



Silloth Primary School Newsletter

28.11.25

Friday 28th November

A message from Miss Mounsey...

As we move further into December, Christmas is certainly in the air and the excitement across school is growing each day. We have some wonderful events coming up in the next couple of weeks: cinema trips, Bottle Bingo, Christmas parties, and of course our much-anticipated Nativity and Carol Concerts. It's always a magical time of year in school, and we look forward to celebrating every moment with our children and school community.

This week has once again been incredibly busy. We have welcomed several visitors into school, providing valuable learning experiences for our pupils. Year 6 took part in an important session about the implications of vaping, helping them make informed and responsible choices as they prepare for secondary school. Key Stage 2 also enjoyed a fantastic STEM workshop filled with hands-on challenges and plenty of LEGO, sparking curiosity and creativity.

*There has been lots of exciting learning happening in **EYFS and KS1** too, with children embracing festive activities, storytelling, creative tasks, and plenty of exploration across their curriculum. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and joy for learning shine through.*

I must also share how proud we are of our Year 6 children who represented the school at today's inter-school basketball tournament. Their teamwork, sportsmanship, and exemplary behaviour were outstanding.

Thank you to our wonderful school community for your continued support—it truly makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a restful, cosy, and very happy weekend as we head towards the festive season.

Silloth Primary School
'Where Children Come First!'

SILLOTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
2025/2026

Is your child looking to start Nursery in January or April 2026?

We can take Nursery children, the term after their 3rd birthday!
The application processes to apply for next year's places are now open!
We can offer individual appointments for parents to come and see for yourselves what makes our school so special.

The deadline for January 2026 Nursery starters is 26.9.25 and the deadline for April starters is 15.1.26. Contact us on 016973 31243 or admin@silloth.cumbria.sch.uk for more information or to make an appointment.

Visit our website for more information
www.silloth.cumbria.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 1st December - KS2 Christmas Treat - Cinema!

Wednesday 3rd December - Times Table Rock Star Day! (Come to school, dressed like a ROCKSTAR!)

Thursday 4th December - FOSPS Christmas Bottle Bingo! (More information below)

Tuesday 9th December - 'A Hygge Christmas with Early Years' (More information to follow)

Thursday 11th December - FOSPS Christmas Treat 'Winter Wonderland' (More information to follow)

Tuesday 16th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity - 9am start

Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Christmas Carols at Christ Church - 1:30pm



Year 6 Inter-School Basketball Tournament

*Children from Year 6 took part in an inter-school basketball tournament today, organised by the Cumbria Futures Federation (Solway and Beacon Hill schools). We are delighted to share that our **B Team finished joint 1st** and our **A Team secured 3rd place**—a fantastic achievement for all involved!*

Throughout the tournament, the children displayed excellent behaviour, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They worked together to develop tactics, supported one another, and celebrated each other's successes. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school and their effort, determination, and enthusiasm.

*A big thank you to **Miss Banks** and **Mrs Goulding** for accompanying the children and supporting them during the event.*





STEM Workshop Afternoon

*Some children from **Year 3, Year 5, and Year 6** enjoyed an exciting STEM workshop this afternoon—featuring **lots of LEGO!** The session was packed with hands-on building challenges, problem-solving activities, and opportunities to explore STEM concepts in a creative and engaging way. The children showed fantastic curiosity, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout.*













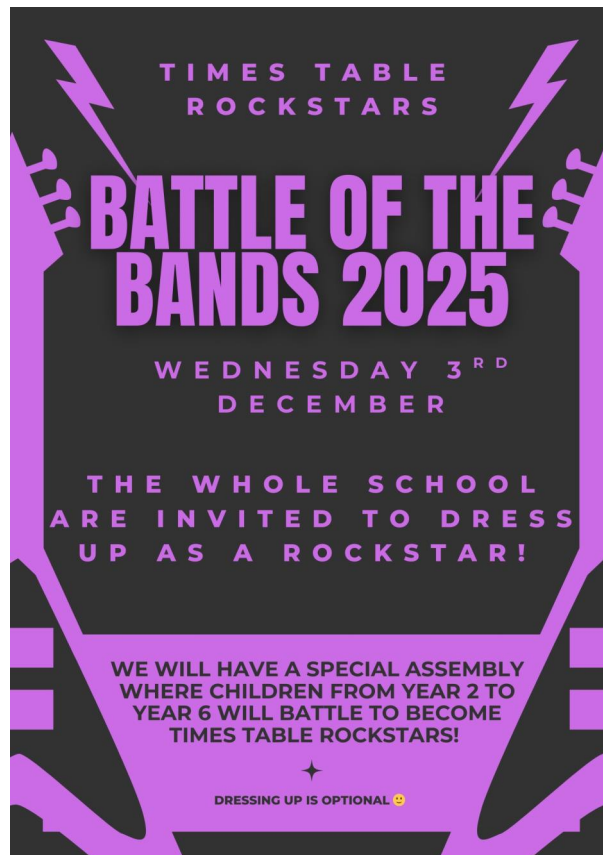


🔑 Times Table Rockstar Day - Battle of the Bands! 🔑

*We are excited to announce that the whole school will be taking part in **Times Table Rockstar Day** as we hold our Battle of the Bands 2025! All children are invited to come to school dressed as a **ROCKSTAR** for the day (dressing up is optional).*

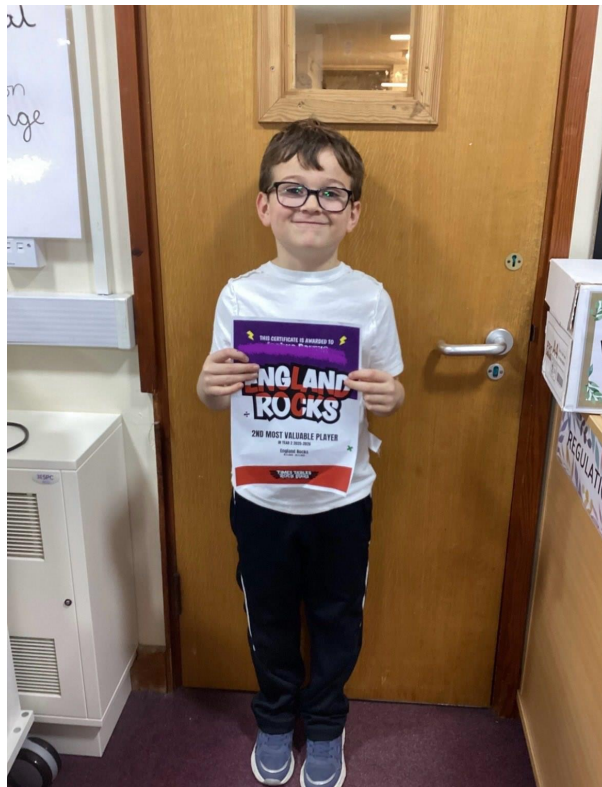
*As part of the celebrations, we will be holding a special assembly where pupils from **Year 2 to Year 6** will go head-to-head in a thrilling Times Table Rockstars battle to crown our 2025 champions. It promises to be a fun-filled day of music, maths, and friendly competition!*

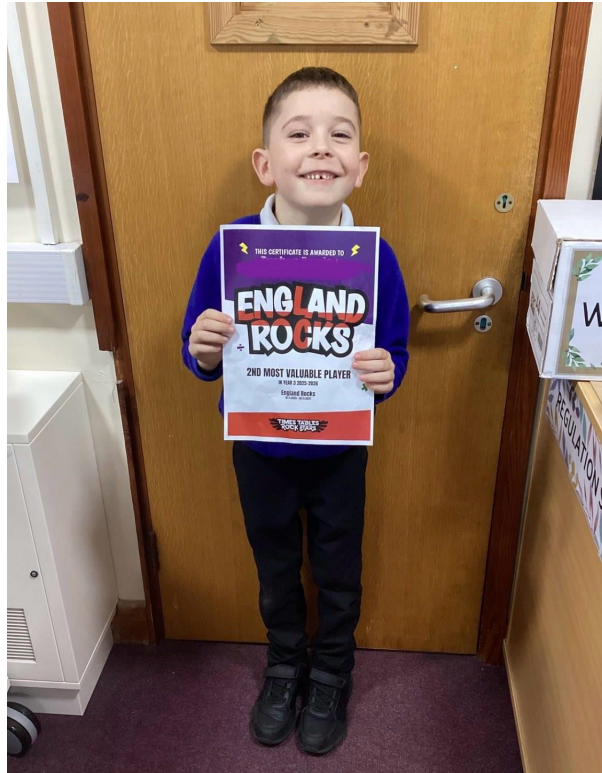
We look forward to seeing our school rock out and celebrate times tables in true Rockstar style!

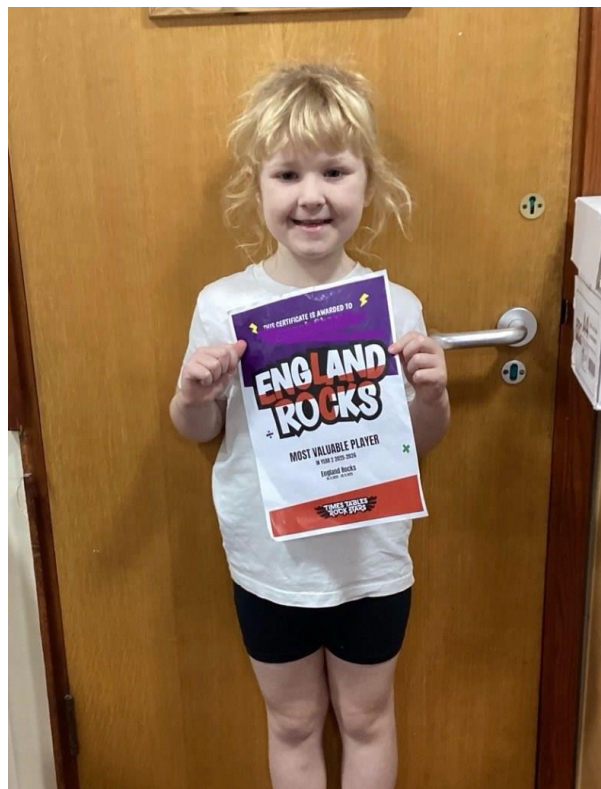
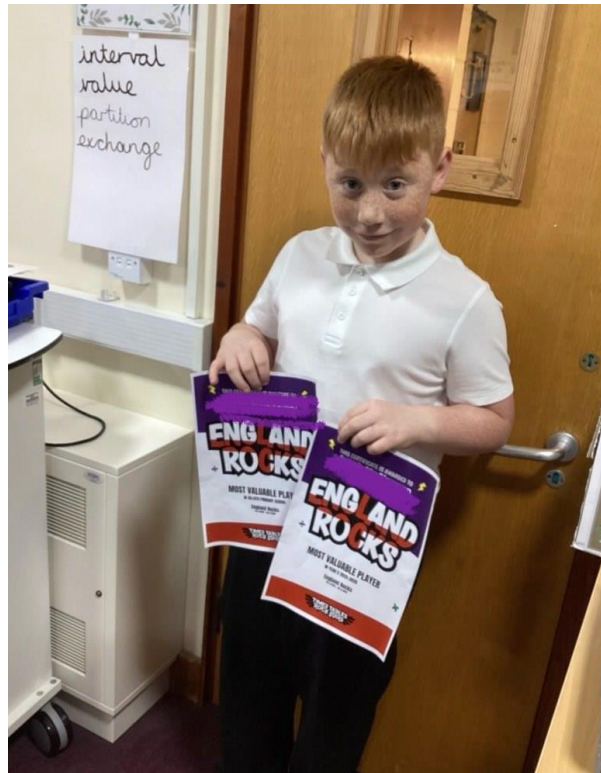


Times Table Rockstars!

Last week, pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 took part in England Rocks!, a national times tables competition for schools across England. Throughout the week, children worked enthusiastically to earn points for their class and for our school. Awards were presented to our Most Valuable Players at both class and whole-school level, recognising their outstanding effort and achievement. Well done to all pupils for their fantastic participation.

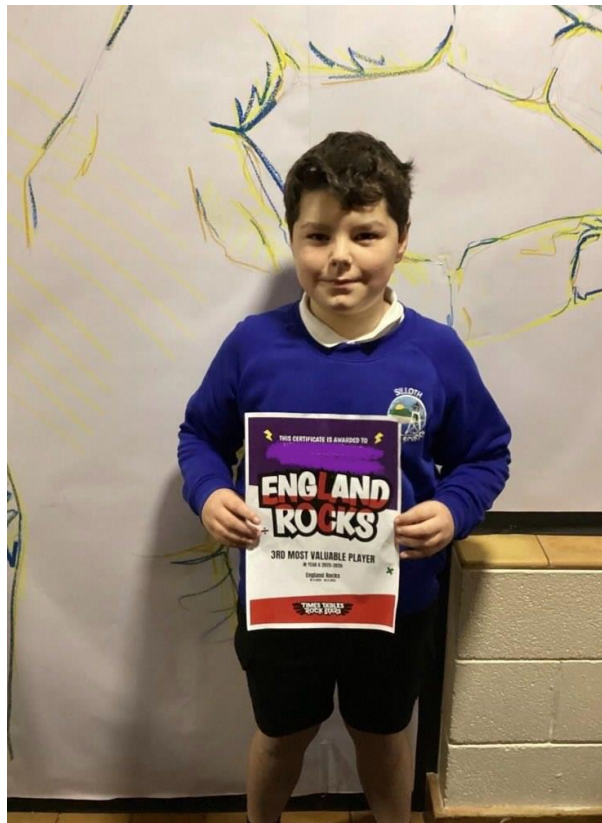














Chance Camp!



Friends of Silloth Primary School – Bottle Bingo - This Thursday!

*Get ready for one of our favourite festive events – **Bottle Bingo is back!***

***Tickets** are still available to purchase from **ParentMail**.*

Tickets should have been sent home tonight!

*We are also asking for **bottle donations of any kind** — from drinks to bubble bath!*

*All donations can be handed into the **school office**.*

Thank you for your support — we can't wait for another fantastic school community event!



Parking on School Lane

*We kindly ask that parents and carers **do not park on School Lane** during drop-off and pick-up times.*

*To help keep everyone safe, please **park on Skinburness Road, by the tennis courts**, and walk down to school with your child. This keeps the lane clear for residents, delivery drivers, and emergency vehicles, and ensures a safe environment for our children walking and cycling to school.*

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school community safe and considerate.



Cycling & Scootering to School – A Reminder about Road Safety

*As we are encouraging more children are choosing to cycle or scooter to school, we would like to remind families about the importance of **road safety** and being considerate of others. Please take a moment to talk with your child about safe cycling and scootering so that every journey to and from school is as safe as possible.*

Key Road Safety Rules for Cyclists

-  Always wear a properly fitted helmet.
-  Ensure bikes are roadworthy with working brakes and lights.
-  Use cycle paths where available and keep to the **left-hand side** of the road.
-  Look carefully before turning or crossing a junction and signal clearly with hand signals.
 -  Obey traffic lights, road signs, and crossings.
 -  Stay visible by wearing **bright or reflective clothing**.

-  Never cycle more than two abreast, and ride in single file on narrow or busy roads.
 -  Avoid distractions such as headphones or mobile phones.
 -  Do not ride on pavements unless a shared cycle path is clearly marked.
 -  Be cautious around parked cars – check carefully before moving out into the road.
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On the School Grounds

For the safety of **all children, staff, and visitors**, riding bikes or scooters is **not permitted on school premises**. We kindly ask that children **dismount and walk** with their bikes or scooters once they enter the school gates.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.



School Meals

School meals are £2.90p per day (£14.50 per week), which represents very good value for money.

All food is freshly made & prepared each day on site by our own kitchen team.

Please remember to pay your child's dinner money (Nursery & Year 3 – 6 ONLY) using +Pay.

Main Meal Choices W/C 1.12.25

Monday – Meatballs, Pasta & Gravy

Tuesday - Chicken Korma & Rice

Wednesday - Roast Chicken with vegetables

Thursday – Cheese & Tomato Pizza and Wedges

Friday – Fish & Chips

Nut & Egg Free School

Please remember that we are a nut & egg free school.

Your child may not bring any eggs or nuts into school as part of their packed lunches or as snacks. Breakfast bars for break time snacks are not permitted as they usually contain nuts or have been made in factories where there are nuts.



Stars of the Week!

A huge well done to all of our Stars of the Week! Each of these children has shone brightly, showing great effort, kindness, and enthusiasm in their learning and around school. We are

so proud of the positive attitudes they bring to school every day – keep up the fantastic work!



Attendance Champions!

A huge well done Year 3 who achieved 97.44% attendance this week!

Great attendance means great learning — keep it up everyone!



Names in clothes, please!

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Jumpers, cardigans and coats love to go on little adventures around school – but sometimes they forget where they belong!

To help them find their way back, please make sure your child's name is written clearly in *every* item of clothing, including PE kits, hats and shoes.

It makes life much easier for everyone and helps lost clothes get back home safely. Thank you for your help!



Water Bottles & Fruit - PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY



Nursery - Just a reminder that all children get fresh water, milk and fruit daily. Therefore children do not need to bring water in their own bottles. **No juice/water should be brought into school.**

Reception & Key Stage 1 - Children are to bring **empty water bottles** into school each day and fill them up in school from our water dispensers. It is **very important that this is followed for safeguarding reasons. No juice or water should be brought into school. If there are medical reasons why your child cannot drink water, please speak to Miss Mounsey regarding this.** Also, children get fruit daily and, therefore, there is no need to fetch snack.

Key Stage 2 - Children are to bring **empty water bottles** into school each day and fill them up in school from our water dispensers. It is **very important that this is followed for safeguarding reasons. No juice or water should be brought into school. If there are medical reasons why your child cannot drink water, please speak to Miss Mounsey regarding this.** Children can bring a piece of fruit into school for the morning breaktime. Please ensure that grapes are cut in half, lengthways.

Packed Lunches

*At Silloth Primary School, we promote healthy eating to support children's growth, development, and concentration throughout the school day. To help with this, we kindly ask that all **packed lunches follow our healthy lunchbox guidelines**.*

A healthy packed lunch should include:

- ***A portion of starchy food** – such as bread, rolls, wraps, pasta, rice, couscous, or potatoes.*
 - ***At least one portion of fruit and/or vegetables** – fresh, dried, tinned (in juice), or frozen.*
 - ***A source of protein** – lean meat, fish, eggs, beans, pulses, hummus, or meat alternatives.*
 - ***A dairy item** – like cheese, yogurt, or a milk-based dessert.*
 - ***A healthy drink** – preferably water, or milk/100% fruit juice in moderation.*
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Please do not include:

- *Chocolate bars or confectionery.*
 - *Sweets.*
 - *Fizzy or energy drinks.*
 - *Nuts or nut products (we are a **nut-free school**).*
 - *Eggs or egg-based products (we are an **egg-free school**).*
 - *Hot food in flasks (due to health and safety concerns).*
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To keep all children safe:

- **Lunchboxes must be clearly labelled** and may include a small ice pack, as we cannot refrigerate them.
 - Children must **not share food** to avoid allergic reactions or cross-contamination.
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Special Diets:

We understand that some children may require special diets for medical, religious, or cultural reasons. Please inform school if this applies to your child, and we will support you in providing a healthy, balanced alternative.

Monitoring:

Packed lunches are monitored by staff. Healthy choices are praised, and we will always work sensitively with families to support improvements where needed.

Thank you for helping us keep lunchtime healthy and safe for everyone!



Be Ready For The Weather!

*As the weather is becoming increasingly unpredictable, please ensure that children bring a **coat to school every day**. We aim to get outside in the fresh air as much as possible, even if it's a little chilly or damp, so having a suitable coat means your child can enjoy playtimes and outdoor learning comfortably.*



Punctuality Matters

*It is essential that children are in school **on time, every day**.*

- ***Doors open: 8:30am***
 - ***Registration begins: 8:35am***
 - ***Registration closes: 8:45am***
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*After this time, children must enter through the **main entrance** and will be marked as **late**. Persistent lateness not only disrupts your child's learning but also affects the whole class. Patterns of lateness are carefully monitored and reviewed half-termly alongside attendance.*

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Poor attendance or frequent lateness can significantly affect life chances. Missing even a few days each term quickly adds up to large gaps in learning, making it harder for your child to keep up. Arriving late has the same impact — children miss vital teaching and the start of the school day, which sets the tone for learning.

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Uniform Expectations

- *Royal blue sweatshirt with embroidered school logo*
 - *White polo shirt (school logo optional)*
- *Black or dark grey trousers, skirts, or smart school shorts for summer*
- *Blue and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer*
- *Plain, low heeled black school shoes must also be worn with socks at all times.*
 - *No sandals are permitted*
 - *No tracksuit bottoms are permitted*
- *Only black, low heeled boots may be worn in winter*
- *No training shoes are permitted (other than for PE)*

Jewellery

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- *A watch may be worn. Smart watches are not permitted.*
 - *ONLY discreet stud earrings can be worn and on the grounds of safety the studs should have no sharp edges. All earrings must be removed (at home) during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.*
 - *The wearing of other jewellery, rings, necklaces, bracelets etc. is not permitted in school for health and safety reasons*
 - *Pupils will be asked to remove any jewellery.*
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Other

- *Long hair must be well tied back at all times. This applies to **girls and boys**.*
 - *Nail varnish and make-up is not permitted.*
 - *A waterproof coat must be brought to school every day.*
 - *Please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.*
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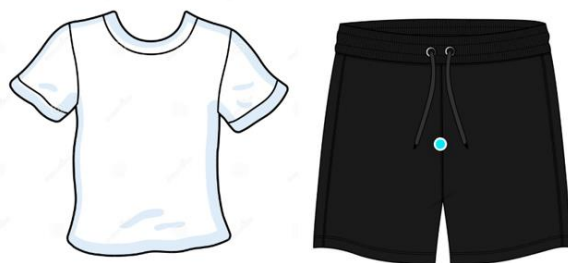
PE Kit Expectations

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit into school every Monday and then it is in school for the week.

Our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black/navy shorts or jogging bottoms.

Nike Pro shorts are not permitted.

All earrings must be removed (at home) during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.



Living Streets' WOW - The Walk To School Challenge - Starts on Monday!

Living Streets' WOW – the walk to school challenge is back to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking and wheeling to school.

As you know, WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least twice a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. This is for Year 1-Year 6 children... but everyone can get involved! It's that easy!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- *Children feel happier and healthier*
- *They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn*

- *Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates*

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off at least ten minutes away and walk the rest (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

What is a WOW badge?

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2025 – July 2026. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least twice a week.

WOW 2025/26 encourages pupils to Walk with Joy, with badges depicting everything from jumping in puddles to painting.

The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit:

livingstreets.org.uk/recycling

Last year, around 2,100 schools and over 540,000 pupils enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please find more information and useful videos at: livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch



Smoking & Vaping

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers: smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited on school premises at all times. This policy is in place to ensure a safe, healthy environment for all our children, staff, and visitors. Please refrain from smoking or vaping anywhere on school grounds, including car parks and entrances. Your support helps us maintain a clean, respectful space where all children can thrive. Thank you for helping us keep our school a smoke-free zone.



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If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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