

# CUMBERLAND NEWSLETTER

September 2026

## Message from Mrs Herbert

Last Monday, Year R eagerly engaged in their new project with Mill Farm on our field. It was lovely to watch the children feed, pet, and groom a variety of farm animals. Year 1 impressed me with their Goldilocks and the Three Bears puppets, thoroughly enjoying the creative process. Year 2 amazed me with their seaside poems inspired by the senses; a special shout-out to Jackson for his captivating verbal poem! We have so many budding artists, as evidenced by their remarkable pier sketches.

Meanwhile, Pre-School has been having fun with playdough, squishing, squeezing, and rolling to create caterpillars and cakes.

## Attendance

### 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

**In our Celebration assembly on Fridays, we celebrate the class with the highest attendance for the week. They get awarded the FA (Fantastic Attendance) Cup. A huge congratulations to Moon Jellyfish - Year R class for winning the FA last week. Please check our website for our weekly attendance results.**

**<https://www.cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk/information-for-parents/attendance>**

## Reminders

- All children at Cumberland are provided with a free snack which they eat during storytime each day. Children do not need to bring their own snack.
- Children should bring a named water bottle with only water in it every Monday. It will be returned home on a Friday.
- On your child/children's P.E. day, please tie their hair up and remove their earrings.

## Upcoming Events

- Monday 28th September at 2pm - School Library Service to work with our new Year 2 Librarians
- Tuesday 29th September - Family Support Worker drop ins - 9.15am - 4pm
- **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 5.30pm**  
**Year R phonics information evening**
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Try a Dinner Day**
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9am - Cumberland's Harvest food collection
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Nasal Flu for children
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - 2pm Year R storytime with Mrs Herbert and Miss Palmer

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## Cumberland Governors

The Board of Governors here at Cumberland play a vital role related to the school's finances. We agree and set priorities, approve and monitor the annual budget and evaluate the effectiveness of spending decisions. The board also has a formal responsibility for making sure pupil premium information is published online - this refers to extra government funding given to state-funded schools in England, with the aim of improving educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils, including those eligible for free school meals, looked-after children, and children from service families. You can find out more: [Pupil Premium](#) | [Cumberland Infant School & Little Cumberland Pre-School](#)

## Underwear Plea

If you have any spare or unwanted children's underwear at home, please can you donate it to school. Thank you.

## Cumberland's Ethos

At Cumberland, the whole community embeds our ethos Together We Care Inspire Succeed. Throughout the children's school day, staff will award children who they see caring, inspiring, and succeeding with a pom-pom. The children place their pom-poms in a class jar. In Celebration Assembly on Fridays, which Year R attended for the first time last week, the class with the most pom-poms will be awarded the Ethos Teddy Bear, which they keep in their classroom for the following week. Congratulations to Cuttlefish - Year One class, who won it last Friday. We have been encouraging the children to show gratitude by saying please and thank you, waiting to speak, and saying excuse me if people are blocking their way and holding doors for others.

## Naming all your children's belongings

Even though we may only be a few weeks into the Autumn term, we are already collecting lost and unnamed items. Please check all your children's belongings are named and remain named. When items are named, they will be returned to their owners. If your child has already lost an item, please check the lost property box, which is always in the playground. Each class has a jumper box too, which is filling up. These will be out with staff this week.