



Newsletter – 3rd March 2023

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a restful half-term and managed to enjoy some family time together.

You should have received a letter from our Chair of Governors yesterday, outlining that I was appointed as permanent headteacher of Upperby Primary School earlier this week. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Upperby so far, working with fantastic children, staff, parents and governors and look forward to continuing this in my new role.

Thank you to parents for your support of our pupils and our school and hope to see many of you at upcoming events over the next few months. – Mrs Burns

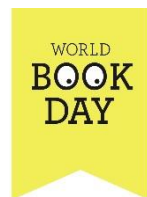
Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be held next week for Nursery, Reception (Rainbows class only), Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5.

This is a time when you will be able to speak to your child's class teacher and view their work. If you haven't already, please remember to book your slot via teacher2 parent. You should have received a link either by text or by email.

World Book Day

It was great to see so many children dressed in their pyjamas yesterday, as we celebrated World Book Day. We held assemblies and completed book related activities within each class, including attending live lessons with varying authors.



All children were given a World Book Day voucher which can be used until 26th March 2023. All children were also given the opportunity to choose a free book to take home.

PE Reminder

A reminder that hair must be tied back and jewellery removed (including earrings) for all PE lessons. If your child is unable to remove and insert their own stud earrings, we suggest that these stay at home on PE days. We thank you for your support with this.

Times Tables Meetings for Year 3 & 4 Parents

Year 4 children in all schools, take the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June. The purpose of this check, is to ensure that their times tables knowledge is at the expected level. This is an online test where the pupil is asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12.

Mrs Breese will be holding a meeting in the After School Club on Thursday 9th March at 9am for Year 3 & 4 parents. This will give you a further insight into the test and will also give you information about how you can help your child at home.



Year 4 Poetry Competition

All children in Year 4 took part in The Big Green Poetry Machine competition last half-term. They wrote poems about nature, caring for the environment and about how to create a better world for their future.



We were delighted to receive our results this week. Thirty-one children received a certificate and will have their work published in the near future. A huge well done to everyone that took part - what a terrific achievement!

Dogs on School Premises

We would like to remind parents that dogs/ puppies are not permitted on the school premises.

This is a health and safety issue.

Year 2 SATs Meeting

We will be holding a meeting on **Tuesday 7th March at 4.30pm** for Year 2 parents in the After School Club room.

During this meeting we will share examples of what KS1 SATs look like, how they will be carried out within school during the month of May and how you can help your child at home.

School Trips

Year 1 trip to Carlisle Cathedral

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 1 children visited Carlisle Cathedral and took part in a 'Labyrinths and Pilgrimages' workshop. They then made their own labyrinths out of clay. Well done Year 1!



Year 5 Project Homework

Year 5 completed project homework about Victorian inventions last half-term. Staff were delighted with the time and effort that children put into this and I am sure you will agree from the pictures below, the results are fantastic!



Breakfast and After School Club

We have an amazing Breakfast and After School Club which runs daily during term time.

Breakfast club is open from 7.50am and is priced at £3 per child per day. Each child will be given some healthy breakfast ready for the day ahead.

After School Club is open until 6pm and is priced at £6 per child per day. Every child will be given a small snack followed by a fun activity.

Places can be booked via ScoPay, however please note that these are limited. If you would like some more information, please contact the school office.



Holiday Activities

Cumbria County Council are offering an exciting programme of fun activities for the Easter holidays. To see what opportunities are available this Easter and how to book, please [click here](#).

Focus on Phonics

At
Upperby School
Starts 3rd March
1pm - 3pm

Explore letters and sounds and discover activities that can be done at home



Work together on fun and interactive activities, building reading confidence and exploring ways to encourage a love of books.



To sign up phone the school office on 01228 815460.

Year 4 Residential Meeting

There will be an information evening for Year 4 parents whose children are going on the York Residential.

During this evening staff will go through some useful information about the trip, including what children will need to bring. This will also be an opportunity to ask any questions.

This will be on 14th March at 5pm in the Activity Room.

Strep A

We have one or two cases again within school. Please find a link from the UK Health Security Agency with information regards to scarlet fever and invasive group A strep.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>

Cost of Living - Support for Families

Cumbria County Council has committed to 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the Councils 'Ways to Welfare' website.

[https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default .asp](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp)



Birthdays



Happy birthday to all who have had a birthday this week and over half-term. We hope you had a lovely day!

Emma, Tallulah, Cassidy, Kayden, Lyla, Maisy, Amelia, Lily, Mayzie, Lucy and Honee

Well done to our winners this week!

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
		
Sunbeams	Ava-Mae	Layton
Rainbows	Chloe	Summer
Neverland (Y1)	Lloyd	Brooklyn
Emerald City (Y2)	Alexi	Huxley
Camelot (Y2)	Ollie O	Oliver B
Fantasia (Y3)	Isaac	Bella
Gondor (Y3)	Daisy-Mae	Jaelynn
Atlantis (Y4)	James S	Cairon
Te-fiti (Y4)	Kira	Jasmin
Cosmos (Y5)	Kye	Cieron
Eternia (Y5)	Samuel	Tiyamika
Gotham City (Y6)	Frankie	Ruby-Leigh
Hogwarts (Y6)	Daisy	Indianna

Parking

Please be considerate when parking. We have seen several cases where parents are parking on the zigzags outside of school and have also had reports of people parking dangerously on corners. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 97%

The overall attendance for this week is – 93.13%

This week's class attendance winners are – Atlantis

Please remember if your child is unwell, please call the office as soon as possible and leave a voicemail on our absence line.

A reminder that school starts at 8.45am. We expect all children to be in class ready to learn at this time.

Diary Dates

6 th March	Science Week
7 th March	Year 3&4 Girls football event at Harraby 3G
8 th March	Parent Meetings N, R, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 – book your appointment via Teachers2Parents
9 th March	Parent Meetings N, R, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 – book your appointment via Teachers2Parents Y2 Emerald City assembly in the school hall at 9am Y3 & 4 Parent Meeting re. Times Tables Test 9am
10 th March	Y5 Stay & Play session at 9am for parents Choir Competition
14 th March	Y2 Camelot assembly in the school hall at 2.30pm Y4 information meeting re. Y4 residential trip to York at 5pm
15 th March	Proposed strike day
16 th March	Proposed strike day
17 th March	Red Nose Day
22 nd March	Y5 trip to Beamish
23 rd March	Year 1 Stay and Read in the School Hall – 2.40pm
24 th March	Year 6 Stay and Play (Both Classes) - 2.30pm
27 th March	Y5 Cycle Wise sessions begin for the week Scholastic Book Fair – further details to follow
29 th March	Y3 Stay & Play session at 9am for parents Easter discos
31 st March	EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnets competition, KS2 Easter Egg competition Children finish for Easter break (normal finishing time)
17 th April	Start of summer term Y4 Residential to York
25 th April	Y4 Stay & Play session 9am for parents
27 th April	Y6 information meeting re. Y6 residential to Edinburgh – 5pm
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday
9 th May	Y6 start SATs Week
24 th May	Y3 year group assembly for parents Y5 Stay & Read session for parents
26 th May	Children finish for half-term
5 th June	Children return to school Y6 Residential to Edinburgh
7 th June	Y5 year group assembly for parents 2.30pm start
9 th June	Y3 residential to Kingswood
12 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week (Y1 & Y2)
14 th June	Y4 year group assembly in the hall for parents
23 rd June	Class Photo Day
26 th June	Sports Week
3 rd July	Y5 Residential to Coniston
10 th July	Sports Day EYFS & KS1 - Morning Sports Day Y3 & 4 – Afternoon
11 th July	Sports Day Y5 & 6 - Morning
12 th July	Back-up Sports Day for EYFS, KS1, Y3 & Y4
13 th July	Back-up Sports Day for Y5 & 6
18 th July	Year 6 End of Year Performance at 2pm for Parents Year 6 Festival 4.30 – 6pm
19 th July	End of academic year (normal finishing time)