



September Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! A warm welcome to all our children and families, both new and returning. I hope you had a wonderful Summer break. It has been lovely to see the children return so happy and settled. We are excited to begin the new term and look forward to a wonderful year of learning together.

Staff Changes I am delighted to welcome three new members to our Teaching Assistant team: Miss Callister in Reception, Miss Fleming in Year 5 and Miss Pierce in Year 6. I am sure you will join me in giving them a warm welcome. Mrs McCowan got married over the Summer and is now Mrs Richardson.— Congratulations!

Junior Pick-Up We encourage our junior children to leave school independently. This helps to reduce playground congestion while developing their confidence, awareness of risk and readiness for secondary school. Please arrange a meeting point outside the school grounds or, where appropriate, allow your child to walk home independently. Children are taught to return to school and speak to a member of staff if their parent or carer is not at the agreed meeting point.

Parent Year Group Meetings We have arranged meetings for parents and carers of children in Years 1–6. These will provide an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and learn more about the expectations, routines and curriculum for their new year group. We hope these meetings will strengthen communication between home and school, answer any questions you may have and help ensure a positive start to the new school year. Please check the diary dates. We very much hope you can attend and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning and development.

Summer Improvements Over the summer, new carpets were

fitted in Reception and Year 4, along with new corridor flooring. We also purchased iPads for Years 1 and 2 and lovely new furniture for Nursery. Thanks to PTA funding, the children are also enjoying new outdoor gym equipment. Thank you to our Trust site teams for their hard work and to everyone who supported our PTA events.

Nut-Free School To help keep children with allergies safe, please remember that nuts and nut products, including peanut butter, must not be included in packed lunches.

Free School Meals From September 2026, all children living in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals. If you think your child may be eligible, please contact the school office.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy We are struggling to recruit and are looking for a midday supervisor to join our team. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact the school office for further information.

ParentPay is our cashless system for paying for trips, swimming and school meals. All school communications are sent through ParentPay. Separated parents can each have their own access. Please remember that all lunches must be booked through ParentPay, including free infant meals for children in Reception to Year 2. School meals cost £2.80 per day or £14 per week.

Emergency Contacts We must have up-to-date email, mobile/work/emergency contact phone numbers. If these have changed please contact the school office.

Medical Information Inform the school office as soon as possible if your child's medical needs or medication have changed. If your child uses an inhaler or EpiPen, please ensure it is in school and handed to their class teacher.

Core Value Our Core Value for this half-term is **SELF-BELIEF**—a wonderful value to inspire us as

we begin the new school year!

Work of the Month Each month a number of children will be selected for their individual success, behaviour, progress and displaying our core value. It is a lovely opportunity to come into school and support the children. All family members are welcome. See diary dates for timings.

School Uniform As always label **EVERY** item of clothing; including shoes, PE kit and coats.

School Website/Social Media Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with school news and activities. Our website also contains lots of useful information, including current curriculum topics for every year group and subject.

Jeans for Genes Day Following a very persuasive letter from two of our pupils, who asked us to support this cause in honour of their younger sibling, we will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 18 September. Children are invited to wear their jeans and bring a £1 donation.

Extra Curricular Activities start the week beginning 21st Sept. Booking details will be sent out soon.

Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter My monthly newsletter is our main way of sharing important school information and upcoming dates. It will be emailed at the beginning of each month and shared on our website and social media pages. Please look out for it and make a note of key dates.

Class Newsletters Class newsletters will be sent each half-term with information about your child's learning, homework and important dates for their year group.

I'll look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks.

Mrs Pierce
Headteacher



Thursday 3rd 2026

September Diary Dates

- ☺ Mon 7th Mrs Robinson, Furness Academy to see Y5/6 re: Secondary School Applications
- ☺ Mon 7th Y6 Parent Meeting 3:30pm
- ☺ Tues 8th Y2 Parent Meeting 3:30pm
- ☺ Wed 9th Swimming Starts Y4/5
- ☺ Thurs 10th Y5 Parent Meeting 3:30pm
- ☺ Fri 11th Y3 Parent Meeting 2:30pm
- ☺ Mon 14th Y4 Parent Meeting 3:30pm
- ☺ Tues 15th/Wed 16th Karate breakfast Club Starts
- ☺ Tues 15th Y1 Parent Meeting 3:30pm
- ☺ Fri 18th Jeans for Genes Day—Non Uniform £1
- ☺ Wk Beg 21st Extra Curricular Activities Begin
- ☺ Mon 21st Y3/4 Football Skills Festival Furness Academy (FA)
- ☺ Mon 28th Y5/6 Football Skills Festival FA
- ☺ Tues 29th Y2 Key Movement Event FA

October Diary Dates

- ☺ Thurs 1st Work of the Month 8:50 Nur/Infant 3pm Juniors
- ☺ Mon 5th Grandparents Event Y1/2 8:45am
- ☺ Fri 2nd Tempest Photography Individual/Family
- ☺ Fri 2nd Nasal Flu
- ☺ Fri 9th Harvest Festival 9am and 1:30pm
- ☺ Tues 20th PTA Halloween Disco
- ☺ Fri 23rd Work of the Month 8:50 Nur/Infant - 2pm Juniors
- ☺ Fri 23rd Break for Half Term
- ☺ Tues 31st Closing Date Secondary School Applications

