

Newsletter Spring Term 2026

23/01/2026

The weeks are going so quickly we cannot believe we will be in week four of our Spring term already!

The pupils have been enjoying their new learning and it has been wonderful to see all the effort that has been put into their learning this week. We hope you enjoy seeing the learning through class dojo where we enjoy celebrating our pupils' achievements.

Dates for your DIARY Please continue to ensure that you check the diary dates for future events.

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.

Just a reminder...
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.

Winmarleigh Hall residential

The deposits have now been paid for our Year two Winmarleigh Hall residential.

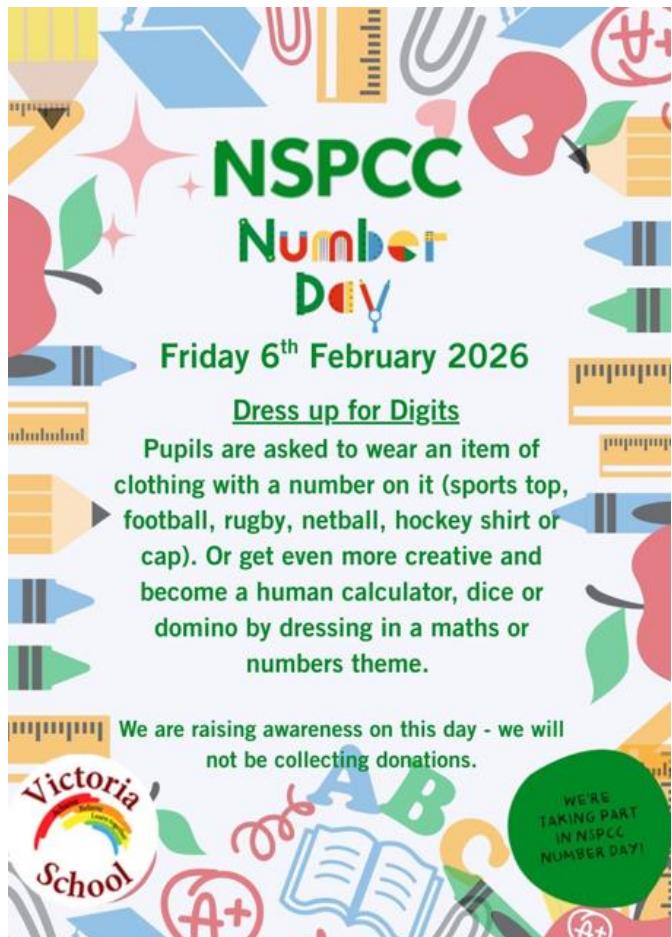
Please see below a list of the payment schedule which is on ParentPay:

Instalment 5: £20.00 27 Jan 2026

Instalment 6: £30.00 27 Feb 2026

Thank you

NSPCC Number Day Friday 6th February



Break the rules day!
Friday 13th February



BREAK THE RULES!
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1 No uniform
2 Sit where you want in class
3 Longer play time
4 Treats at snack time
5 Messy hair & toy to school accessories
6 Bring a soft toy to school

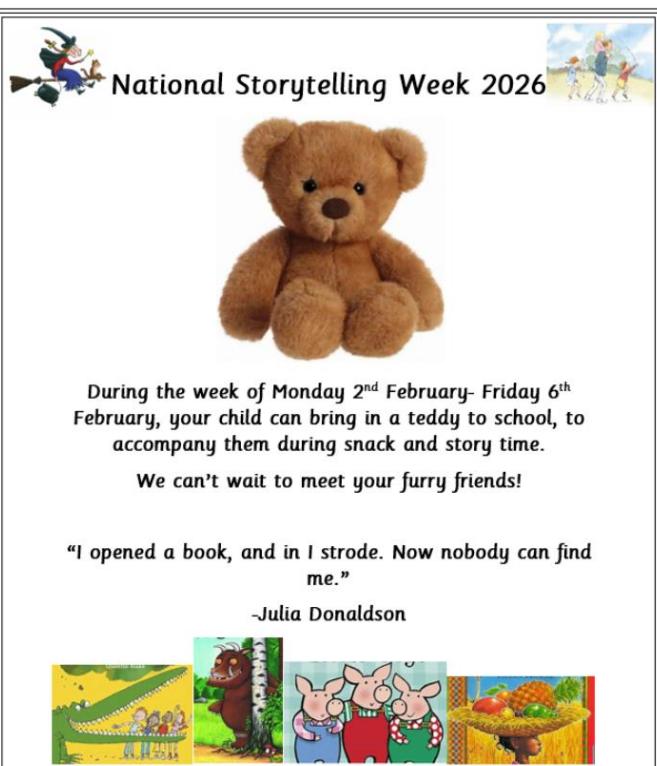
£2.00 to participate in the day
Break as many of the above rules as you like
Pay via ParentPay

This event has been organised by the Student Leaders in order to raise proceeds to develop the KS1 outdoor areas.

National Storytelling Week 2026

During the week of Monday 2nd February-Friday 6th February, your child can bring in a teddy to school, each day, to accompany them during snack and story time.

We can't wait to meet your furry friends!



National Storytelling Week 2026

Bear

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"I opened a book, and in I strode. Now nobody can find me."
-Julia Donaldson



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>



Are you entitled?

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 as the weather is colder that we ask for a coat and hat to be worn. The pupils are outside for playtimes and outdoor learning is a key part to our younger pupils.



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



MATTERS- PUNCTUALITY MATTERS



Absence

It is parents/carers responsibility to report your child as absent, please contact the school before 8.45am and leave a message on the automated service using option 1, Failure to report absences will result in a phone call and a text from the school to explain the absence. If we are not informed about child's attendance our first day contact procedures are followed. This includes a home visit and after this if we cannot make contact to find out the reason for the absence the police will be contacted as the child will be classed as missing.

Absence due to reported Illness / Appointments

If you have reported your child absent due to illness then school will contact you on the 3rd consecutive day of absence with a welfare call. On the 3rd day of illness we would be advising parents to seek medical advice as a prolonged period of illness would generally require medical attention. Where the illness continues into a 4th day and school have no supporting medical evidence such as a GP appointment then a home visit will be carried out to see the child.

If your child has a medical appointment then school are required to ask for evidence of all appointments to authorise the absence. This could be in the form of a letter, appointment card or screenshot of text message etc...

Wake up Wednesday

Roblox might be a favourite with kids , but its huge mix of user-created worlds can sometimes expose them to things they're not ready for.

This week's [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide helps parents and educators understand the risks, set smarter controls  and support children to enjoy Roblox more safely.

Download your FREE copy here >> <https://vist.ly/4nkg3>

All The National College's 'WakeUpWednesday' guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.ac.uk](#).

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.



SEND Drop-in sessions



Victoria School

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	Smile 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

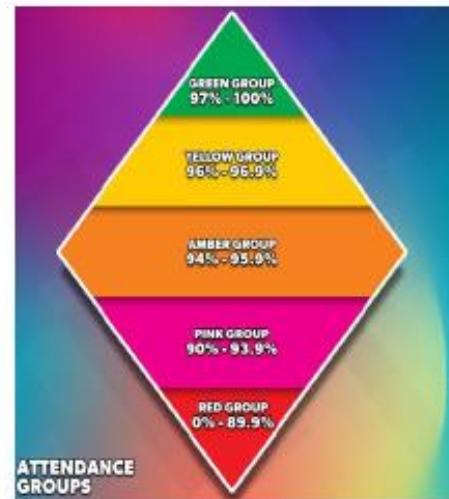
Week Ending 23/01/2026

School Attendance Matters (SAM)

Class	Last Week	This Week	Trend
Rainbow Nursery	90.8%	73.3%	▼
Piglet AM	96.3%	95.2%	▼
Piglet PM	86.5%	77.2%	▼
Eeyore	97.3%	98.7%	▲
Tigger	94.2%	93.2%	▼
Roos	88.1%	93.5%	▲
Blencathra	93.7%	94.7%	▲
Great Gable	95.2%	98.5%	▲
Helvellyn	97.9%	97.6%	▼
Catbells	84.4%	87.8%	▲
Red Pike	96.8%	95.0%	▼
Scafell Pike	95.0%	96.7%	▲
Skiddaw	98.1%	97.1%	▼
Rainbow Room	98.8%	100.0%	▲
Whole School	94.40%	94.30%	▼

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

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Dairy Dates

Spring term 2026 Victoria School, Infants and Nursery

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

Monday 26 th January	Year Two Phunk food workshop in school.	
Monday 26 th January	Youth council for year two student leaders.	
Tuesday 27 th January	Year Two Phunk food workshop with parents. Tickets must be purchased through ParentPay.	
Wednesday 28 th January	Litter pick for student leaders.	
Wednesday 28 th January	Udance practice until 4pm.	
Thursday 29 th January		
Friday 30 th January	Reception Phunk food workshop with parents. Tickets must be purchased through ParentPay.	
Monday 2 nd February	National story telling week.	Your child can bring in a teddy to school, each day, to accompany them during snack and story time.
Monday 2 nd February	Kidsafe week.	
Monday 2 nd February	Assessment week in school.	
Tuesday 3 rd February		
Wednesday 4 th February	Gymnastics competition at Netherhall for our gymnasts.	
Wednesday 4 th February	Udance practice until 4pm.	
Thursday 5 th February		
Friday 6 th February	NSPCC number day.	Pupils can come to school wearing an item of clothing

		with a number on it.
Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health week.	
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer internet day.	
Tuesday 10 th February	PSCO Internet safety talk for pupils.	
Wednesday 11 th February	Udance practice until 4pm.	
Thursday 12 th February		
Friday 13 th February	Break the rules day.	
Friday 13 th February	School breaks up at normal time for February half-term.	
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	SCHOOL CLOSED February half-term	
Monday 23 rd February	Pupils return to school.	

FREE Parent Carer Sensory Processing Training On Tour 2026!

(With Free Lunch)



- ✓ **FREE** sensory processing training session for parent carers.
- ✓ Delivered by **NHS Occupational Therapist Zena Cassels**.
- ✓ For parents of children with additional needs/ disabilities.
(your child does ~~not~~ need a diagnosis for you to attend)



Choose **one** of the following dates - ALL 10:00 am - 2:30pm

 **Seascale | 3rd March**
The Windscale Club

 **Wigton | 9th March**
The Market Hall

 **Maryport | 11th March**
Crosscanonby
Community Centre

 **Carlisle | 16th March**
Harraby Catholic Club

 **Penrith | 17th March**
Penrith Cricket Club

 **Whitehaven | 18th March**
Whitehaven Football Club



Zena Cassels -

Children's Occupational Therapist

