



Victoria School

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Newsletter Summer Term 2026

08/05/2026

We have had an enjoyable week in school over the four days.

The year two pupils enjoyed their residential and had a great time trying a range of new activities. Thank you for putting your trust in us to take care for your child overnight. I would like to thank Mr Robertson for organising the residential and to the staff who supported- Mrs Collins, Mr Campbell, Miss Taylor and Miss Watson.

The other year two pupils had a great time at Keswick on their trip. They all enjoyed the field trip around the park and playing a range of traditional games. Thankfully the weather was good so it made the whole experience more enjoyable. Thank you to Miss Mossop for organising this and to Miss Speakes and Miss Barlow for supporting the trip.

Today we had the fire service delivering an assembly on water safety. The pupils learned about the dangers of water and how to keep safe. Thank you to the fire service, who have been in school over the last few weeks informing the pupils about their job and showing their fire engine and equipment.

The early years have enjoyed their bike sessions with pro ride and cycling specialist coach Phil Bateman. They have taken part in bike lessons and obstacle courses. They had so much fun while learning new skills. Thank you to Phil for his three-day visit.

Choir

This morning the Choir attended the Whitehaven Musical Festival. The choir were awarded with two trophies; one for the Infant Hymn singing under 8 years and one for Infant choirs under 8 years.

Well-done to everyone, we are so proud of you!



Staffing update

At the end of this half term Miss Park in Helvellyn will begin her maternity leave. Miss Barlow will be the class teacher in Helvellyn until the end of the school year. Miss Barlow will be working each Friday in school so she is familiar with the class and pupils.

Summer uniform

The summer uniform policy applies for this term where smart black shorts can be worn, there will be no summer dresses allowed as the pupils can wear their skirts and polo shirt. If in the event that the weather is very hot, we change the pupils into their PE kits and will inform nursery parents/carers that the pupils can wear shorts and t-shirts.



Parking

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ISLAY PLACE.

On Wednesday when we have had a number of afterschool clubs Islay place has been getting very congested to the point where we are concerned about the safety of our pupils and parents/carers. There is not enough space to turn and when cars are parked on both sides it makes it difficult to see when crossing.

Pupil Achievements

At the weekend, Jasper and his football team Workington Juniors Reds U7s, travelled down to Barrow to compete in the Holker Old boys football tournament. Jasper and his team were brilliant and managed to win the cup! Jasper was very happy, he scored 8 goals all together including the 2 winning goals in the final. Another trophy and medal for his collection.



We would also like to hear about and share on our newsletter any pupil who is proud of something they have achieved outside of school. We will put this into our newsletter each week. Please send the details to the admin.

Little reminder if you need to contact the Headteacher please ring the office for an appointment or send an email and Mrs Hepburn-Fish will be happy to help.

National Numeracy Day - 20th May 2026

Parents/Carers are invited into school to take part in a fun and engaging maths lesson with their child/ren.

During this session, you will gain an insight into how your child learns maths at school. This is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions in regards to your child's maths learning here at Victoria Infant and Nursery School and look our amazing maths learning the children have completed throughout the year.

Please enter using the usual door that you would drop your child off at.

The event will take place between 2-3pm. If your child attends morning nursery there will be an additional session between 9:30-10:30am.

We look forward to welcoming you into school!





Cumberland Council, in partnership with local NHS services, are pleased to announce the launch of a new Neurodiversity and Emotional Wellbeing Service. The service is being piloted for an initial 12 months in the Cumberland area from November 2025, and has been developed with the support of SENDAC, the statutory parent/ carer forum for Cumbria.

The service will focus on early intervention and prevention, offering support at soon as needs are noticed. It will provide support, advice and guidance to families with children who have needs related to neurodivergence or emotional wellbeing.

This includes children from 0-19, or young people up to aged 25 who have a diagnosed special educational need or disability. The Service team is made up of two Social Prescribers, five Support Workers, a Health & Wellbeing Coach, three Emotional Resilience Nurses, a Clinical Psychologist, and an Assistant Psychologist who can provide clinical support and guidance when needed.

The service has:

A Neurodiversity and Emotional Wellbeing section on the Cumberland Family Hubs website which has information, advice, and strategies to support families if they feel they need it.

A single point of contact for parents, carers, young people, and professionals to contact the service to receive further advice and support.

A new strength and needs assessment that can be completed with families to understand each child or young person and plan the right support.

You can find out more on the service webpages, hosted on the Cumberland Family Hubs website: <https://cumberlandfamilyhubs.org.uk/neurodiversity-and...>

Or email the team at NDandEW@cumberland.gov.uk

Pupil Premium Grant

The pupil premium is **additional** government funding for pupils who are eligible and have applied for Free School Meals (FSM) or at any time in the previous six years, as well as Children Looked After (CLA), adopted children (Ad) and for service families. The funding goes direct to your school and makes a real difference to the opportunities and support available to all our young people

Free School Meals

All reception, year one and year two pupil receive universal meals but some parents/carers are eligible for free school meals. Please apply now and this will entitle you to food vouchers during the school holidays and additional foodbank vouchers for Christmas. Please apply through Cumberland Council <https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-clothing-vouchers-and-activities/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>



Behaviour update

The whole school have been working on updating our school rules. The student leaders held an assembly and shared the final ones with the whole school. You can watch the attached video to hear our school rules

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1PpusEwC8M/>



Health and safety reminders

All pupils must be brought to their entrance to their class by an adult so that they are handed over to the staff safely. Pupils must not be left at the gates or parts of the playground to walk to the class by themselves. Pupils can only be collected by one of the named adult contacts who has permission to collect. If for some reason your child will not be collected by a named contact please contact the school office so we can ensure that we are handing your child to the correct adult at the end of the day.

No dogs can be brought onto the school premises other than guide dogs.

No smoking, vaping or e cigarettes are permitted on school premises.

The main staff car park cannot be used at any time this includes dropping off for breakfast club or collecting for afterschool club.

Afterschool we request that parents/carers leave the school after collecting your child and not play on the equipment. We have a number of afterschool clubs running and we need access to the playground and the gates locked so the pupils can begin their club. Thank you



A little reminder that we ask for a coat to be worn. The pupils are outside for playtimes and outdoor learning is a key part to our younger pupils.

Fire Station Open Day
Workington

Join us for a **FREE** day of family fun with our firefighters — no need to book, just turn up!

Saturday 23 May 2026
10am-3pm

Moorclose Road
Workington
CA14 5BF

Live demos | See specialist vehicles | Meet emergency services

Food and ice cream | Raffle and games | Raising money for **The Fire Fighters Charity**

**BRAND NEW
NAME**

The Safeguarding Hub has changed their name to Cumberland Children Advice &

Support Service

As of 1 September 2025, the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub changed their name to **Cumberland Children Advice & Support Service (CCASS)**.

This change of name is to support the 'one front door' model, so any children requiring support from the Local Authority, whether this be extra help via the Family Hubs, or a safeguarding response, will have their needs assessed through the screening and triage services CCASS offer, this will ensure the right level of service at the right time for children.

Consultation on the new name has been undertaken with children from across Cumberland, through the Participation and Outreach Team. We are proud to hear their views and have adopted their preferred name.

How can a member of the public make a referral?

If a member of the public is concerned about a child, they can make a referral to CCASS. They can do this in a number of ways:

- **Call the Cumberland Children Advice & Support Service** on 0333 240 1727 during office hours (Monday to Thursday, 9am – 5pm, and Friday, 9am – 4.30pm).
- Discuss their concerns with someone who works with children, young people and their families, such as a Health Visitor, Social Worker, School Nurse or School Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- **Submit a Single Contact Form**, selecting 'I am an adult with concerns about a child'.
 - [Cumberland Single Contact Form](#)

If members of the public have a concern outside of office hours, which will not wait until the next working day, they should contact the Children's Emergency Duty Team on **0333 240 1727** and provide them with as much information as possible.

Lunch Time Menu

Our Lunch time menu is on a two-week rolling rota. Each week we will put a copy of the following weeks menu on the bottom of the newsletter. Please note this can be subject to change depending on supplier's availability.

Earrings

Earrings that have just been newly pierced must be covered each day. After 8 weeks the earrings need to be removed. We have a number of pupils who are wearing hoops/fashion earrings and covering these over. These must be removed. Thank you.

Baby Rainbows

Baby Rainbows runs every Thursday at 1:30pm – 3:00pm for under Two-year olds. Come and join us for a cake and a cuppa with other parents/carers



Well-being

Looking for ways to support your own and your family's wellbeing?

Please take a moment to explore our school Wellbeing Information Resource-it signposts

you to useful contacts, and resources that are available to help!

More information and resources are available on the school and Cumberland Council Websites.

<https://www.victoriaschool.org.uk/school>

[Homepage | Cumberland Family Hubs](#)

[Wellbeing support and resources | Cumberland Council](#)

We offer an open-door policy at Victoria School. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further support or guidance.



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Life has its ups and downs, and sometimes, a little support can make all the difference.

- YOUNG MINDS** You are not alone we are here to help. www.youngminds.org.uk
- NSPCC** Call if you need help on 0808 800 5000. www.nspcc.org.uk
- Every life matters** Action against suicide in Cumbria. www.every-life-matters.org.uk
- kooth** Get free, safe, anonymous support. www.kooth.com
- Child Bereavement UK** Get advice on coping with bereavement. www.childbereavementuk.org.uk
- Cumbria Family Support** Our charity offers support for children and families who are experiencing stress or difficulties. www.cumbriafamilysupport.org.uk

Self Esteem

Low Mood

Bullying

Behaviour

Toileting

Sleep



Virtual Clinics for children aged 5-11 Years

NHS
Harrogate and District
NHS Foundation Trust

Emotional Health & Resilience Clinic

Ring or email to book a consultation on
0300 304 9029
hdft.spoc0-
19cumberland@nhs.net

School Nurse Clinic

We can help your child feel heard, build resilience, and grow with confidence if they are struggling emotionally.



We're here to help with any concerns about your child's sleep, toileting, diet, or development—supporting them to grow feeling comfortable, confident, and happy.



Anger

Anxiety

Worry

Diet

Development

SEND Drop-in sessions



SEND drop in sessions
The last Friday in the month

Mrs Humble and Mrs Collins will be hosting SENCO drop in sessions on the last Friday of the month. Cup of tea, Biscuit and a very warm welcome.

Are you and your child on a SEND journey?
Are you overwhelmed with new jargon?
Do you need guidance on where to go for help?

For any SEND related issues or questions we will aim to help, signpost you to the right resources and support you with any referral processes you are unaware of.

9.am-10.00 am Located in after school club.

Week One Menu

Choice	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main One	Margherita Pizza Or Pepperoni Pizza	Bolognaise	Roast Turkey Joint	Turkey Burger	Fish Cakes
Main Two	Fish Fingers	Homemade cheese pie Or Handmade sausage roll	Beef Grill	Chicken breast in gravy	Chicken mini fillets
Main Three	Cheese Ham Or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Ham Or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Ham Or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Ham Or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Ham Or Tuna Sandwich
Sides & Vegetables	Smilie Faces, Rice AND Baked Beans, Garden Peas	Mash potato, Spaghetti AND Green Beans, Sweetcorn	Mash Potato, Roast Potato AND Carrots, Garden Peas Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy	Oven Chips, Pasta Spirals AND Cauliflower, Garden Peas	Mash Potato, Oven Chips AND Sweetcorn, Spaghetti hoops
Salad Bar	Lettuce, Cherry Tomatoes, Boiled Egg, Cucumber, Peppers, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Carrot Batons, Pasta Salad, Red Onion, Grated Cheese, Fresh bread	Lettuce, Cherry Tomatoes, Boiled Egg, Cucumber, Peppers, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Carrot Batons, Pasta Salad, Red Onion, Grated Cheese, Garlic bread	Lettuce, Cherry Tomatoes, Boiled Egg, Cucumber, Peppers, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Carrot Batons, Pasta Salad, Red Onion, Grated Cheese, Fresh bread	Lettuce, Cherry Tomatoes, Boiled Egg, Cucumber, Peppers, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Carrot Batons, Pasta Salad, Red Onion, Grated Cheese, Fresh bread	Lettuce, Cherry Tomatoes, Boiled Egg, Cucumber, Peppers, Beetroot, Coleslaw, Carrot Batons, Pasta Salad, Red Onion, Grated Cheese, Fresh bread
Dessert	Iced sponge Or Carrot cake	Shortbread Or Chocolate crunch, Served with Custard	Rice pudding, Peaches Or Chocolate chip cookie	Ginger bread Or Crispy cake, Served with Custard	Ice-cream Or Jelly
Daily Options	Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

*Items are subject to change. *Dietary options are available each day.



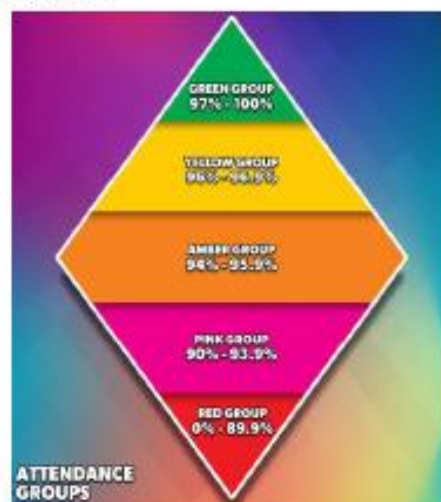
Whole School Attendance Week Ending 08/05/2026

School Attendance Matters (SAM)

Class	Last Week	This Week	Trend
Rainbow Nursery	68.8%	61.7%	▼
Piglet AM	96.5%	92.9%	▼
Piglet PM	87.5%	90.0%	▲
Eeyore	100.0%	96.9%	▼
Tigger	94.9%	89.6%	▼
Roos	84.4%	92.5%	▲
Blencathra	88.0%	86.8%	▼
Great Gable	93.8%	92.6%	▼
Helvellyn	94.1%	95.0%	▲
Catbells	92.4%	91.3%	▼
Red Pike	92.5%	95.7%	▲
Scafell Pike	98.3%	100.0%	▲
Skiddaw	100.0%	93.1%	▼
Rainbow Room	80.6%	82.2%	▲
Whole School	92.40%	91.40%	▼

Our attendance target is 96%

If your child has had 100% attendance this week then they will receive a prize draw ticket for the end of term draw. The more weeks they have 100% attendance the more chances they have to win.



Victoria School Nursery, Infant and Junior Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Starts: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Half Term: Friday 22nd May - Friday 29th May 2026

Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

Good Friday: 3rd April

Easter Sunday: 5th April

Easter Monday: 6th April

May bank holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

INSET are determined locally

Please note these may differ from Cumbria County Council term dates

Victoria School Nursery, Infant and Junior Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Starts: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026

Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027

Ends: Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Starts: Monday 12th April 2027

Half Term: Friday 28th May - Friday 4th June 2027

Ends: Friday 16th July 2027

Good Friday: 26th March

Easter Sunday: 28th March

Easter Monday: 29th March

May bank holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

INSET are determined locally

Please note these may differ from Cumberland Council term dates

Victoria School Nursery, Infant and Junior Term Dates 2027/2028

Autumn Term 2027

Starts: Monday 6th September 2027

Half Term: Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2027

Ends: Friday 17th December 2027

Spring Term 2028

Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2028

Half Term: Monday 14th - Friday 18th February 2028

Ends: Friday 31st March 2028

Summer Term 2028

Starts: Monday 18th April 2028

Half Term: Friday 26th May - Friday 2nd June 2028

Ends: Thursday 20th July 2028

Good Friday: 14th April

Easter Sunday: 16th April

Easter Monday: 17th April

May bank holiday: Monday 1st May 2028

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028

INSET are determined locally

Please note these may differ from Cumberland Council term dates

Victoria School Nursery, Infant and Junior Term Dates 2028/2029

Autumn Term 2028

Starts: Wednesday 6th September 2028

Half Term: Monday 30th - Friday 3rd Nov 2028

Ends: Wednesday 20th December 2028

Spring Term 2029

Starts: Wednesday 3rd January 2029

Half Term: Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February 2029

Ends: Thursday 29th March 2029

Summer Term 2029

Starts: Tuesday 17th April 2029

Half Term: Friday 27th May - Friday 1st June 2029

Ends: Friday 20th July 2029

Good Friday: 30th March

Easter Sunday: 1st April

Easter Monday: 2nd April

May bank holiday: Monday 7th May 2029

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2028-2029

INSET are determined locally

Please note these may differ from Cumberland Council term dates

Dairy Dates

Summer term 2026 Victoria School, Infants and Nursery

Please check weekly as they can be updated and dates may change.

Monday 11 th May	Assessment week.	
Monday 11 th May	Gardening Club until 4pm.	
Monday 11 th May	Maths number ninja's until 4pm.	
Tuesday 12 th May		
Wednesday 13 th May	PCSO assembly – Anti-bullying.	
Wednesday 13 th May	Phonics afterschool club 3:45pm.	
Thursday 14 th May	Baby Rainbows at 1:30pm.	
Friday 15 th May	Tempest – Class photos and family photos.	Family photo's from 8am, enter via year two entrance.
Monday 18 th May	Gardening Club until 4pm.	
Monday 18 th May	Maths number ninja's until 4pm.	
Tuesday 19 th May		
Wednesday 20 th May	National numeracy day – Parents open afternoon 2pm-3pm.	
Thursday 21 st May	School breaks up at normal time for May half-term.	
Friday 22 nd May	School closed for May half-term.	
	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY HALF-TERM FRIDAY 22 ND MAY – FRIDAY 29 TH MAY	
Monday 1 st June	School returns at 8:45am.	
Monday 1 st June	Year Two Victoria Junior School packs are due in.	

Children's Speech and Language Therapy Advice Service

I am **wondering about** a child's...

Communication
Talking
Understanding
Pronunciation
Stammer
Voice
Swallowing



Ask a Speech and Language Therapist



Advice Line open
Monday 1- 4pm
Thursday 8:30 – 11:30



Cumbria Children's Speech
and Language Therapy
[@CumbriaCommunicates](#)



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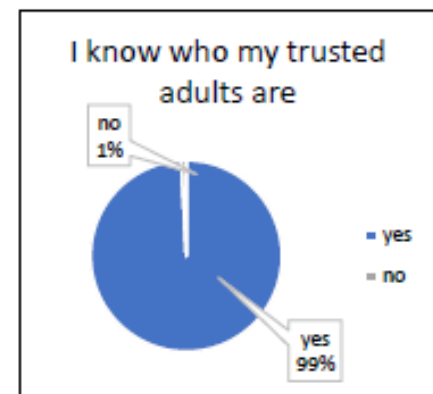
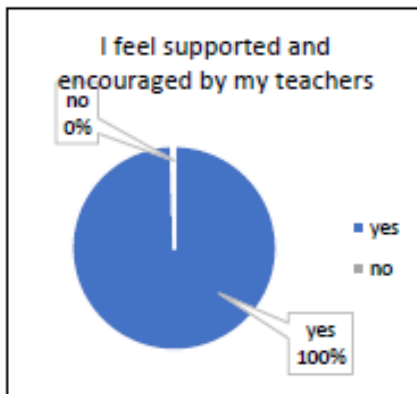
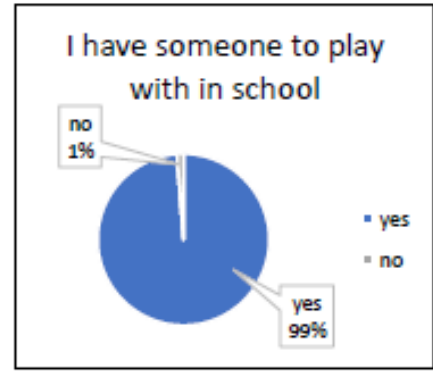
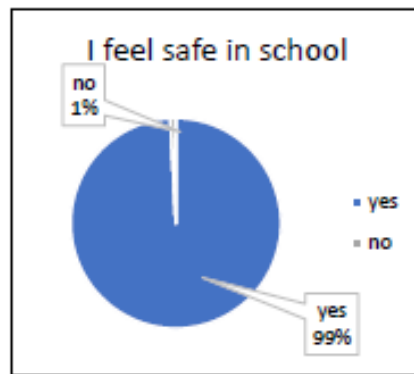
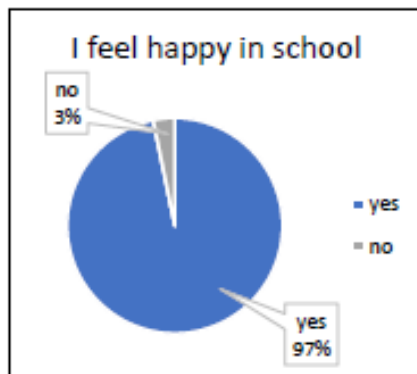
CumbriaCommunicates@ncic.nhs.uk

Anyone can contact us to ask questions and get advice about a child's communication. We can take referrals over the advice line if needed.

[happierhealthiercommunities.](#)



Victoria Infant and Nursery School Pupil Voice Survey Results – Summer Term



Great Teaching Toolkit Feedback:

Do you like the new class rules? Would you change anything?

- “They are so important”
- “We have them to keep you safe”
- “We follow them”
- “We should add no fighting”
- “We should follow the rules in every lesson”
- “Sometimes our friends need reminded”
- “We all try to follow them”
- “They help us know how to be good at school”
- “We should be looking after each other”
- “People are not going onto red or yellow behaviour board”

What do you get if you do something good or kind?

- “Dojo points”
- “We go to Mrs Hepburn-Fish”
- “Stickers” “We like smelly stickers”
- “Special pencils”
- “Headteacher awards”
- “Certificates”
- “You can be a student leader”
- “Top table award”
- “Chosen to be VIP”
- “We go to different classes”
- “Green on our work”



What we like about the school



- "Adventures outside of school"
- "The computers and Ipads"
- "The stories and books"
- "Taking the mascot home"
- "The teachers are kind and caring"
- "Being with my friends"
- "Learning new things"
- "Dance in the hall"
- "Playing outside with the games"
- "Gardening"
- "Going to the gym"
- "Playing on the climbing frame"
- "Colouring"
- "Playing in the home corner"
- "Going to yoga"
- "Going on bikes and scooters"
- "Teachers are happy"
- "When we get extra play time"
- "PE with Reece and Stuart"
- "We learn a lot"
- "Handwriting"
- "We spread kindness"



What could improve the school

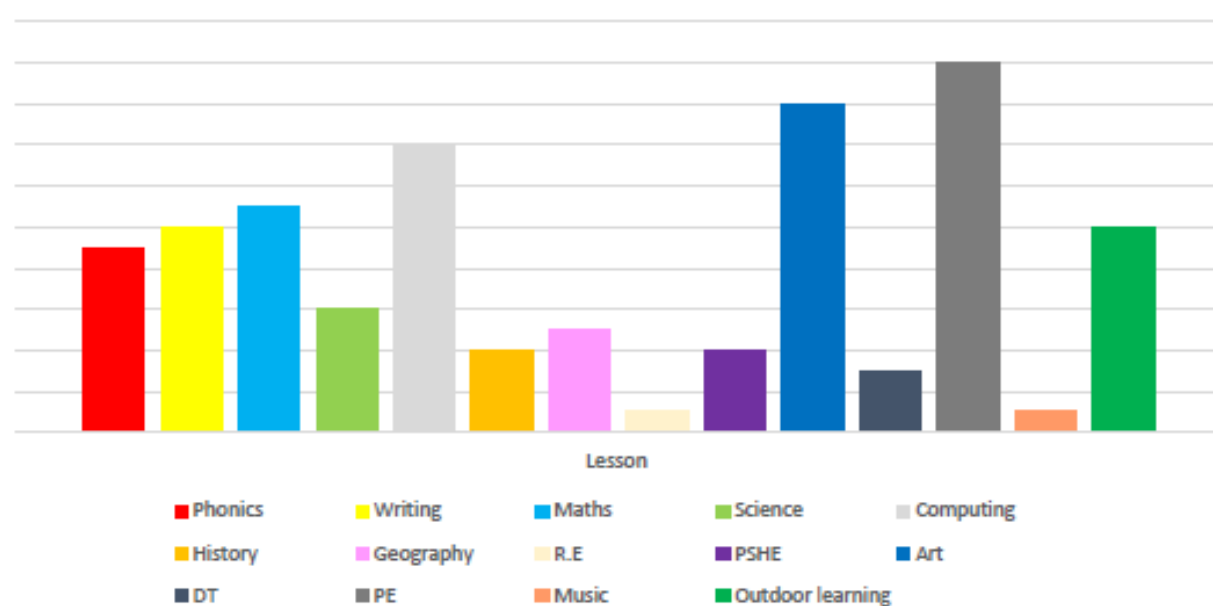


- "A bigger playground"
- "A new playground"
- "Going onto the field all the time"
- "Have a class pet"
- "Dinosaur toys"
- "School tortoise"
- "A school dog"
- "More toilets"
- "Water fights"
- "More days we can break the rules"
- "More monkey bars"
- "Animals in school"
- "More disco's"
- "More lego blocks"
- "New food on the menu"
- "More flowers"
- "Have a class fish"
- "Swings on the playground"
- "A gym at school"
- "Go on more trips"
- "We have our water bottles from home"
- "If we had a bouncy castle"

How does school make you feel?

happy	calm	good	jolly
excited		safe	great
joyful	positive	proud	respectful

What is your favourite lesson in school?



Conclusions and targets:

Conclusions:

- Nearly all of our pupils are happy in school. feel safe in school, have someone to play with in school and can name their trusted adults.
- Our pupils have a positive relationship with their teachers and they feel encouraged and supported by them.
- Pupils understand our new 'class rules' and understand why we have them.
- Pupils can identify different ways they get praised for doing something positive.
- Pupils enjoy being rewarded and enjoy the motivation to see Mrs Hepburn-Fish.
- Pupils understand what it means to be 'good' in school.
- Pupils enjoy the wealth of learning in the school including; yoga, going to the gym, provision, PE lessons, resources used in the school, dance and equipment outside.
- Pupils can identify how school makes them feel.
- Our pupils' favourite lessons are: PE, Art and Computing.

Targets:

- We are still fundraising for a new playground on the KS1 yard, we hope to make this playground better for our pupils to enjoy and learn.
- The pupils have voiced they would like a 'class pet'.
- We will try to get out of the school more and explore our community.
- The pupils would like more toys for provision (including dinosaurs).
- With the summer weather starting, we will start to get out onto the field much more and are planning to use the field regularly.

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