



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 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.

## NSPCC Number Day Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

## 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

Break the rules day!  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February



# BREAK THE RULES!

13.02.26

1

No uniform

2

Sit where you want in class

3

Longer play time

4

Treats at snack time

5

Messy hair & 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

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We can't wait to meet your furry friends!



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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 though Cumberland Council <https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-clothing-vouchers-and-activities/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

**Free  
School  
Meals**   
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

**Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...**

If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
Was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
Was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
Was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
Was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
Was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.

Remember  
Absence = Lost Opportunity

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive day of absence with a welfare call. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX**

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME**  
Roblox offers a vast landscape of experiences in that it hosts millions of user-created games. Each experience is self-contained and can be played independently or as part of a larger game. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players can find inappropriate content that may reach younger players and have a negative impact.
- RISK OF ADDICTION**  
Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use notifications, daily rewards, or friend events to encourage frequent logins. These design elements can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, homework, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.
- MATURE CONTENT**  
With much of Roblox's moderation implemented through AI and creators, self-verifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players can find inappropriate content that may reach younger players and have a negative impact.
- IN-GAME SPENDING**  
Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and features require virtual currency, known as Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to be used. Roblox has a system to restrict access to Robux purchases for younger players, but this system is not always perfect. Younger players can find inappropriate content that may reach younger players and have a negative impact.
- COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS**  
Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses sophisticated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are also risks that children could be groomed by strangers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use AI to detect and remove inappropriate content, but this system is not always perfect. Younger players can find inappropriate content that may reach younger players and have a negative impact.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to adjust spending limits, communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.
- PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE**  
Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how moderation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.
- CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT**  
Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**  
Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Alan Martin is a technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.

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## 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.

**Victoria School**

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](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

**NSPCC** Call if you need help on 0800 800 5000  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

**Every life matters** Action against suicide in Cumbria  
[www.every-life-matters.org.uk](http://www.every-life-matters.org.uk)

**kooth** Get free, safe, anonymous support  
[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**Child Bereavement UK** Get advice on coping with bereavement  
[www.childbereavementuk.org.uk](http://www.childbereavementuk.org.uk)

**Cumberland Family Support** Our charity offers support for children and families who are experiencing stress or difficulties  
[www.cumbriafamilysupport.org.uk](http://www.cumbriafamilysupport.org.uk)



## 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.



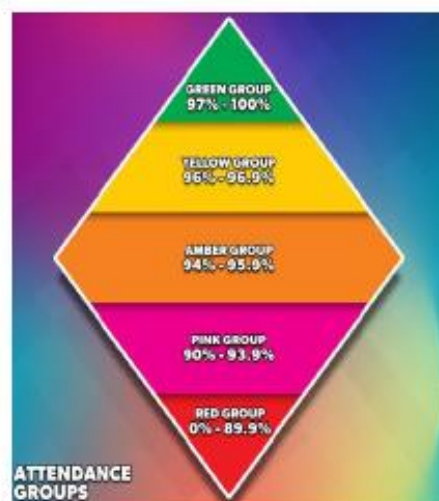
## Whole School Attendance Week Ending 23/01/2026 School Attendance Matters (SAM)

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.

100%	0 DAYS	0 DAYS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	1 DAY MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	3 DAYS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	5 DAYS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEK	7.5 DAYS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	10 DAYS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	12.5 DAYS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	15 DAYS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	19 DAYS MISSED





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

### **Autumn Term 2025**

Starts: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **Spring Term 2026**

Starts: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Ends: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### **Summer Term 2026**

Starts: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Half Term: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Good Friday: 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Easter Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Monday: 6<sup>th</sup> April

May bank holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Ends: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

### **Spring Term 2027**

Starts: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Ends: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

### **Summer Term 2027**

Starts: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Half Term: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

Ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2027

Good Friday: 26<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Sunday: 28<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Monday: 29<sup>th</sup> March

May bank holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> January	Year Two Phunky foods workshop in school.	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Youth council for year two student leaders.	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year Two Phunky foods workshop with parents. Tickets must be purchased through ParentPay.	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Litter pick for student leaders.	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Udance practice until 4pm.	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January		
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Phunky foods workshop with parents. Tickets must be purchased through ParentPay.	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> February	Kidsafe week.	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Assessment week in school.	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Gymnastics competition at Netherhall for our gymnasts.	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Udance practice until 4pm.	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC number day.	Pupils can come to school wearing an item of clothing



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

# FREE Parent Carer Sensory Processing Training On Tour 2026!

(With Free Lunch)



**Zena Cassels -**  
Children's Occupational Therapist

- ✓ **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 | 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
The Windscale Club

 **Wigton | 9<sup>th</sup> March**  
The Market Hall

 **Maryport | 11<sup>th</sup> March**  
Crosscanonby  
Community Centre

 **Carlisle | 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
Harraby Catholic Club

 **Penrith | 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
Penrith Cricket Club

 **Whitehaven | 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
Whitehaven Football Club

  
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