

"Be Brave, Be Bright and Be YOU!"



Monkswray
Junior School

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant start to the academic year we have had. Our Year 3 children have settled into school life and the older children have been wonderful role models in helping them navigate their new school. This week's newsletter has a few school updates following the Summer break and new guidance for us to follow.

Mobile phones

A reminder that unless it is for medical reasons or travelling alone to/from school, children should not bring mobile phones into school. If they do need them for outside school hours, they must be switched off and handed in to the school office.

Earrings/Jewellery

Please can I remind all parents and carers that children are not permitted to wear earrings or any jewellery for PE lessons. Our health and safety policy from Cumberland Council states that 'jewellery must not be worn' and the most recent First Aid training that staff received said that plasters/tape over the ears was not sufficient and they must be removed.

Water Bottles and Packed Lunches

Following the new guidance for allergies in school, please can I ask that all packed lunches and water bottles are labelled with your child's name. As part of our commitment to being eco friendly in school, reusable water bottles are preferred. We do have a small stock of water bottles in school if your child needs one and every class access cups and jugs of fresh water.

Uniform

We still have a large stock of uniform in good condition should you need any. Please message the office or your child's teacher if you need anything. There is a reminder of our uniform policy below. Please remember that there is no expectation or requirement for your child to have items with the school logo on them. Plain items from Tesco, Asda etc are perfectly acceptable.

Day to Day uniform–

White or navy Polo shirt with or without school badge.

– Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school badge.

– Black, grey or navy trousers or skirt or Pinafore. Plain Joggers or leggings are acceptable.

Any of the above items should not have a logo or slogan on them e.g. Puma, Nike, Adidas etc.

PE uniform is:

– Black shorts

– White T shirt

– Grey sweatshirt/hoodie

– Grey tracksuit bottoms

– No logos e.g Puma, Adidas or stripes please

Wraparound

We still have spaces available in our after school childcare until 4.30pm. You can collect your child at anytime within the paid session. Each day the children will receive snacks, drinks and be able to play games, enjoy crafts, do homework, enjoy sports or even a movie! Wraparound care can be booked on SCOPay. Please get in touch with either myself or Mrs Houghton if you have any questions.

Take care and I hope you have a wonderful week,

Mrs Willis

Dates for the Diary

★ Monday 7th September 2026- Year 6 Bikeability

★ Tuesday 22nd September 2026- Brilliant Cumbria Launch Day for Year 5

★ Friday 25th September 2026- Whole school sponsored walk- more information in the letter sent out last Friday.

★ Tuesday 13th October 2026- Nasal Flu Vaccinations

★ Tuesday 20th October 2026- Coffee and Chat. Join us in school to meet your child's teacher, see their work and have a cuppa. 2.30pm onwards.

★ Friday 23rd October 2026- Halloween Dinner Day

Monday 26th October 2024 -Friday 30th October 2026- HALF TERM

★ Friday 13th November 2026- Children in Need Day

★ Wednesday 18th November 2026- School Photo Day

★ Thursday 10th December 2026- Christmas celebrations at St Peter's church with Kells Infants. 2pm

★ **Friday 18th December 2026- Finish for Christmas Holidays**

★ **Wednesday 6th January 2027- Children return to school**

Monday 15th February- Friday 19th February 2027- HALF TERM

★ Monday 19th February- Children return to school

★ Thursday 25th March 2027- Finish for Easter Holidays

★ Monday 12th April 2027- Children return to school

★ **Monday 3rd May 2027- May Bank Holiday- School closed**

★ Monday 10th May- Thursday 13th May 2027- SATs Week- Year 6.

Monday 31st May 2027-Friday 4th June 2027 - HALF TERM

★ **Monday 7th June 2027- Children return to school**

Year 4 Multiplication Check opens

★ Thursday 10th June 2027 - Sports Day (Provisional date to be confirmed nearer the time)

★ Wednesday 30th June 2027- Transition Day to secondary school and for the rest of school

★ **Friday 16th July 2027- Finish for Summer Holidays**