



AUTUMN TERM 2026 NEWSLETTER 16th October 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



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,

Next week will be the last week in school for Mrs Knowles. She has been at the school for over twenty years and has been a key member of staff in all the time she has been with us. Mrs Knowles attended the old St Patrick's School when she was a child but she first got involved in the current school when she helped set up the preschool all those years ago. Later she was employed as a Teaching Assistant and when I started at school, trained to become a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Knowles has many talents. She is able to step in at a moment's notice into any role in school, including teaching and is very skilled in supporting children's learning. She has taught many individual children who have struggled to pick up early reading skills and helped them to become fluent readers and has worked tirelessly with staff over the years to continually develop the Reception provision. She is an absolute professional and her skills will certainly be missed, but we will also very much miss her kind and generous spirit which as a team we have always very much appreciated.

We all wish Mrs Knowles a very happy retirement!

We have a collection for her retirement in the school office if anyone would like to donate towards it.

REMINDER TO PARENTS REGARDING APPLICATION FOR PLACES

A reminder for parents was sent out with our current year 6 children this week regarding applications for places in Year 7 at their chosen secondary school. The closing date for applications is October 31st. Results of applications will be emailed on 1st March 2027.

Applications for places in Reception for September 2027 is 15th January 2027. We will be holding our open morning for parents of children wishing to find out more about our Reception class and the wider school after half term on Thursday 5th of November. Parents are welcome to view the school from **9:10am** when we have all our children settled into school until 9:45am. There will be an opportunity to see what happens in our Reception class as well as the opportunity to look around the school.

HALF TERM—A reminder that we finish at 3:20PM on Friday 23rd October for Half Term and school reopens on Monday 2nd November.

SCHOOL PHOTOS— The photographer from Tempest will be in school to take individual photos on Tuesday 20th at 9am.

HARVEST FESTIVAL—It was lovely to see so many of you at our harvest festival yesterday. I think we were treated to some lovely performances from the children. It is a long time for some of the younger children to qit quietly, but they all did brilliantly. Well done to the all! Thank you for the donations of food that have been sent in. Some more arrived this morning and items can still be sent in on Monday. Manna House is a brilliant organisation and they are al-ways so grateful to us for remembering them.

CLASS 4 CASTLE HEAD TRIP—Class 4 will be heading to Castle Head Field Studies Centre on Thursday 22nd October. We will be leaving school at 9:30am on the minibus and in staff cars, and will be back for the end of the school day. Your child will need to wear their PE kit with sensible shoes for walking, a wa-terproof coat and a rucksack with a packed lunch and water bottle. We will be outside all day so if raining waterproof trousers are advisable.

WINTER AT SIZERGH—Following last years Willow Project at Sizergh Castle which our current year 6 pupils took part in, we have been sent some passes for free entry to their Winter at Sizergh exhibition. These are going home with year 6 children this evening so please check bags for a small brown envelope.

AFTERNOON TEA—We are very much looking forward to Mrs Knowles's afternoon tea party on Wednesday! We can't wait to come together to celebrate Mrs Knowles and thank her for everything she has given to our school over the years, we are all going to miss her so much. Please bring cakes into school on either Tuesday or Wednesday morning for everyone to share and enjoy on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support and generosity in helping us give Mrs Knowles a lovely retirement send-off!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (AUTUMN TERM 2)—Letters have gone home this evening regarding next half terms After School Clubs. Please can parents take note of the deadline for returning the slips to Miss Hansen in the office and to also ensure payment is made in Arbor for those clubs with a cost attached in order to confirm your child's place.

SCHOOL NATIVITY—Dates for your diary:

Dress Rehearsal—Friday 4th December

Daytime Performances—Monday 7th and Wed 9th December (time TBC)

Evening Performance—Thursday 10th December (time TBC)

BAG2SCHOOL— A reminder that our next collection date is Tuesday 20th October, please can any bags be in by 8:45am on the day ready for the driver to collect at 9am. Please don't bring to school before this date as we have nowhere to store them. There are empty bags by the office window in reception if you need them or please see Miss Hansen. Please ignore the collection date printed on the bags as the collection has been put back by BAG2SCHOOL since we received them.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher





Please Remember



Cakes
can be brought into
school on



Tuesday or Wednesday.



Thank you for your support
in making Mrs Knowles's
retirement celebration
extra special!

