



Newsletter – 17th February 2023

What a busy week!

As we come to the end of the half-term, I would like to thank all parents / carers for your continued support. Children and staff alike have worked hard and are ready for a well-earned half-term break. We hope that you enjoy spending time together.

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

Important Notice

Children return to school after the half-term break on Monday 27th February.

School will be closed on **Tuesday 28th February** due to industrial action.

Parent Meetings

We had parent meetings for Year 2 and Year 6 this week. Thank you to parents that attended. If you were unable to attend and would like to speak to your child's teacher, please phone the school office.

All other year groups will have parents evening on 8th and 9th March – more info to follow.

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day. There is nothing better than snuggling up in bed with a good book! This year we will be promoting reading at bedtime. Children may come dressed in their pyjamas and or onesies and bring in their favourite book.



Stay and Read

Thank you to parents in Y2, 3 & 4. It was lovely to see so many of you come to enjoy reading with your child during these sessions.

Reading is so important for your child's current and future educations.

For them to read with you and for you to read to them on a daily basis ensures they get off to the very best start in life.

Neverland Assembly

Children in Neverland class have been taking part in a project run by the NHS called Jobs for Everyone. As part of this, children created their own models and presented them in an assembly for parents. Well done Neverland!



Year 5 Trip to Coniston

Children in Year 5 have the opportunity to attend a residential to Coniston in July.

We currently have 10 spaces left.

The deadline for deposit payments of £50 is Wednesday 1st March. Spaces will be given on a first come, first served basis.



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.

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

Holme Head House Trip

Year 2 visited Holme Head House on Tuesday and had a great time!



Demon Dentist

Year 4 had the best seats in the house yesterday when they visited the Sands Centre to watch The Demon Dentist. This was a perfect way to end their class novel.



Did you know – you can set alerts on SCOPAY to notify you of any new trips or clubs as they become available. Simply click on 'Alerts' when you login, tick to say you want to receive alerts and/or emails and then 'Update'.

Gymnastics

Kian and Faye took part in an acrobatic gymnastics' competition at the weekend. They competed against other gymnasts from around the North of England. They were awarded second place - a fantastic achievement. A special mention to Faye who learned her routine in just a week. Well done!



French Day

Upperby was certainly colourful today as children dressed in red, white and blue for our French day.



French food was on offer and French activities went on throughout the day.

Children were set the challenge of creating their own French flag.

Well done to everyone for making it magnifique!

Nursery Places

Why Choose us?

Applications are now open for September 2023 and January 2024.

September 2023 - Deadline for applications **24th March 23**

January 2024 - Deadline for applications **22nd September 23**

Everyone is entitled to 15 hours free childcare.
You could also be eligible for 30 hours.

We have additional paid for sessions available on request, as well as access to our breakfast and after school club.

- Nursery places for children 3+ years
- Flexible start points throughout the year
- Safe, secure and stimulating environment
- Dedicated inside and outside space
- Fun and sociable experiences
- Fully qualified, friendly and caring staff
- Nurturing transition to school
- Access to hot meals for full-time children (additional cost)
- Breakfast club available from 7.45am

Session Times

Morning 8.45am - 11.45am

Afternoon - 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Please pop in and ask about nursery places or arrange a tour.
Applications available from the school office.



Reception Places

Why Choose us?

Applications are now open for September 2023 start

Upperby Primary School is an OFSTED 'Good' school offering.

It is our belief that children come to Upperby Primary School to be happy and successful learners, enabling our children to develop their skills and grow to understand how they are part of the wider community. Our dedicated staff are committed to ensuring our children develop into life-long learners who aspire to be the best they can be.

We also offer Breakfast Club for £3 per child per session and After School Club for £6 per child per session. Breakfast is open from 7.50am and After School Club closes at 6pm.

To apply for a place please contact school admissions by emailing school.admissions@cumbria.gov.uk or by calling 01228 221582.

We love making new friends here at Upperby Primary School so please don't hesitate and come and visit us, book a visit today by contacting the school office!



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.

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. We hope you had a lovely day!

Jay McL, Olly W, Emmie, Joshua W, Georgia-Mae

Well done to our winners this week!

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
		
Sunbeams	Tommy & Sam	Teddie
Rainbows	Nellie	Isabella
Neverland (Y1)	Whole Class	Hattie
Emerald City (Y2)	Harley-Davidson	Poppy
Camelot (Y2)	Abigail	Roxanne
Fantasia (Y3)	Sophie	Joshua
Gondor (Y3)	Daniel	Louis
Atlantis (Y4)	Oliver	James
Te-fiti (Y4)	Kira	Jasmine
Cosmos (Y5)	Alexander	Charlotte
Eternia (Y5)	Oliver	Lois
Gotham City (Y6)	Amelia	Riley
Hogwarts (Y6)	Breana	Ruby-Lea

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 – 92.73%

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.

Diary Dates

27 th February	Children return to school
28 th February	Strike day (School will be closed)
1 st March	Y1 trip to Carlisle Cathedral
2 nd March	World Book Day
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 ParentMail
9 th March	Parent Meetings N, R, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 – book your appointment via ParentMail 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)