



Newsletter

23rd February to 27th March 2026

Upcoming Events

Monday 13th April
School starts at 8:45am

Wed 15th & Thurs 16th April
Parent Afternoon / Evening

Tuesday 28th April
Y6 Career Event

11th - 14th May
Y6 SATS Week

Friday 15th May
Character Curriculum Trips

Friday 22nd May
School Closes for ½ term

Extra Dates - Summer 2

18th & 19th June
Whole School Muncaster Trip

6th - 10th July
KS2 Swimming every afternoon

15th or 16th July
Sports Day

School Summary

It has been a short and hectic half term but there has been much to celebrate!

Our Class 1 pupils have been learning about toys in their History lessons and this culminated in a wonderful trip to the Helena Thompson Museum. The children had fun, engaging and practical sessions handling toys from the Victorian era and compared them to their own toys today. They also had P.E. lessons with Carl from Lowca Rugby Club and thoroughly enjoyed learning a range of new skills and techniques.

In Class 2, the pupils have been learning about food and farming and the impact this has on our environment. They showcased this in an amazing play performance to their parents ... and even made their own music videos to share their knowledge with wider audiences on Facebook!

The pupils in Class 3 have been working hard to understand gravity and air resistance in Science and exploring levers and pulleys in DT. They have completed lots of fun experiments and demonstrated great 'working scientifically' skills with accurate testing and recording of results.

Our Character Curriculum pupil choice topics came to an end this week and the children held an assembly to share what they had been doing with the other groups. The U-Dance troupe showed a recording of their Theatre performance and talked about the life skills they had learned; the Forest School groups showed pictures of the activities they had completed and how they had demonstrated our school values to enable success; and our Entrepreneurial group presented their project from start to finish - including designing names and logos, sending letters for funding, baking treats and running their 'Cuppa & Cookies' stall on the school yard. They started with £5 and turned this into enough to buy each child in school an Easter Egg which was their initial goal!

We also had an inspirational Science Week and a fabulous World Book Day Celebration so we hope the children enjoy their much needed Easter Break and have a well earned rest.

Mrs Walker



Clubs

Our Morning Club provision is available everyday from 8am and our Free 'Healthy' Breakfast Club is available to all pupils from 8:30 to 8:40am! Our After school clubs run on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and all sessions can be booked on School Hub until Summer Holidays. For the Summer Term our Wednesday sessions will be gardening & nature, Thursday will be a variety of sports, led by our C3 Sports Leader Volunteers and Friday will be stories and books.

Safeguarding Update

Our attendance for the year so far has dropped to 95%, which is below the national average and our Local Authority target of 97%. Spring Term Attendance letters will be sent out next week for pupils who have below 90% attendance to invite families in to school so we can support your child in making the most of their learning opportunities.

We would like to remind parents that if they have any concerns over the holidays about the safety of a child, the contact details for the new Cumberland Children Safeguarding Partnership can be found by clicking on this logo. Always call 999 if you believe they may be in immediate danger!



Governor Vacancy Ballot

Parent Governors play a vital role in supporting the school's leadership by contributing to strategic decisions, helping to shape the school's direction, and ensuring the best outcomes for all pupils. They bring a valuable parent perspective to the work of the Governing Body. Following our recent call for nominations, we have received three applications for the available Parent Governor position. As there is only one vacancy, a ballot is now required to allow parents and children to choose their representative. Please find attached below a short statement from each candidate, which will help you make an informed decision.

Candidate B

I would like to become a parent governor because I am deeply passionate about supporting the school in providing a safe, inclusive and high quality education for all children. I believe every child deserves access to the best learning opportunities and experiences possible, within an environment where they feel secure, valued and supported. I am committed to contributing positively to the whole school community and working collaboratively with staff, parents and governors to help the school continue to thrive. I have worked in schools and with young children since the age of 16, which has given me a strong understanding of how educational settings operate on a day to day basis. Through my work, I have gained extensive experience supporting children with special educational needs and understand the importance of inclusive practice. Alongside this, I have worked with a small community trust where I was responsible for creating, reviewing and implementing policies and procedures, including safeguarding and effective communication. I also maintained and updated financial information and records, developing a clear understanding of accountability and governance. I believe these skills combined with my commitment as a parent, would allow me to be a dedicated and effective parent governor to all.

Candidate A

I am passionate about Lowca School and all of its students, 3 of them being my own children. I have the time to offer and support the school, I am currently an active member of the school's PTA and I am keen to help the school in any way for the time my children will be students here. I hold a clean DBS as I am chaperone for West Coast Dance and I am also a member of the fundraising committee, both of which I think would help in my role as parent governor.

Candidate C

I am very interested in joining the board of governors at Lowca Community School as parent governor. My five-year-old is currently in reception and I have a vested interest in the success of the school and the role it plays in our little one's lives and the greater community. I have a bachelors degree in business studies and a masters degree in finance along with an NVQ4 in accountancy and think these would prove to be relevant in understanding how the school is operated. I also have a very good understanding of both SEN and non-SEN students. I feel incredibly fortunate to live in Lowca and have my child go to school here and would like to do my part in making the school a massive success.

Each family is entitled to **one vote**, so please take the time to discuss this together and give children the opportunity to be involved in this process. Voting will close at **4pm on Sunday 12th April** and our community will be updated with the outcome that week. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this important process and for your continued support of the school.

[* Click here to vote for your chosen Candidate ***](#)**





Parents' Afternoon



Following our Spring Term Assessments we would like to share an update on your child's learning and progress. We will be holding parents' evening sessions on Wednesday 15th April and Thursday 16th April 2026 and we strongly encourage attendance during these sessions for all parents (there will not be any separate meetings for children with SEND).

We have listened to parent feedback from the previous event and will be offering; afternoon sessions before children leave school, evening sessions to support working parents and offering two dates to allow families to consider other important commitments, whilst also considering the work-life balance of our staff.

We will be trialing the use of a new online booking system where parents can select a time slot directly with their class teacher and can see when availability is best for them. This can be done by following the link below, selecting the teacher, the date, time slots from the list available and then completing the details section.

[Parent Booking System](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We thank you for your co-operation and support in helping your child reach their full potential :)

Pastoral Support Update



It has been a lovely start to my new pastoral role this term. I have really enjoyed getting to know more of our families and pupils in different ways. We have held several parent drop-in sessions, where parents were able to pop in for an informal chat over coffee and cake. These sessions have been a great opportunity to talk through any worries, share ideas and simply connect. I have also offered 1:1 parent check-in meetings when needed, where we can take more time to discuss specific concerns and work together to support children's wellbeing and SEND needs.

In school, I have been supporting pupils through ELSA sessions, focusing on individual needs such as managing worries, building confidence and developing emotional awareness. Alongside this, I have been running small group sessions to help pupils develop social skills, understand and manage their feelings, and learn positive ways to respond to different situations. Many pupils also benefit from daily check-ins and ongoing wellbeing support, helping them feel listened to, supported and ready to learn each day. It has been wonderful to see pupils growing in confidence and developing strategies to help them both in and out of the classroom.



Don't forget to check out my Parent Padlet which has loads of information on additional free advice services which can help you and your child at home. If you would like to know more about my role or just want to have a chat, please contact the office. Thank you, Miss Henderson xx



Community News

If you know of any events in our community or an activity that our families may be interested in please get in touch with the office and let us know.



Cumberland Council

Make a splash this school holidays!

10p swims for Cumberland Children

cumberland.gov.uk



CUFC CST
Easter Holiday Activities

Locations:

- Carlisle (Football & Gym and Dance)
- Penrith (Football only)
- Maryport (Football only)
- Whitehaven (Football Only)

March 30 - April 10

9am-2pm

For more information and booking [download the Abler app or email Sam.Tickner@carlisleunitedcst.co.uk](https://www.cufc.co.uk) or [Phone 01228 554169](tel:01228554169)

Book via Abler now




Thank you to the PTA for organising our Easter Raffle and to all of the families and members of the Lowca community who donated Easter eggs! The children were very 'eggcited' to eat their prizes and the PTA raised £162 to support pupils and families over the coming months.

Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project

EASTER HAF ACTIVITIES

Date/Time	Activity
Tuesday 31 st March 10am - 4pm	Canoeing/Outdoor Climb (weather dependent)
Thursday 2 nd April 11am - 3pm	Arts & Crafts, Games, Multisport
Tuesday 7 th April 10am - 4pm	Canoeing/Outdoor Climb (weather dependent)
Thursday 9 th April 11am - 3pm	Arts & Crafts, Games, Multisport

Scan QR code to book



Can you help our school? We are looking for volunteers to support or Gardening Club on Wednesday afternoons. If you can spare 1 hour per week please contact the office

