

CUMBERLAND NEWSLETTER

July 2026

Mrs Herbert's Message

We cannot believe that another school year is coming to an end. The children are very ready for the next stage of their educational journey. We would like to wish all Year 2 children good luck at their new schools, and to all families who will be leaving us, we wish you all the best. Please do come back and visit us.

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed all the sports last week. They were certainly inspired, especially by circus skills and rugby. A big shout-out to all parents who provided some sports coaching; it was greatly appreciated.

Please keep reading daily and working on number facts to 5, 10, and 20 with your child/children. Have a wonderful summer, enjoy your adventures, and stay safe.

Summer Fayre

We would like to thank the Cumberland community for the huge success of our annual fantastic summer fayre. We are very pleased to announce that we raised an amazing £4099. Our sensory area in our Pod is nearly finished and will be ready to use in September 2026.

Our upgraded website will be launched this week. Please do have a look over the summer holidays.

Help Little Cumberland

At this time of year, Little Cumberland has to say goodbye to many children as they start their journey to Year R. We were wondering if any members of our Cumberland Community could assist by adding Little Cumberland flyers to their windows, doing a local letterbox drop, or asking local businesses to add them to their notice boards. Please pick up flyers from just inside the main office. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events

- Monday 20th July - 1:30pm - 3:15pm - Whole School Disco, please bring disco clothes in a named bag
- Tuesday 21st July - Y2 Leavers assembly 2pm - parents welcome - No siblings
- Wednesday 22nd July - 10am - Pre-school picnic
- Wednesday 22nd July - Y2 Leavers picnic - parents join us with food, drinks, blankets or chairs to relax and say goodbye on the field - No siblings. Remember to bring a sharpie pen to sign polo shirts. Ice Cream van from 2pm.
- Wednesday 22nd July - YR and Y1 goodbye celebrations - school uniform as normal
- Tuesday 1st September 2026 - INSET Day - no children to attend school or pre-school
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Return to school and pre-school
- Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 4th September YR home visits

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud to share some exciting news with you.

Cumberland Infant School and Craneswater Junior School have been named Primary School of the Year at the Edufuturists Uprising 2026 Awards.

The Edufuturists are a nationally and internationally recognised organisation that brings together educators, school leaders and innovators who are shaping the future of education. Through their podcasts, events, research and annual awards, they celebrate schools that are leading the way in innovation, inclusion and excellence. Receiving the Primary School of the Year award is a significant national achievement and recognises the impact of our work far beyond Portsmouth.

Our schools were nominated through the “Portsmouth: The Digital City” project, and project lead Gemma Gwilliam shared the following words about why we received this award:

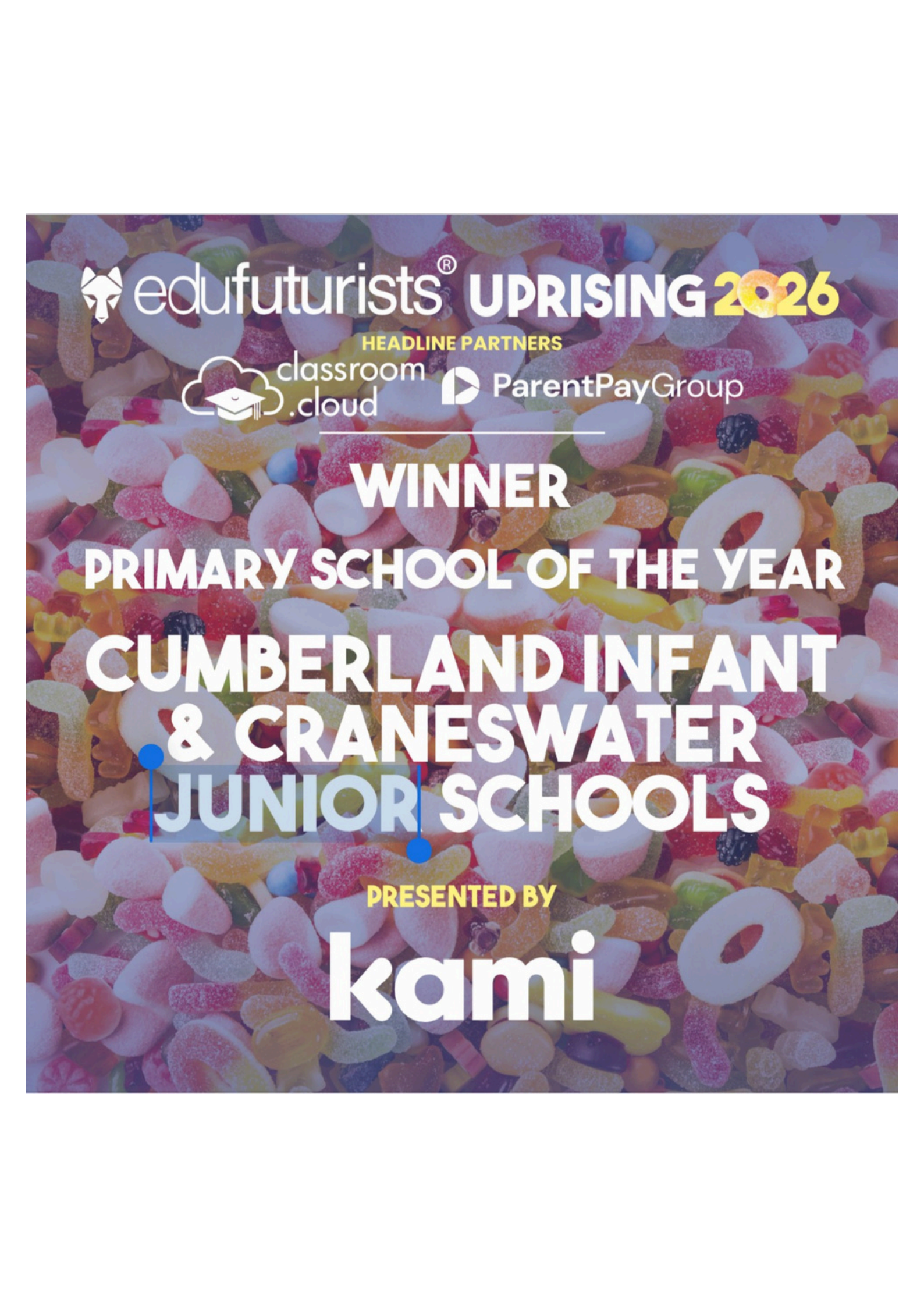
"This recognition is a direct reflection of your hard work, passion and commitment. Every one of you contributes to the culture of innovation, inclusion, and care that makes both schools stand out: not just in Portsmouth, but nationally.

Your work in the “Portsmouth: The Digital City” Project has transformed teaching and learning from EYFS to Year 6. From embedding digital tools thoughtfully, to reducing workload, to building leadership in both staff and pupils, to championing accessibility for our SEND learners, you have truly gone above and beyond.

Your collaboration, your willingness to try new things and your shared belief in doing the very best for every child is why you've been recognised."

This award belongs to our entire school community. It reflects the dedication and expertise of our staff, the enthusiasm and achievements of our pupils and the continued support of our families.

We are honoured to have our work recognised on a national stage and remain committed to providing the very best education and opportunities for every child.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

**CUMBERLAND INFANT
& CRANESWATER
JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

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KIDS NETBALL CLUB



Cumberland Infant School

Starting on...

Wednesday 9th September

3.15-4pm indoors

£24 per child (6 weeks)

- ✓ **For boys and girls (Year 1 & 2 only)**
- ✓ **Fun, safe, and active environment**
- ✓ **Builds confidence and social skills**
- ✓ **Encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship**



BOOKINGS | southsea.netball.league@outlook.com

CUMBERLAND DANCE CLUB

Mondays 3.15 pm – 4 pm

6 sessions £33
Starts 07/09/2026



Contact;
emmaglowmethod@yahoo.com

Yoga Club

At Cumberland School

Starts 8th of September!!!!

**Tuesday
Lunch times
6 weeks £24**



Contact emmaglowmethod@yahoo.com

Squirrels group



4-5:15pm



Tuesdays



Church of Holy Spirit



Email

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**Boys and Girls
in Year R & 1**

**Starting
September 2026**

