



OCTOBER 2024 MARYPORT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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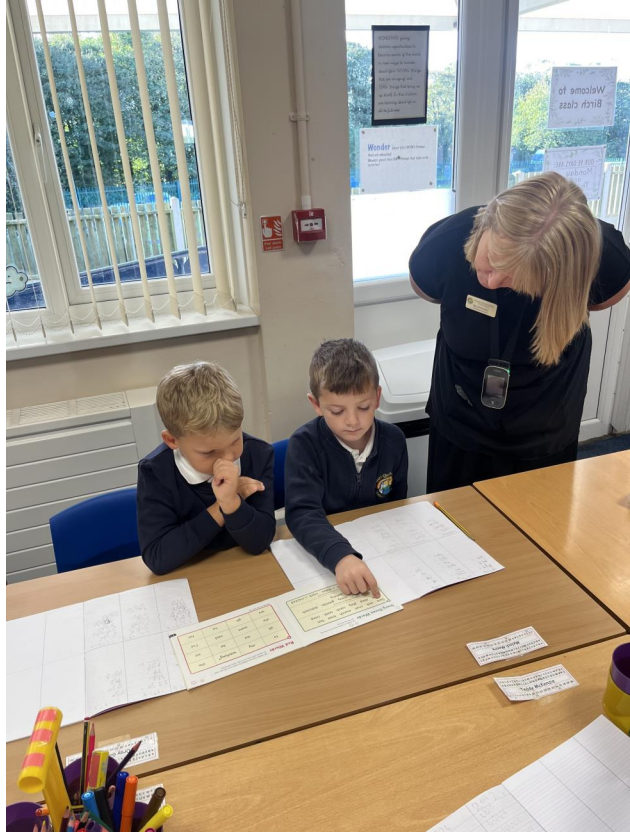
.....and the work and learning around school is amazing!

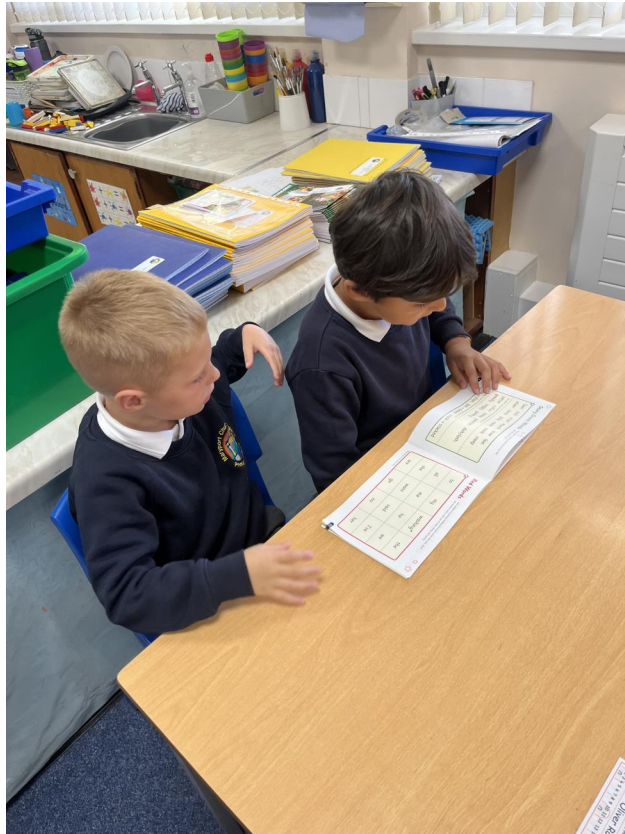
It has been an absolute pleasure to see all of the learning taking place across school. Our Reception children have been astounding everyone with how much they are picking up and progressing with their initial RWI sounds whilst Year 1 and 2 have been impressing with their 'Fred Talk' and ability to blend and read new words.

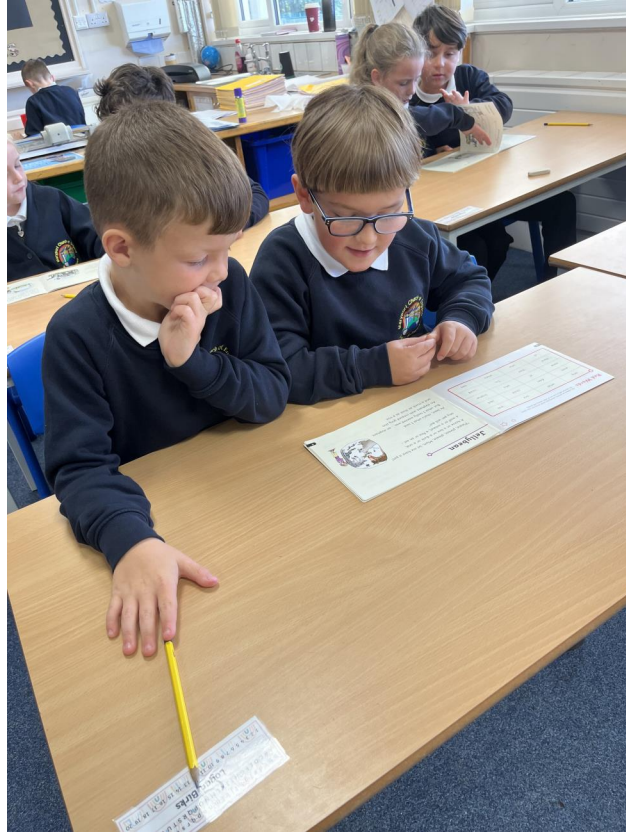
Up in Key Stage 2, everyone is consolidating their place value knowledge in maths and composing fantastic pieces of writing inspired by their class texts.











Attendance

As you may be aware, a new national Attendance Strategy came into effect from 19th August 2024. Cumberland Council have now appointed new attendance officers who will be working closely with schools to identify where pupil attendance can be improved. Where attendance falls below 90%, then this is classed as 'persistent absenteeism' and a case file may be opened.

Holidays in term time have, for a long time now, not been authorised. The new strategy however now makes it very clear that taking a child out of school for a holiday can result in a fixed penalty notice which is payable per parent, per child.



Attendance Matters



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 Consecutive days of Term Time Leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10- week period

Penalty notice fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be :

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

Local Authority DO NOT accept the following as exceptional circumstances:

- My work do not allow me to take holidays during the school summer holiday period, even if they provide a letter
- My child needs a holiday at quieter times due to needs
- Our holiday has been gifted and paid for and did not have a choice of dates
- My child has good or 100% attendance
- I will report my child being poorly - schools are expected to carry out home visits, if a holiday is suspected, school will report to the local authority for a penalty notice fine

Our current attendance is as follows -

Attendance Breakdown Between 04/09/2024 and 27/09/2024

Class	Present
Ash	96.92
Lime	97.84
Maple	95.47
Oak	97.33
Willow	92.04
Juniper	96.33
Birch	96.86
Pine	96.47
Beech	96.63
Whole School	96.05

Behaviour Expectations

Here in school, we pride ourselves on the positive behaviours we see from the vast majority of our children in and around school. Our expectations are simple; in order to be on the 'right path' we need to -

- *Be ready*
 - *Be respectful*
 - *be safe*
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Unfortunately, in the past 2 weeks there have been a very small minority of pupils who have not shown respectful behaviour towards some staff members by being rude, back-chatting and refusing to follow instructions. I wish to make it very clear that this sort of unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated and there will be follow up consequences which may include lunch time suspensions. Parents

will be contacted with the expectation that they support the school in addressing any behaviour of this kind.

Starting Nursery in January 2025

If your child is currently in our Little Acorns 2 year old provision and turning 3 soon, it is important to make sure you submit your application form to secure a place in Nursery. Application forms have been sent out but if you need another copy, please contact the office.

If you know of any other parents who may also wish to secure a place in Nursery at any point next year, please direct them to the office for further details.

Getting ready for the colder, and wetter, weather!

As we move into the colder and wetter Autumn months, it is important to make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear. All children should bring a waterproof coat with them each day, even if it is looking sunny in the morning (we know how quickly the West Cumbrian weather can change).

Part of our OPAL pledge is that the weather will not stop outdoor play and learning. As such, the children will be out whatever the weather at break and lunchtimes. As it gets wetter, children will only be allowed to access the muddy grassed areas if they are wearing the correct clothing so wellies and waterproofs are important. We do have some that children can use but if they have their own, even better.

Remember, please write your child's name in all uniform so it can be returned if lost or mislaid.



Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy on our Board of Governors for a parent representative.

A parent governor role is to represent the parents on a school's governing body, while also acting in the best interests of all children at the school. Parent governors have similar responsibilities to other governors, including:

- Providing a parental perspective: Parent governors bring a parent's point of view to the board, helping to ensure that all governors are aware of parents' views.*
 - Supporting the school: governors support and challenge the school, and ensure that staff have the resources they need to do their jobs well.*
 - Managing complaints and conflicts of interest: governors are responsible for managing complaints and dealing with conflicts of interest.*
 - Developing a vision and strategy: governors help to develop a vision and strategy for the school.*
 - Overseeing financial performance: governors oversee the school's financial performance.*
 - Holding the headteacher accountable: governors hold the headteacher accountable for the school's educational performance.*
 - Engaging with the school community: governors engage with parents, staff, and the wider school community.*
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Parent governors are elected to the board, not appointed, therefore should more than one person be interested in the post, an election will be held.

For further details please see our clerk to the the governors, Mrs Freeland, in the school office or contact her on clerk@maryport.cumbria.sch.uk



Residential visits

Mrs Penn is currently finalising all the details for the 2025 residential visits and full details will be sent home shortly.

Y2 Bassenfell - 3-4th July

Y3 Hawse End - 11-13th June

Y4 Keppleway - 2-4th June

Y5 Manchester - 19-21st May

Y6 London - 10-13th June

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone who supported our sponsored walk. The children really enjoyed getting out and about in the local area.

Please could all sponsor money be sent in by the end of the day on Friday 4th October. Once it is all collected we will let you know the amount raised.

All money raised from our annual sponsored walk goes towards subsidising trips and visits across the year.





Macmillan coffee afternoon

Our Macmillan coffee afternoon raised £185.30 for this fantastic charity. Thank you to everyone who came along or donated cakes.

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CANCER SUPPORT**

Do you need advice from the school nurse?



North Cumbria
Integrated Care
NHS Foundation Trust

E-School Nurse Video Clinic

(by appointment only)



Twice weekly **online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.**

Tuesday and Thursday

You can **telephone** for an appointment **Mon-Fri 8-4pm**

01228 603973

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using MS Teams. The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient, your appointment link will be sent by email on the day of your appointment.

In consultation with you, the nurse will discuss the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic** please visit our website <https://www.ncic.nhs.uk/services/healthy-child-hub-0-19/public-health-five-nineteen/e-school-nurse-video-clinics>



Safe, high quality care **every time**

If your child receives income related free school meals or has an additional need, they will be able to access the HAF programme. See below for details -



Free activities and free food!

What's not to love?!

Click here to find out if you're eligible
for our children and young people's
Holiday and Activity Programme



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Did you know.....

Cumberland Council has a 'Supporting Families Team' who can offer advice and support on a whole range of issues. Don't let things get on top of you or miss out on opportunities, get in touch to see how they can help your family.



Cumberland
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Supporting Families Team

Our DWP Supporting Families Team provides support for local families. We can help to make a brighter future for your family.

We can:

- Check your household income and benefits to ensure you are paid the right money at the right time to support your family budget.
- We can support you through the process to show you how your finances can improve when starting work, when increasing your hours or when changing jobs.
- Support you with budgeting and debt management advice.
- Support you back into the workplace by accessing funding through your local Jobcentre, removing barriers to work such as upfront childcare costs, clothes for interviews, equipment needed for work and initial travel to work costs.
- Support you when you want to start your own business or are self-employed.
- Support you back into the workplace if you have recently lost your job or been made redundant.
- Support you with apprenticeships, traineeships, training, volunteering, work experience placements or want to improve your qualifications.
- Support you if you have a disability and want to get into work using the Government's Access to Work Scheme where appropriate.
- Support you with on-line job searching using jobsites and social media platforms.
- Support you to update your CV and can carry out a skills audit to find out the jobs that best suit your skills.
- Provide you with ongoing in work support.
- Refer you to local service providers and charities for 1-2-1 support depending on your individual needs.
- Provide regular progress updates to Lead Professionals where appropriate.

How you can contact your local Supporting Families Employment Advisers:

Louise Armstrong, Vicky Norwood and Adele Aitken

Email supporting.families@cumberland.gov.uk

We are here to help you and your family

cumberland.gov.uk



Department
for Work &
Pensions

Fun Church

Maryport Fun Church

**Come and join us for our next event on
Sunday 6th October 3 -4.30 pm**

at All Souls Church Hall, Netherton, Maryport

**Creation themed crafts short interactive service
and hot food. No cost, donation only. All welcome!**



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for All**



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For more info

contact Capt Jeff Hill —07388 951503 ;

Jeffrey.Hill@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

DIARY DATES

- *1st October - Y5/6 visit to Beamish*
 - *2nd October – Y3/4 – Primary Business Partnership workshops*
 - *3rd October – Experience Easter sessions at All Soul’s church*
 - *9th October – Wheelchair basketball sessions*
 - *9th October – Y5/6 netball competition*
 - *10th October - Visit from the Foodbank group*
 - *11th October - Rugby session for Y1 & 2*
 - *15th October - Visit from the PCSO*
 - *16th October – Harvest Festival led by Y5/6*
 - *18th October - EYFS Beach visit*
 - *21st October – nasal flu immunisations*
 - *21-22nd October – parent meetings - details to be sent out soon*
 - *22nd October – School photographs*
 - *23rd October - Water workshops for Y1 & 2*
 - *24th October – Halloween Disco for KS2*
 - *25th October - PTA pumpkin parade*
 - *28th October – half term*
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More events will be added as the term progresses.

