



AUTUMN TERM 2026 NEWSLETTER 25th September 2026



EVENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

MONDAY

TUESDAY

PE Year 1
Swimming Y2,3 & 4

WEDNESDAY

PE Pre School, Class
1 and Class 4

THURSDAY

2.50pm—Celebration
Assembly

FRIDAY

PE Class 1,2 3, 4
Forest
Friday



AF- TER SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 1

WEDNESDAY

Y3-6 Basketball
3:20-4pm
Class 3 Gymnastics
4-5pm
Class 4 Gymnastics
5-6pm

THURSDAY

Class 3 & 4 Cricket
Club
3:20-4:30pm

FRIDAY

Class 3 & 4 Running
Club
3:20—4:30pm

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, a panel from the Governing Body, the Local Authority and the Diocese interviewed candidates for the headship of our school. Mr Ashlin, our Chair of Governors, met with staff today to inform them of the outcome. He has written a letter today to inform parents of the decision that has been made, which you can read below. A copy has also been emailed to all parents earlier today.

SWIMMING Y2, 3 & 4— A reminder that swimming starts next week on Tuesday 29th September for children in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. Lorna, our swimming teacher, recommends goggles for all children as an important part of their swimming kit. We have some goggles in school to sell if you would like to purchase some. Please see Miss Hansen at the office.

HARVEST FESTIVAL—The children have begun to start practising for our harvest festival. This will be held up at church on Thursday 15th October at 2:35pm.

FRIENDS OF ST PATRICKS MEETING—This will be held at school on Tuesday 29th September from 2:30pm.

WET PE LESSONS This term children are being taught on the school field and as we are having a lot of wet weather, socks and shoes are becoming quite wet. We suggest that for this half term it might be worth coming in to school in their school shoes and having their trainers and socks in a separate bag for PE so they have dry shoes to change back in to. Please ensure that children also come in a waterproof coat. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PE EVENTS NEXT WEEK— It is an exciting week of PE events next week with Dallam on Wednesday and Cross County on Thursday. C4 children will need to be in school at 8:45am on Wednesday for the Skittleball/Basketball event in PE kit. Please have packed lunches if possible. Thursday runners who are representing our school are to have packed lunches and be wearing their PE kit in the morning.

PE HOMEWORK (60 ACTIVE minutes) - Please return the 60 active minutes homework that went out last week if you haven't already done so by Wednesday 30th September. Thank you to those children who have excitedly shared with Mrs Towe all the activities they do throughout their week.

Kind regards,
S Edmondson
Head Teacher



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



Retirement
Afternoon Tea

The children will be having
a special afternoon tea party ...
to say a fond farewell to the
wonderful
Mrs Knowles
and celebrate her retirement!



 **Wednesday 21st October**
1.30 – 3.00pm

 **Cakes**  **Drinks**  **Music**  **Games**

Please could each child bring in
a couple of cakes for the tea party
for us to share and enjoy.

 Cakes can be brought in the day before. 



25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to write to you with an important update on the Headteacher appointment at our school. Following a thorough and competitive recruitment process, the Governing Body has appointed Miss June Lowther as our new Headteacher, taking up the post in January 2027.

Miss Lowther brings a wealth of experience in small Church of England primary schools, having served as Headteacher at Selside Endowed CofE Primary School since 2020, and previously as Nursery, EYFS and Key Stage 1 Lead. The Governing Body was impressed by her understanding of what makes St Patrick's a special place — welcoming children, dedicated staff, a supportive community, the importance of Christian values — and by her suggestions for how we can build upon our strengths in the years ahead.

Between now and December, the Governing Body, Mrs Edmondson and Miss Lowther will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition for staff, children and families alike. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office, or by email at richarda@st-patrickscofe.cumbria.sch.uk, should you have any questions.

We very much look forward to introducing Miss Lowther to you all in due course. Thank you for your ongoing support of St Patrick's School.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Ashlin
Chair of Governors

