

NEWLAITHE'S NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you so much for all the support we have received this academic year from families. It was wonderful to have so many volunteers supporting learning visits and helping the children get out in our community.

The residents of Burnrigg and Eden Manor care homes were thrilled to see our children singing. It was also lovely to see so many families in attendance at our Christmas craft evening after school last year.

Another huge thanks to all the families who supported in posting Christmas cards in support of the Jigsaw Children's Hospice. We managed yet again to raise over £1500 for this invaluable local charity!

We are looking for individuals and families to support school through volunteering in school and volunteering their time in other ways too. We will be holding an information event on Monday the 2nd March. We can hold this during school **and** after if more convenient to attend.

If you wish to express interest in attending ahead of this date please email secretary@newinf.cumbria.sch.uk with your name / child's name.

Any time or support you can give will be appreciated.



Be Happy. Learn. Be Proud.

SCHOOL LIBRARY – National Year of Reading 2026

Our popular school library is open for parents and children after school on Fridays. Please do come along and choose a book with your child. We **LOVE** reading at school and this is a great chance to borrow a book to share with your child at home.

We are lucky enough to be working in partnership with RR Morton academy students who are coming to read with our pupils for the **third** year running!

Cumberland Library Service for Schools have also been working closely with the school to improve our stock of more advanced reading books too!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Being in school makes such a difference to every child. Learning, friendships, wellbeing, and future success are all supported by good attendance.

Being on time and ready to learn is part of good attendance too. Mornings and afternoons are counted in a child's attendance as the opportunities for your child are packed into every day right until home time.

Thank you for your support. No child at this age can have positive attendance without positive action from families. If your child is unwell the best place is of course at home. Please ensure that you have notified school on each day of absence before 9:30am. We also have an answerphone for messages.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Our parents' evenings will be held on **Wednesday 18th and Wednesday the 25th of March**. These can be booked following the half term break.

Years 1 and 2 will have sign up boards outside the classrooms from Wednesday the 25th of February. Nursery and Reception will email out on Evidence me as usual on the same day.

As always, staff are approachable and can arrange meetings at any time through the year should you have something you wish to discuss.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Thompson is having a planned medical procedure and as part of her recovery plan will need some time at home. This is currently planned to be only for the next half term until Easter. Mr Wilkinson and the other members of the Nursery team will be busy working and playing together on Mondays and Tuesdays! We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Thompson a speedy recovery.

In other wonderful news, congratulations to Miss Robson who is expecting a baby. Baby is due just before the summer so we will keep you posted as to any developments after Easter break.



COMIC RELIEF

This year, comic relief is taking place on **Friday 20th March**. This will be a non-uniform day with voluntary contributions for this charity.

UNIFORM

It is really important to us that all children feel proud and happy at school. One way we do this is by all children being in the same uniform. It is wonderful to have special or fancy clothes at home. At school we want everyone to feel equally lucky and that is a core part of the reason we ask for your support in children following our uniform policy. Shoes for example being plain and black mean that everyone can feel an equal part of our proud school. No child should look at another child's uniform and feel envious. **Thank you for your support in making every child feel proud.**

KEY SAFETY MESSAGES

Please do not allow your child to play on the ramp at the front of school at the start and end of the school day.

The front of the school is a car park. We thank you for playing no ball games.

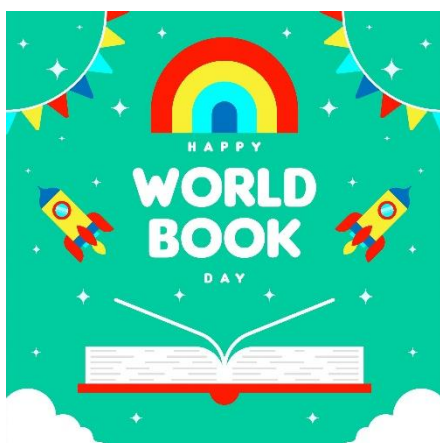
Bikes and scooters are to be walked or pushed on school grounds at all times.

Please do not park in the Morton Surgery car park opposite school.

Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds.

Jewellery is not permitted in school. This includes earrings. Children can wear earrings at the junior school as they are old enough to remove them and look after them for PE sessions.

WORLD BOOK DAY



World book day is officially celebrated on Thursday 5th March this year but we will be having a special Newlathes rainbow celebration on **Friday 6th March**. Your child can dress in a colour or colours of their choice. One coloured item is fine and any colour is okay.

Please don't buy anything for just one day. The children will have a fabulous day whatever they wear.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Do I qualify for free school meals and school clothing vouchers?

Please check at the Cumberland website below.

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

Your child can still choose to have a packed lunch. Please apply if you think you may be eligible. **There are many other benefits you would be missing out on by not applying.**

HOMEWORK & ENGAGEMENT AT HOME

Homework in our school is designed to be an experience for the children and their families to share. It's great to encourage independent learning but this should be something you can do together and discuss. It's a real opportunity for language development through talking to each other whilst your child completes their work. Homework is designed to be age appropriate and enjoyable. It includes experiences as well as writing and reading. **Thank you for taking time each week to do this alongside reading together daily. We know you will have many other activities to share as a family which enrich your child's learning too!**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Friday 6th World book day
Wednesday 18th Parents Evening
(including Nursery)

(Sign up details will be sent out in the coming weeks)

Friday 20th Comic Relief (non-uniform)

Monday 16th U Dance (Year 2)

Wednesday 25th Parents Evening
(including Nursery)

Wednesday 25th Easter Bonnet deadline
(info to follow)

Friday 27th 1:15pm Children finish

Saturday 28th Easter Holidays begin

April

Monday 13th 8:45am

Tuesday 21st am/pm

Tuesday 28th am/pm

May 4th

Summer term begins

Reception Farm Trip

Year 1 Farm trip

Bank Holiday



Any additional dates will be sent by email or added to the website as needed.