



## MAY 2024 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Well, as we enter the summer term, the weather is hopefully beginning to improve and everyone in school is making the most of getting outdoors to extend their learning.*

*Our OPAL lunchtimes are providing the children with lots of amazing creative, problem-solving and teamwork opportunities and the staff have been delighted with the ideas and imaginative ideas the children are coming up with. As always, the team are on the look out for resources so if you are replacing any camping gear or garden furniture in the coming weeks, any old (but not broken) items would be most appreciated.*

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## Focus Value - RESPECT



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*This half term, our focus Christian value is 'RESPECT'.*

The nature of God, as revealed in the Bible, presents all people with a choice. Those whose response is one of respect are acknowledging God's greatness, authority and involvement in the world. This will extend to respect for the created order, including humanity made in the image of God. Reverence takes this response a step further and will include aspects of worship such as awe and wonder, surrender and sacrifice.

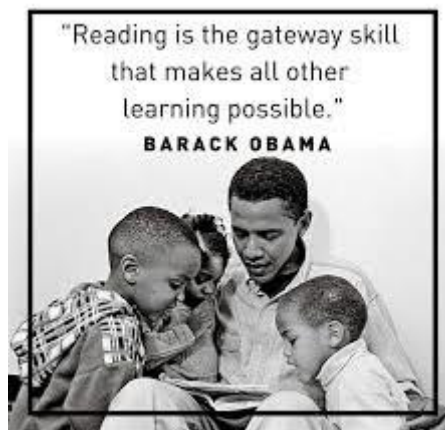
*Please visit our website [here](#) to find ideas to share at home around this value.*

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## 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.*



## 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 96.64%*

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Attendance 06/09/2023 To 29/04/2024

Rowan Y3/4	93.26
Ash Reception	93.28
Elm Y2	96.64
Lime Y3/4	95.3
Maple Y5	93.05
Oak Y6	94.83
Willow Nursery	91.93
Juniper Y5	95.59
Birch Y1	95.09
Pine Y3/4	94.38
Beech Y6	94.53
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.46</b>



## Uniform

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*It has become very noticeable over the last few weeks that quite a few children are not in correct uniform or PE kit. 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*

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- *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 -*

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- *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.

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## Mobile phones

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*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.*

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## YEAR 6 SATS

*As we move into May, the Y6 national tests, SATS, are getting closer. Full praise to our Year 6 children who have been working so hard in preparation for these.*

*Details of what tests are happening when are given below.*

Year 6		KS2 SATS		2024	
	Date	Test	Duration	Marks	Details
English	Monday 13th May	Grammar & Punctuation (Paper 1)	45 Minutes	50	A written test with a mixture of grammar and punctuation questions.
		Spellings (Paper 2)	Approx 20 mins (not timed)	20	An aural spelling test consisting of 20 words. This score is added to the grammar & punctuation paper score to give a final mark.
	Tuesday 14th May	English Reading	60 Minutes	50	One paper with questions that are based on 3 different texts of increasing difficulty (fiction & non-fiction).
Mathematics	Wednesday 15th May	Mathematics Arithmetic (Paper 1)	30 Minutes	40	Involves mathematical calculations covering all four operations (+ - x ÷) including fractions, decimals and percentages.  Both of these papers assess mathematical fluency, with word problems and reasoning. All 3 maths paper's scores are added together to give a final mark.
		Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2)	40 Minutes	35	
	Thursday 16th May	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3)	40 Minutes	35	

→ There are 6 tests over a course of 4 days (3 x English and 3 x Maths)  
→ Writing and Science are teacher assessed using evidence gathered throughout Year 6  
→ Schools can test anytime between 7am and 7pm on the day of each test  
→ All test papers are sent off to be externally marked  
→ Results will be made available to schools in July

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## Year 4 Multiplication Check

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*Also coming up this term, our Year 4 children will be taking the national multiplication check where they are tested on their knowledge of the times table facts. Again, further details are shown below.*

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**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

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## RESIDENTIAL VISITS - PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

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*We will be holding parent information sessions on the following days -*

*Y5 - Wednesday 8th May*

*Y4 - Thursday 9th May*

*Y3 - Thursday 16th May*

*Y2 - Thursday 23rd May*

*Y6 - Monday 3rd June*

*All meetings will be held at 5pm. If you are unable to attend, please let the class teacher know and we will arrange for the information to be sent out to you.*

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## **OPAL**

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*Since introducing OPAL lunchtimes, our play provision has gone from strength to strength so much so that in June we have been asked to become a showcase school for the programme. This is a real honour and we are all very excited and proud to show off our provision to staff from other schools.*

*I know that, to some, our grounds may sometimes look messy or 'like a building site' but the level of quality play we see each day is amazing.*

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## Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

### What is it?

In recent years, cases of whooping cough (pertussis) have risen sharply across the UK. It is a serious disease caused by a bacterial infection in the lungs or breathing tubes that causes long bouts of coughing and choking, making it hard to breathe. The 'whoop' noise is caused by gasping for breath after each bout of coughing. Young babies and children are most at serious risk from whooping cough and so it is very important for this age group to be vaccinated against the disease.

### Symptoms:

The first signs of whooping cough are similar to a cold, such as a runny nose and sore throat.

After about a week:

- bouts of coughing last for a few minutes and are worse at night. This cough may last several weeks or months.
- 'whoop' sound (a gasp for breath between coughs) can be heard especially infants.
- difficulty breathing after coughing. Infants may turn blue/grey; adults may be very red in the face.
- bringing up a thick mucus that can cause vomiting.

### What to do if you or your child has symptoms:

- NHS recommends to either call your GP (as it spreads so easily) for advice.
- [Check symptoms on 111 online](#)<sup>[7]</sup> (for children aged 5 and over) or call 111 (under 5yrs).<sup>[8]</sup>
- Go to A & E or Call 999 if your child has difficulty breathing, chest pain, is grey/blue in colour or has a seizure (fit).

**Treatment:** Depends on your age and the length of time of infection. Under 3 weeks antibiotics will be given to prevent spread (but symptoms may still be present)

### How to ease symptoms (once advice/treatment has been given):

- get plenty of rest.
- drink lots of fluids
- take <sup>[1]</sup>[paracetamol](#)<sup>[2]</sup> OR <sup>[3]</sup><sup>[4]</sup>[ibuprofen](#)<sup>[5]</sup> (not together if under 16yrs) to relieve discomfort <sup>[6]</sup>

**STAY OFF SCHOOL, WORK OR NURSERY UNTIL 48 HOURS AFTER STARTING ANTIBIOTICS, OR 3 WEEKS AFTER YOUR SYMPTOMS STARTED WITH NO ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT.**

### Vaccination:

- Get vaccinated during pregnancy – this provides antibodies for protection of your baby during the first few weeks of life when whooping cough is most serious.
- The vaccine (Boostrix IPV that also contains diphtheria/ tetanus/polio and whooping cough) is available from your GP/midwifery team and may be offered it at a routine antenatal appointment from around 16 weeks of your pregnancy. Don't forget to discuss with your midwifery team if you have not been offered it.
- The earliest your baby can receive the vaccine themselves is at two months, as newborn babies do not respond well to the vaccine (and they need 3 doses). Breastfeeding alone will not protect your child from whooping cough before their first injection, as not enough immunity is passed in the breast milk to your baby

### Further Information:

NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/pregnancy/keeping-well/vaccinations/><sup>[9]</sup><sup>[10]</sup><sup>[11]</sup><sup>[12]</sup>

UKHSA: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-to-support-whooping-cough-vaccination/whooping-cough-vaccination-in-pregnancy-guide><sup>[13]</sup><sup>[14]</sup><sup>[15]</sup><sup>[16]</sup><sup>[17]</sup><sup>[18]</sup><sup>[19]</sup><sup>[20]</sup><sup>[21]</sup><sup>[22]</sup><sup>[23]</sup><sup>[24]</sup><sup>[25]</sup><sup>[26]</sup><sup>[27]</sup><sup>[28]</sup><sup>[29]</sup><sup>[30]</sup><sup>[31]</sup><sup>[32]</sup><sup>[33]</sup>

Guide developed by Education IPC, Public Health & Communities Team Cumbria March 24

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## Easter Bunny Hop

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*The Easter Bunny Hop, organised by our fabulous PTA, Raised a phenomenal £2585.10!*

*A huge thank you to everyone involved in the organising and volunteering on the day and also to Bee Unique for the loan of the trampolines. A donation to Bee Unique has been sent and the rest of the money raised will go towards supporting events for the children in school. The school Council have been liaising with their classes and Mrs Hurst to discuss and agree on how some of the money can be spent.*

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## Little Acorns 2 year olds

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*Children from 2 years old can now access 15 hours free places and applications for this are now open - see <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for more details and to apply. Alternatively, contact our school office to speak to Mrs Penn.*

*Our baby and toddler group also has a new time slot - 1.30pm-3pm each Wednesday of term time.*

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## Pupil Premium Funding

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*A reminder to all families to check if you are eligible for your child to access pupil premium funding at -<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>*

*If you qualify for this, not only will your child receive free school meals and clothing voucher for uniform, school also gets additional designated funding which we use in the following ways -*

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- *free breakfast club*
  - *free trips and visits during school time*
  - *50% reduction in the cost of residential visits*
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Even if you are not sure if you will qualify, it is worth filling in the form ..... you never know!

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## DIARY DATES

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*1st May - Y3/4 tennis competition at Netherhall*

*6th May - school closed for May Bank holiday*

*7th May - Y1 visit to Stockwood*

*8th May - visits to church*

*9th May - Y2 visit to Stockwood*

*13-16th May - Y6 SATs*

*17th May - Y6 end of SATs treat day*

*17th May - KS1 rugby festival*

*20-22nd May - Y5 residential to York*

*22nd May - cross country competition at Netherhall*

*27-31st May - School closed for May half term*

*3rd June - class photos*

*3rd June - Y6 vaping 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*

*25-28th June - Y6 residential visit to London*

*26th June - Y1/2 Golf at Netherhall*

*1-12th July - Y4 swimming sessions*

*3rd July - 'move up' day*

*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*

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

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

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# The Centre May Family Fun Day

Saturday 4 May  
12pm – 4pm  
The Centre, Ewanrigg

**EVERYTHING  
IS FREE  
ALL WELCOME**

Giant inflatables, stalls, activities,  
refreshments, chance to win prizes and MORE!  
Weather dependent

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