



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th July 2026



Dear Parents,
It has been a hot and busy week, getting everything finished and arrangements made for September. The children will have brought books home to share with you and have had a few treats too this week.

TUESDAY

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Mrs Winterburn. All the children contributed to a lovely card for her and we presented her with some gifts from the collection we made. She got a card and a hug from the pre-school children whom she has loved working with and who are one of the reasons that she has made the decision she has. I know that Mrs Winterburn has really enjoyed working within our school and with the children especially. We hope that she comes back at some point to let us know how she is doing. The children were all introduced to Miss Hansen, who has been working alongside Mrs Braithwaite and Mrs Winterburn in preparation for taking over in September. She is settling in very well and getting to grips with all that needs doing in a busy office. Miss Hansen is very calm and organised and I'm sure she will do a great job. I know some parents have had the pleasure of meeting her already and staff have enjoyed getting to know her too.

WEDNESDAY

I wanted to say a huge thank you to our Year 6 parents who created a lovely evening event for our Year 6 Leavers on Wednesday. They worked most of afternoon setting everything up and most of the evening preparing food and drink for all the children. We were so lucky with the weather and I'm sure everyone had a lovely time and the event gave the Year 6 children lots of memories too.

We also said goodbye to Chris Wilson who has been supporting children in Class 1 and Class 2 this term. She has secured a full time, permanent post and, although we are sorry to lose her, we wish her all the best in her new role.

THURSDAY

The pre-school trip went ahead yesterday and was a great success. The children loved the Haverthwaite railway journeys they experienced and played in the nearby park before having their picnic. Luckily it was lovely weather, although rather hot, but they all had a wonderful day!

Mrs Braithwaite had a huge surprise when she arrived on Thursday morning as her office had been beautifully decorated by Mrs Bigland. We all agreed with the poster that Mrs Bigland put up which read, 'The Legend is Retiring!'.

We had a special assembly for her in the afternoon as all the children wanted to say goodbye. Each class did a special presentation with songs and poems and memories galore, which I know she will treasure. Mrs Braithwaite holds a special place in our hearts, so of course we wanted to let the children play their part. As a long standing member of staff of twenty four years, it is an enormous change for the school and she will be very much missed. The presentation from each class was so touching that I think we all needed tissues!

We know that Mrs Braithwaite has a special holiday coming up in the autumn with her family as well as a lot of plans for her future. I know that she will not be putting her feet up much, but we all wish her the very best for her retirement.



FRIDAY

It was the final day for our Year 6 children today. They spent the morning doing the usual round of collecting signatures and saying their goodbyes. We were then treated to their leavers assembly which made us all quite sad, proud and full of hope. Sad to say goodbye to children who we know really well— and most since they were very little; proud of how well they have done academically this year and full of hope that they will all have a bright future as they all have so much to offer in their own individual ways. Before the very end of the assembly, we presented Mrs Braithwaite with her gifts and said our final farewells then ended the day with our Year 6 children leaving the hall listening to the school bell for the final time.

My thanks go to all the staff team who all work so hard to give the children a great school experience. Our mission is to ensure every child achieves as much as they are capable of, but we believe that there is so much more to creating a good school. The care and kindness that all staff show towards children is so important and makes school a nice place to be and we are all lucky to work with such lovely children! Thank you to our governors for the supportive work they do and to all the support we get from you as parents. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for all the very lovely presents we have all received too—it is very kind of you.

I received a lovely bouquet of flowers yesterday, which was a lovely surprise. However there was no card inside, which means I have no idea who they were from so I can't thank them personally. Please know that if it was you, I'm not sure what I've done to deserve them but they were beautiful—thank you. Good luck to our Year 6 children—I hope you all settle in well into your new school and enjoy all the new experiences coming your way!

We have now reached the final day of the academic year and the children have tidied their trays and emptied their pegs, although I'm sure there will be some items of clothing and a possible shoe left in the cloak-rooms! I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Kind regards.

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Head Teacher

Important Dates for September

Inset Day school closed to pupils on Tuesday 1 September

First day of the Autumn Term: Wednesday 2nd September

Reception First Week Times:

Wednesday: Morning session and collect at 12pm

Thursday: Morning and lunch session (packed lunch) and collect at 12pm

Friday: Full day (packed lunch) and collect at 3:15pm

