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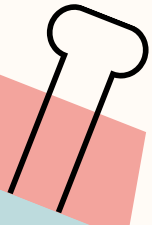


SEPTEMBER 2026



MESSAGE FROM MRS HERBERT

Wow what an amazing start to another year at Cumberland! The children in Year 1 and Year 2 looked so smart in their uniform and new school shoes! It was lovely to start the term with a check in to share all their summer highlights. We really can see the impact our strong relationships, transition process and oracy has had on all the children settling happily into their new classes. We would like to welcome our new families in Year R and Pre-School this week to the Cumberland community.



WEARING P.E KITS TO SCHOOL

When your child comes to school in their P.E. kit, they should wear their red school cardigan or jumper. Please make sure their hair is tied back and they do not wear earrings or any other jewellery.

Cumberland P.E Kit is a red T-Shirt and black shorts or leggings/jogging bottoms, socks and trainers of any colour or black plimsolls.

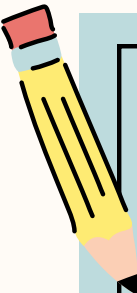
P.E Days this half term (these may change each half term)

Year R - Harbour Seals- Tuesday

Year R - Moon Jellyfish - Friday

Year 1 - Cuttlefish and Sunstars -Tuesday and Wednesday

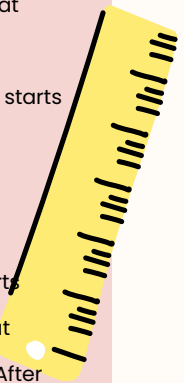
Year 2 - Spotted Rays and Thresher Sharks - Monday and Thursday



ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Cumberland have always prided themselves on having high attendance for all. Attendance really does count and matter, the more children attend the stronger the relationships they form, ensuring good progress from their starting points, less gaps in their learning and increased opportunities to be inspired by all they have experienced throughout the year. Let's work together to improve attendance at Cumberland further.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 7th September 2026 - Dance and Mini Athletics after school starts
 - Tuesday 8th September - Friday 11th September 2026 - Year R children start school at 9.15am and finish at 2.45pm
 - Wednesday 9th September - Netball after school starts
 - Thursday 10th September at 1.30pm - Year 2 to Southsea Seafront to sketch the pier
 - Thursday 10th September - Girls Football starts
 - Monday 14th September at 5pm Karate Club starts
 - Monday 14th September - Year R attend school at 8.45am - 3.15pm and can attend Breakfast and After School Club if booked in
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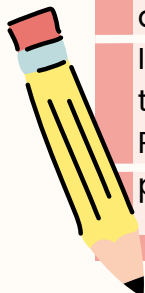
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LITTLE CUMBERLAND PRE-SCHOOL

Last week Pre-School had a wonderful three days back exploring inside and outside even in the rainy downpours!

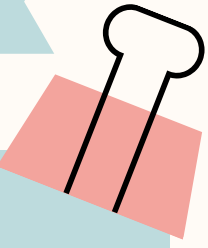
They have enjoyed being back together and playing with each other. Pre-School has started and will continue to learn 'All About Me'— who we are and what we can do. In addition, we are talking about their families.



It really helps to look at photographs of the children to encourage them to talk. Please can you upload a family photograph onto Tapestry.

TAPESTRY

We record what your child has succeeded at during the day at Little Cumberland and throughout the school, especially in Year R. Please remember to log into your Tapestry account regularly for updates and check out the observation and memo sections. You can upload photographs and information about what your child/children have succeeded at home too.



LITTLE CUMBERLAND REMINDERS

What your child/children need at Little Cumberland Pre-School.

Every session please ensure your child has the following:

- Waterproof coat regardless of the weather
- Spare clothes to include a top, bottoms, pants, and socks (two sets if here all day)
- Named water bottle
- Named bottle of suncream and a named sun hat due to unpredictable weather
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To keep in Pre-School

- Named wellies to keep on site

Remember to dress your child/children in:

- Appropriate shoes — no shoelaces please
 - Clothes you do not mind your child getting messy and dirty in, as we love messy play
 - No jewellery
 - No toys, as we have lots of toys to play with
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What is the purpose of School Governors?

The Board of Governors at Cumberland are here to support Mrs Herbert and staff to ensure that they are working towards the school's vision, ethos and the strategic direction we have collectively set. We work closely with Mrs Herbert to ensure she is undertaking her responsibilities for the educational performance of Cumberland and we have oversight of the school's financial resources, ensuring proper and effective use to support all children. Over the next few newsletters, we will share further insights about the board. If you have any questions, please contact the Chair of Governors, Jenny Watkins, email:

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