



## MARCH 2025 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Spring term 2 is always my favourite time in school. We are now half way through the school year and it is now that the progress the children are making becomes increasingly evident. Looking back through books, the staff and children can see how far learning has come on*

*since September. I hope that you too will be able to see this for yourselves when you come along to our parent meetings later in the term (see diary dates).*

*The longer days with sunnier, warmer weather and the colour bursting into life around school grounds makes everyone feel bright and happy. Please take the time if you are up at school to admire the flowers in the woodland -the snowdrops are in full bloom with daffodils starting to pop up and the glorious bluebells will be appearing in a few weeks time. Our children love taking their learning out into the woodland area to appreciate all of this but we are still having issues with people walking their dogs and not 'scooping the poop'! We would be very grateful if you can pas this message on to those who may be bringing their dogs into our grounds - thank you.*

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## **FRIENDSHIP**

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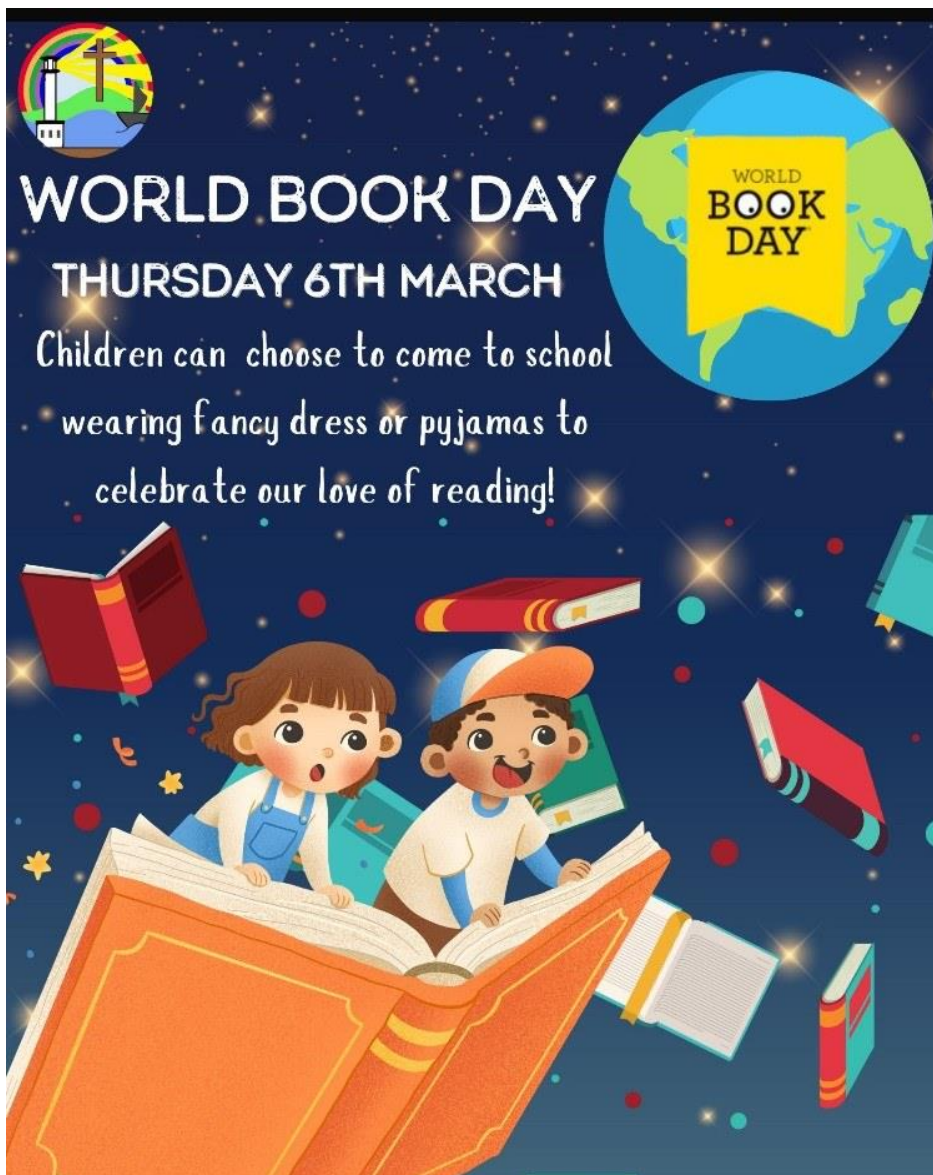
*Our focus Christian value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP. We will be thinking, talking and reflecting on the qualities we need in order to be a good friend.*

*Whilst exploring this value, we learn about how Christians can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus. We hear the Bible story about the paralysed man who is lowered through a roof by his friends so he can see Jesus - Luke 5:17-26.*

*To share activities at home linked to this value [click here](#).*

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A Friend Accepts  
us as we are yet  
Helps  
us to be what we  
Should



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**THURSDAY 6TH MARCH**

Children can choose to come to school  
wearing fancy dress or pyjamas to  
celebrate our love of reading!

The poster features a dark blue background with a starry night sky. In the top left corner is a circular icon of a church with a cross. In the top right corner is a globe with a yellow banner that says 'WORLD BOOK DAY'. In the center, two children are shown reading a large open book. The girl on the left has brown hair and is wearing blue overalls. The boy on the right has dark hair and is wearing a white shirt and a blue and orange cap. Several other books are floating around them, and there are colorful confetti and stars scattered throughout the scene.

## RESIDENTIAL VISITS

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*This year we are running residential visits open to all children from Year 2 - Year 6*

*Year 2 - Bassenfell Centre, Bassenthwaite 3-4 July*

*Y3 - Hawesend - Keswick 11-13 June*

*Y4 - Keppleway Centre, Coniston 2-4 June*

*Y5 - Manchester 19-21 May*

*Y6 - London 10-13 June*

*The balances for London and Manchester were due on 2nd March and the balance for Keppleway was due on 26th February. We kindly ask that those who have yet to pay do so by Wednesday 5th March at the latest. School has to pay for all the accommodation and activities up front from our budget so we appreciate all payments being made within the requested time frame. Thank you.*

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*1 - Bassenfell*



*2 - Hawesend*



*3 - Keppleway*



*4 - Manchester*



5 - London

## Tech4Youth - free laptop offer

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*We have been made aware of this fantastic opportunity for our Y6 children or older siblings that is open to residents of Maryport.*

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## More about Tech4Youth



### Unlocking Potential Empowering Young People in Silloth and Solway

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The Digital Poverty Alliance, in partnership with the Macquarie Foundation and Voneus, is launching the Tech4Youth programme to equip 275 young people, aged 11 to 19, in Silloth and the surrounding areas of Solway, including Wigton, Maryport, and Aspatria, with the essential digital skills and tools they need to succeed in today's connected world.

# TECH4YOUTH PROGRAMME



### How to apply Application window opens on Thursday, September 12, 2024

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Visit [digitalpovertyalliance.org/tech4youth](https://digitalpovertyalliance.org/tech4youth) and fill out the short application form to start your journey into digital learning and services.

FREE LAPTOP

FREE INTERNET

FREE SKILLS TRAINING

digital  
poverty  
alliance

## Bridging the Digital Divide

For many young people, a lack of access to technology and the internet presents significant barriers to education, career development, and economic opportunity. Without these essential resources, the path to higher education and well-paid jobs remains out of reach.

Our Tech4Youth programme is dedicated to removing these obstacles by providing the necessary devices and digital skills training, enabling every participant to fully engage with their education and future career prospects. This programme goes beyond simply providing technology; it equips young people with the critical digital skills needed to succeed in school, work, and beyond. By levelling the playing field, we are empowering young people across the region to pursue the opportunities they deserve, helping them build a brighter future.

## Here's How to Get Started



If you or your child is aged 11-19 and living in the CA7 or CA15 postal districts, you can apply. You will need an email address for a verifier who has a professional relationship with the child (such as a teacher, family worker, librarian, or charity representative). Apply online or text 07984 445476, starting your text with T4Y, and include your name, street address, and postcode. The Digital Poverty Alliance will send you an application form by post.

### **Contact the Digital Poverty Alliance**

hello@digitalpovertyalliance.org digitalpovertyalliance.org

The Digital Poverty Alliance is a registered charity in England and Wales (Charity number: 1086306) and a registered company in England and Wales (Company number: 3978344). The registered address is 3rd Floor, 86-90 Paul Street, London EC2A 4NE.



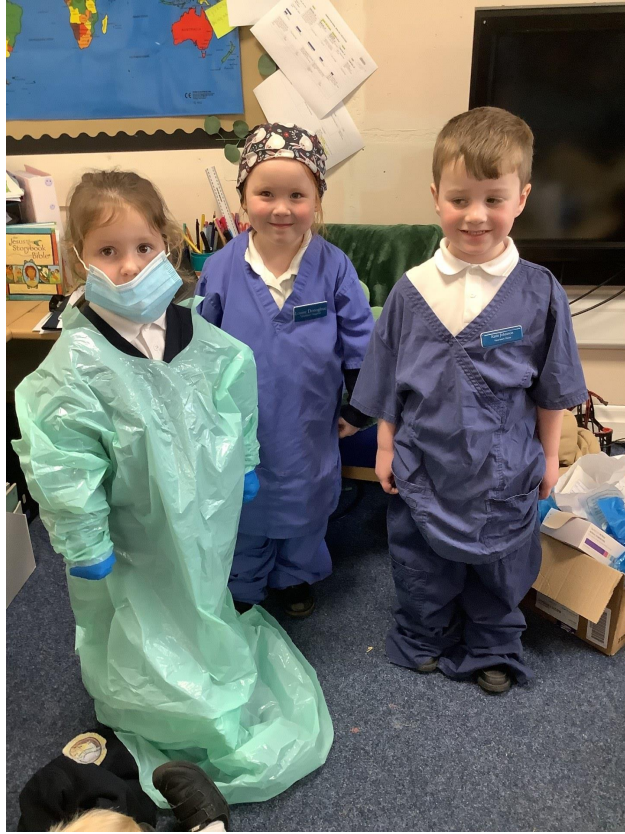


**Thank you**

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*Prior to the half term break, our Early Years unit had a fantastic time learning all about 'people who help us'. On behalf of Miss Pape and all the children, thank you to everyone who was able to come along and talk about their jobs within the community.*

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## Treetops After School Wraparound Care

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*Our Treetops club is open every day after school until 5.15 and is available for children from Reception through to Y6. It is held in the bungalow situated on the school driveway and run by school staff.*

*If you require quality, affordable childcare after school on a regular basis or just on the odd occasion, please get in touch with the school office.*

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## Attendance

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*During the Spring term we will continue to be focusing on ensuring attendance for all pupils is as high as it can be. Under the Government and Local Authority updated attendance strategy a number of families from our school have already received fixed penalty notices for taking their children out of school for holidays in term time. Any unauthorised absences totaling 10 sessions (5 days), may be subject to a penalty notice.*

*The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.*

*A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.*

Please note that these fines are not issued by school but by the Local Authority.

*Our Attendance Policy is available to read on our website - [here](#).*

*All term dates can be found on the Cumberland website - [click here](#).*

*Punctuality is also a key part of the new attendance strategy and as such we will be closely monitoring those children who are regularly late for school. REMEMBER - our doors open at 8.35am and all children should be in class for registration at 8.45am.*

*As many of our children are brought to school by parents, please be mindful of road works and weather conditions and plan your journey times in accordance with these. Thank you for your cooperation.*

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## Easter Activities

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*Details of our Easter activities will be sent out next week following the next 'Friends of Maryport Primary' PTA meeting - keep your eyes peeled!*

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## DIARY DATES

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*3rd March - Y3/4 water workshop*

*6th March - World Book Day*

*- Y1 library visit*

*7th March - Y2 library visit*

*10th March - Reception audiology checks*

*11th March - Y5 science workshop*

*12th March - STEM workshop*

*17-21st March - Book Fair in school*

*18th March - Y3/4 Phunky Food workshops*

*19th March - Primary Puppets Easter assembly*

*- Y5/6 football competition*

*26th March - Y5/6 rugby competition at Netherhall*

*31st March -1st April - parent meetings*

*31st March & 2nd April - Experience Easter workshops*

*4th April - Easter service in St Mary's*

*4th April - close for Easter holidays*

*School reopens for the summer term on Tuesday 22nd April.*

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