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CUMBERLAND NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM MRS HERBERT

Wow our new Year R and Pre-School children have amazed us with how well they have settled. It feels like they have been at Cumberland for a lot longer than a few days. The children have been enjoying building relationships and exploring the environment. The children in Year R have shown such independence with having their lunch and lots of Alan the Ant - Independent stickers have been given.

Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed the start of their projects-Y1-Wanted and Y2 - I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A huge thank you to all our families as attendance since Wednesday 2nd September 2026 is 97.60%. On Friday, our attendance rose to 99.5%, which deserves a huge shout out to the Cumberland Community. Let's keep working together to improve all children's attendance. In the first few weeks, the children have been reconnecting with each other, and we have been establishing expectations and routines. The children have been reinforcing our Ethos - Together we care, inspire, succeed - and our Learning Values: Wow, Thinking, Independence, Collaboration, Perseverance, and Imagination.

MEET THE TEACHER FOR Y1 AND YEAR 2

As part of our Relational and Restorative approach at Cumberland, **families with children in Year 1 and Year 2 can book a 'Meet the Teacher' appointment through Scopay for the teacher to build relationships with the whole family and get to know you.** It is not a meeting to discuss learning progress, as this is addressed in parent afternoons and evenings in early November.

Monday 21st September 1pm - 3pm Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 22nd September 1pm - 3pm Year 1 Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 23rd September 3.30pm - 7pm Year 1 and Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Please book on Scopay.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 14th September 2026 - Chess Club starts at 12.25-1pm for children who have signed up.
- Monday 14th September - Year R attend school at 8.45am - 3.15pm and can attend Breakfast and After School Club if booked in.
- Wednesday 16th September - Lunchtime Apple Tree planting
- Friday 18th September - Y2 street art local walk in the afternoon.
- Monday 21st September - Mill Farm at Cumberland for Pre-School and Year R
- Monday 21st September - Deadline for Year 2 responsibility applications by 7pm.
- Tuesday 22nd September - Individual school photographs



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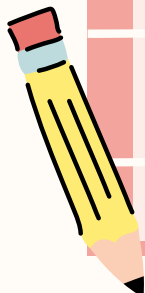
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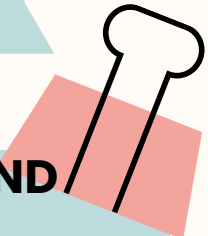
FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER DROP INS FOR ALL CUMBERLAND FAMILIES



Our Family Support Worker will be available between 9.15am - 4.00pm on Tuesday 22nd September and Tuesday 29th September. If you need support for your child, please book an appointment via the microsoft form that was sent out last week.

TAPESTRY

A huge apology to our new Year R families we are working hard to get Tapestry up and running for you and hopefully you will be able to log in by the end of this week. Look out for an email. We will also be sending you a leaflet all about how Cumberland use Tapestry to work in partnership with families.



LITTLE CUMBERLAND PRE-SCHOOL

Last week, we were truly impressed by how well all the children, including the new starters, have adapted back into life at Little Cumberland. The children have been thoroughly enjoying utilising various tools with the play dough and exploring movement in the physical development area.

Help Us Spread the Word

There are still available spots at Little Cumberland, so please share this information with your family and friends. If you have some free time, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in distributing flyers to neighboring houses, local businesses, and even displaying one in your window at home. You can collect the Little Cumberland flyer from the main office.



Who is the Governing Board made up of?

Our Governing Board at Cumberland is made up of a number of co-opted, parent and staff governors, as well as having one local authority governor. Regardless of how they have come to be on the board, the governors here at Cumberland are committed to ensuring we have an inclusive school where strong relationships enable our children to feel safe, happy and nurtured to develop into lifelong learners. Each governor has a "link" role, where they have a responsibility for overseeing a specific area of school life through monitoring progress and activity and reporting back to the main board. Link areas for Cumberland's board include SEND, disadvantaged pupils, training, safeguarding and health and safety.

