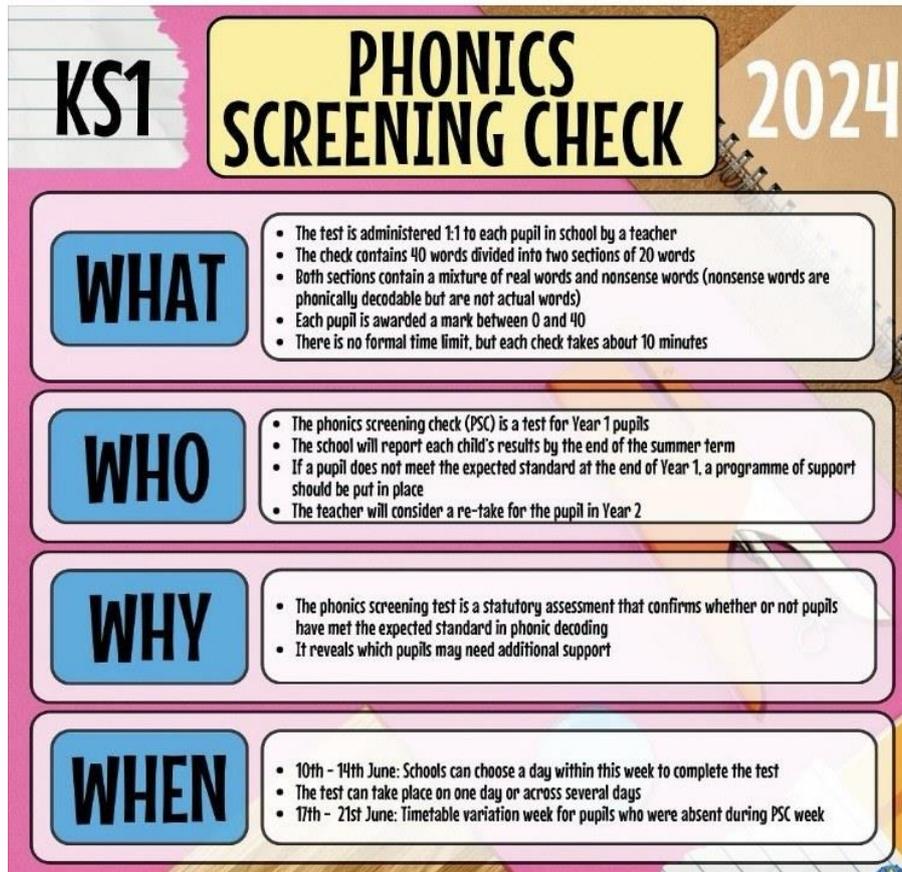
- 3rd - 14th June: Schools can choose a day within these 2 weeks to complete the test
- The test can take place on one day or across several days
- 17th - 21st June: Timetable variation week for pupils who were absent during the MTC weeks

Silly School Education



Phonics Screening Check

All children in Y1 and some of our Y2s will soon be taking the national Phonics Screening Check (PSC). This is an opportunity for the children to 'show off' how well they can use their phonics learning to read words. The outcome of the check will be included in the end of year reports.



KS1 **PHONICS SCREENING CHECK** **2024**

WHAT

- The test is administered 1:1 to each pupil in school by a teacher
- The check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words
- Both sections contain a mixture of real words and nonsense words (nonsense words are phonically decodable but are not actual words)
- Each pupil is awarded a mark between 0 and 40
- There is no formal time limit, but each check takes about 10 minutes

WHO

- The phonics screening check (PSC) is a test for Year 1 pupils
- The school will report each child's results by the end of the summer term
- If a pupil does not meet the expected standard at the end of Year 1, a programme of support should be put in place
- The teacher will consider a re-take for the pupil in Year 2

WHY

- The phonics screening test is a statutory assessment that confirms whether or not pupils have met the expected standard in phonic decoding
- It reveals which pupils may need additional support

WHEN

- 10th - 14th June: Schools can choose a day within this week to complete the test
- The test can take place on one day or across several days
- 17th - 21st June: Timetable variation week for pupils who were absent during PSC week

Year 4 Swimming

All of our Y4 children will be going swimming at Workington Leisure Centre every day from 1st July to 12th July. Swimming is a compulsory part of the PE National Curriculum so there will be no exceptions. The sessions are led by leisure centre staff although school staff will also be on the poolside.

For swimming lessons, the Y4 children need a towel, swim wear and goggles (if they have them). Please note that bikinis are not allowed and swimming shorts cannot be below the knee. All earrings must be removed.



The Cumbrian Award

What is it?

The Cumbrian Award is supported by and delivered with WELL and is recognised as an enriching and inspiring opportunity for young people in Cumbria. The Cumbrian Award is working, through WELL, with Nottingham University, in partnership with The Centre for the Use of Research and Evidence in Education (CUREE) who are evaluating the project as action research, to include a key focus on leadership and curriculum impact of participation.

Ultimately The Cumbrian Award aims to enrich the experiences and lives of the students who participate. It aims to enhance the skill set and give students the opportunity to apply such skills in a range of environments – whether that be navigating a Lakeland fell, negotiating a boardroom meeting or performing on a theatre stage... and beyond. For more information click [here](#)

What does this involve for our school?

Once our children reach Year 5 and 6 they take part in opportunities that will allow them to achieve the first level of the Cumbrian Award. The purpose of this award is for young children to value their identity as Cumbrians whilst actively engaging in enriching and inspiring opportunities the county has to offer. Each child takes part in activities that cover the strands - adventure, culture and enterprise. In the summer term our Year 5 and 6 children will be working on the adventure and enterprise strands. Our Year 5 children will be taking a walk around Buttermere, Year 6 will be heading to Blencathra where they will take part in a river study. Keep a look out for the products that both year groups will be designing and making too, these will be on sale later in the term.



Transition

Transitioning to the next year group

We have now reached Summer Term 2, which is the final half term for your child in their current year group. Some children will be taking big steps to a new school and a new key stage. To make sure that transition is as smooth as possible we make sure that we put plenty of opportunities and support in place.

Year 6 to Year 7

- Last half term we had a visit from Miss Barcock (assistant head at Netherhall) who answered any questions and settled any worries that our Year 6 children had.*
 - We have had visits from Mrs Johnstone (Netherhall SENDCO) who has met some of our Year 6 children who will be starting some extended transition opportunities in the coming weeks.*
 - Public Health Services will be doing some Teen brain workshops which will look at how to control any mixed emotions during this time.*
 - Megan Rogers (Educational Mental Health Practitioner) will be doing an additional getting ready for secondary school workshop.*
 - On Thursday 20th June, all Year 6 will take a visit to Netherhall School where they will spend the morning doing taster lessons.*
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Year 5 to Year 6

- Thursday 4th July, Year 5 will visit Netherhall School to gain an early induction to Secondary School.*
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Move up day will be for all children on Wednesday 3rd July where children will spend the day in their new classes with their new teachers and teaching assistants.

New class teachers and teaching assistants will spend further opportunities getting to know their class for next year.

Netherhall Speakers Competition

On Tuesday evening, two of our talented Year 6 children - Brody and Imogen - took to the stage at Netherhall School for a speakers competition. All year 6 children were set the task to write about a subject that was meaningful to them and, after a difficult decision, both children were selected. We are incredibly proud of both of them.



Our new Happy Ninjas

Our newest Happy Ninja recruits are now up and running. All have received their t shirts and their task is to look out for children who are kind, helpful and respectful to receive an Opal Play welly award. These awards will be given out in assembly. Also the ninjas are having a think of how to raise money to purchase lovely products to make happy boxes for the elderly in local care homes.



OPAL - a huge thank you!

We recently had 2 afternoons where parents and family members were invited in to help with some maintenance and renovation of our outdoor areas. A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to volunteer some of their time to help out - they did a fantastic job and have enhanced further our OPAL offer.

Another huge thank you also goes to Mrs Bell, and her family members, who gave up time over the half term break to paint and put down artificial grass. The rear of the school is looking so much brighter than before.

As always, we are need to keep restocking our different OPAL play zones so if you have any old kitchen items (no glass or ceramic) please send them in.

We would also like any foreign coins that would make great 'treasure' in our digging areas.













A thank you to us.....

As you may be aware, we recently renewed our school sports kits. We had lots of old kits (some of which still had the old junior logo on) so we contacted Poverty Swap to donate the old kits to their charity. This is the same charity we donated lots of books to when the school merged back in 2019.

It was lovely to receive a thank you letter from the charity acknowledging our donations.

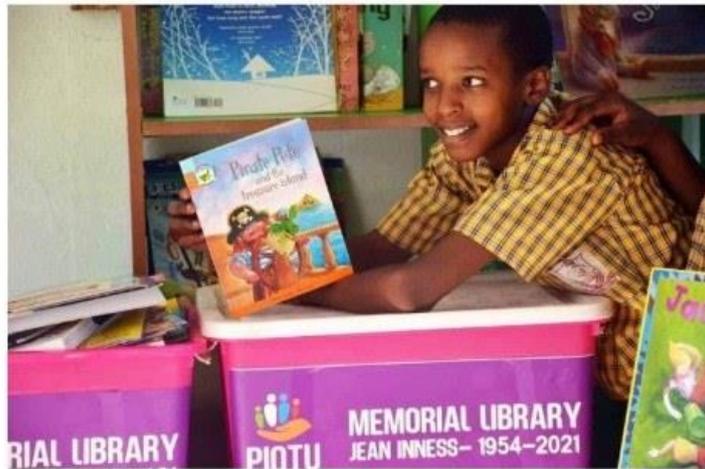
To find out more about the work of Poverty Swap click [here](#)

PovertySwap

Maryport CofE Primary
School
Camp Road
Maryport
Cumbria

24th May 2024

Thank you so much for helping our Link Partner, Mrs West, to send your Sports Kits to Uganda. We also recently had photographs of some books that Lynn Graham picked up from you some years ago and Mrs West has managed to put them in the hands of the Uganda trust who has created a brand new mobile library so that children can access the books in many locations around Uganda. Amazing.



It is also lovely that you are willing to help with the postage and packing for the sports kits, that really helps greatly. I have passed the amount of £42.12 to Mrs West from our funds so that she could send the parcels without delay but if you are able we would be grateful to receive the amount from you.

Please accept this letter as our receipt if you decide the funds are available.

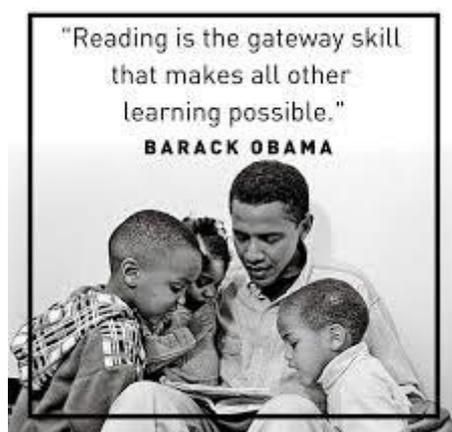
We really enjoy being part of your school community appreciate your kindness.
Much love



Home Reading

Please can we ask that ALL children continue to do home reading a minimum of 3 times per week. This is vitally important to ensure your child gains confidence in their reading and continues to make progress.

Thank you.



Uniform

Our uniform gives us a sense of identity and belonging as well as ensuring all the children look smart.

Please be reminded that all children should be in

- *dark grey trousers, skirts or pinafores*
 - *optional checked pinafore*
 - *white polo shirt*
 - *navy blue jumper or cardigan*
 - *black shoes (trainers are ok as long as they are all black)*
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Please note that converse are not appropriate school footwear nor are open-toed sandals

For PE, children should be wearing -

- *black shorts, joggers or leggings*
 - *white t shirt*
 - *optional blue hoody*
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Please note that 'knicker shorts' are not appropriate nor are 'strappy' tops. Football strips should also not be worn.

Mobile phones

It has been mentioned before but we are still getting some of our junior children bringing mobile phones into school. WE DO NOT ALLOW MOBILE PHONES IN OUR SCHOOL.

If there is a valid reason for your child needing their phone with them, please let the class teacher know and the phone will then be kept securely in the main office until home time. Any phones brought into school unauthorised will be confiscated and will then need to be collected by a parent from the office.



DIARY DATES

3rd June - class photos

3rd June - Y6 vaping workshop

3rd June - Y6 parents meeting about London

4th June - Y6 Speakers' Event at the Wave

5th June - Y6 STEM workshop

5-7th June - Y4 residential to Keppleway

12-14th June - Y3 residential to Hawse End

12 June - Y5/6 athletics competition at Netherhall

12th June - Y2 art project

18th June - Y6 Leavers service at Carlisle Cathedral

19th June - Festival of Sport

20-21st June - Y2 residential to Bassenfell Manor

20th June - Y6 at Netherhall

24th June - Yrs 2,3,4 Roman workshop

25-28th June - Y6 residential visit to London

26th June - Y1/2 Golf at Netherhall

28th June - EYFS tea party

28th June - Green foodbank day

1st July - Y5 to Senhouse Roman Museum

1-12th July - Y4 swimming sessions

2nd July - Y6 River Study at Blencathra Centre

3rd July - 'move up' day

4th July - Y5 at Netherhall taster day

11th July - Y6 workshop at Workington Magistrates Court

16th July - Summer show

17th July - nursery visit to Stockswood

18th July - Reception visit to Stockswood

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

19th July - School finishes for the summer break

***FURTHER DATES WILL BE ADDED TO THE CALENDAR AND DETAILS SENT OUT AS THEY ARE
CONFIRMED***

