



AUTUMN TERM 2026 NEWSLETTER 11th September 2026



THIS WEEK'S STAR OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO:

ALL CLASS 1 PUPILS	C1	For settling so well into their new class!
ALL YEAR 1 PUPILS	C2	For settling so well into their new class!
EMILIA WALKER	C3	For making a brilliant start in Year 3!
FELICITY TAYLOR	C4	A great start in her role as a year 6 buddy!
PE STAR: CHLOE CASSON	C4	A positive and energetic start to Y5!

EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY

TUESDAY
PE Year 1,2,3 & 4

WEDNESDAY
PE Pre School Class 1
and Class 4

THURSDAY
2.50pm—Celebration
Assembly

FRIDAY
PE Class 1,2,3, 4
MP Visit
Forest
Friday



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 1

WEDNESDAY
Y3-6 Basketball
3:20-4pm
Y3/4 Gymnastics
4-5pm
Y5/6 Gymnastics
5-6pm

THURSDAY
Y3-6 Cricket Club
3:20-4:30pm

FRIDAY
Y3-6 Running Club
3:20—4:30pm

Dear Parents,
The children are settled in to their routines now that they have had a full week of school. We have been impressed by our new Reception children who seem very much at home in in Class 1 now.

COUNTY SHOW: On Tuesday I put up our display at the County Show. It is so lovely to see the range of art work that the children complete within the year. We have some wonderful artists! We bought a huge tarpaulin to keep out the condensation over night, so I do hope it stays as well presented for the two days.

SAD NEWS: I am very sad to announce that Mrs Knowles has decided to take early retirement and this will be her final half term with us. She has been with the school for over 20 years and even attended St Patrick's School when she was a child. Mrs Knowles has done so much for the school in her time here, supporting children from their earliest steps into the school, to teaching children to read with individual tuition; stepping in to teach when necessary as well as organising all the Nativity costumes. There is nothing Mrs Knowles will not do to help out. We are going to be incredibly sad to see her go as she is a much loved member of our staff.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS : Today we sent home the Data Collection sheets for you to complete. These are really important for us so that we are aware of any medical conditions and allergies. It is also important that we have up to date contact details too. Please can you return these to us on Monday 14th September, so that Miss Hansen can update any records on our system. Please do not forget to supply the name of your GP too, as this is often asked for on some of the forms we have to complete.

SCHOOL SWIMMING: We have been asked to move the start date for swimming from the 22nd September until the 29th September with the tenth session moved to the 9th of December instead. This will mean that children in Y2, and Class 3 will be doing PE on Tuesdays until then so will need to come in their PE kits.

LIZZI COLLINGE VISIT—Friday 18th September

We will be welcoming our MP to school next Friday morning at 10am. She will be coming to do a Q&A with Class 3 and Class 4. This will be a really good opportunity for the children to engage with their Member of Parliament and find out more about what MPs do for their community.



THIS WEEK'S HEADTEACHER'S AWARD HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO:

**Maisie Casson: For showing such kindness to the
younger children in their first few days.**



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVE CLUBS — Clubs will commence from Wed 16th September, a letter was sent home with Y3-6 pupils on Tuesday afternoon with all of the information needed.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS: We very much value the communication we have with parents. We have an open door policy and we are always happy to speak to any parent if they have anything they wish to share. For day-to-day matters, parents of children in pre-school, Class 1 and Class 2, passing on any information in a morning is quite easy as members of staff are at classroom doors. For Class 3 and 4 it is a little harder but Mrs Hankey or I can pass on a message as we are out on duty in the morning or you could pop to the office and Miss Hansen will relay any message you have. For anything that requires a longer discussion, please could you arrange an appointment at the school office and Miss Hansen will liaise with the class teacher to arrange a meeting or a call.

EMAILS: Emails can be a convenient way of communicating. However, this isn't always the best method for passing on information that teachers need to know urgently as they may not look at emails before they start their working day. We have also had emails sent to staff regarding much bigger issues, that teachers may not be aware of until after the teaching day or later on at night. Unfortunately, one or two staff have even had an unpleasant email that has been quite upsetting for them to read after at home.

Please could I ask that any concerns or issues are directed to my email: head@st-patrickscofe.cumbria.sch.uk or if it is urgent, please call the office to speak to me or leave a request for the class teacher to get back to you. I tend to look at my emails first thing in the morning and so does Miss Hansen. We are much more able to ensure that a message is received and dealt with than class teachers who are generally more likely to be involved in organising lessons and marking than looking at their emails.

Kind regards,
S Edmondson
Head Teacher

Meet and Greet Event Thursday 24th September 2:30-5pm

We would like to invite you to join us for an informal 'meet and greet' event which we are holding between 3:30pm and 5pm on the 25th September. Parents of children in Pre-school and Class 1 are invited to join us for refreshments in the school hall at 2:30pm where there will be a short presentation.

Parents can then go through to Pre-school and Class 1 to see the sorts of activities that are on offer for the children and have the opportunity to speak to our Early Years teams.

Parents of children in Class 2, 3 and 4 are invited to come along after collecting their child/children at 3:15/3:20pm for refreshments in the hall and the opportunity to have an informal chat with class teachers in their classrooms.

This event is an opportunity to see how your child has settled in, to look at ways you may be able to support them at home and to give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We hope you can join us.

Spring Term Parents Evenings Week of the 18th of January 3:30-5:30pm Monday 18th and Thursday 21st January

