

NEWLAITHE NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

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WELCOME

What a fabulous few weeks we have had welcoming all the new children to our community and watching our existing members settle into their new classes. The staff have loved getting to know their new classes.



Each year brings opportunities to work together more closely while supporting all our children learn and grow. Thank you for all your support.



Mr Wilkinson

Be Happy. Learn. Be Proud.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

These will take place after school on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October**, from 3.30pm – 6.00pm.



The main purpose of this meeting will be to talk about how your child has settled into their new class, what they are working on and how you can help them at home. Each family has an appointment slot available so make sure you have signed up. There are still one or two available if you hurry.

STARTING SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2025

If your child is due to start school in September 2025 applications can now be made online at [Apply for a reception place in September 2025 | Cumberland Council](#).

The closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

We have a bike rack and scooter pods at the rear of school if your child travels to school that way. Please make sure your child walks with their bike or scooter when on school grounds to prevent riding into other children or adults.

RAMP outside school is for disabled access only. Please ensure that children do not play on the ramp or climb on the railings at any time. Thank you

ILLNESS

If your child is ill please keep them off school and contact us by 9.30am to let us know. Attendance is very important, but we need to try to prevent the spread of viruses across this winter so please keep your child at home if they are too unwell to be here.

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS CATCH UP CLINIC

Vaccinations took place at school yesterday. A follow up session has been arranged at school for **Friday 22nd November**. All families have already been emailed the link to complete the consent form for your child to receive the above vaccination. If you are unable to find the email then you can contact the team directly on 01228 608046.

HEALTH & SAFETY – please help us keep our children safe

Please don't bring cars onto school grounds unless you are collecting an ill child during the day.

The new landlord at the Royal Scot has kindly offered the use of the rear park at drop off and pick up time. We are sure families will appreciate this, and we thank parents for using the car park responsibly.

Please do not park in the doctors' surgery. In the past we have had complaints from the surgery that patients could not park due to parents parking there.

Thank you for not bringing dogs onto the school grounds.

Jewellery isn't permitted in school. This includes **any kind of earrings**. Our message has always been clear, consistent and will remain so.



WHY ARE BOOKS SO IMPORTANT?



Books allow children to see themselves, understand others and step into different worlds.

Our library is an extra special place to share a book or two! Our library theme boxes have been completely re-stocked over the summer by our book loving staff. You'll be amazed how many new books are there.



FRIDAY IS LIBRARY DAY!!!

We look forward to seeing you each week. Siblings are welcome to borrow books too

READING AT HOME

Children learn best when we work together. Reading is probably the best example of this. We are asking you to read with your child at home at least five times every week – and it can be such a special time together. Before (and after) your child can read this could be sharing a book together. Please record this in your child's reading record book. We'll be checking reading records regularly.

PHONICS and READING

We teach the children how to read using Read Write Inc phonics. Mr Wilkinson is the reading leader and keeps track of where all children are in school with their phonics. If you have any questions please come and see him.



The book bus will be visiting school on **24th October** and the children will spend some time choosing books and listening to stories.

HALLOWEEN DISCOS



We'll be holding Halloween discos on **Thursday 24th October**. Tickets, costing £3 will include drinks and biscuits.

Nursery & reception children 4pm-5pm
Y1 & Y2 children 5:15pm-6:15pm

Tickets will be available to buy from the school office **week commencing 7th October**.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are holding our harvest festival at St Luke's on Wednesday **23rd October at 9.30am**. Parents and carers are welcome to join us and if you can help us walk the children over that's even better!



We are asking for voluntary donations of tins and packets of food for the food bank at St Luke's and St Barnabas. There is no pressure on anyone to make a donation – there are no tick lists to make sure everyone has donated!

If you can help us walk the children over please let your child's teacher know. Thank you.

MANNERS 23 is now MANNERS 24!!!

Our amazing school councillors last year came up with Manners 23 to celebrate good manners being used in school. Any adult working in school can give a child a good manners card if they earn it. Each half term 24 names are picked out to take part in a Manners 24 party. Our staff are always on the lookout for positive behaviours and reasons to praise our children. It is wonderful to see how proud the children are when they get a manners card!



October

Monday 7 th	Road safety workshops
Monday 7 th	Disco tickets on sale
Monday 14 th	Active Travel to School Week
Tuesday 15 th	Parents' evening
Wednesday 16 th	Parents' evening
Wednesday 23 rd 9:30am	Harvest Festival – St.Luke's
Thursday 24 th	Book Bus
Thursday 24 th	Halloween Discos
Friday 25 th 3.15pm	Finish for half-term

November

Monday 4 th	school re-opens
Monday 4 th	Christmas raffle tickets on sale
Friday 22 nd	Nasal flu vaccines catch up
Friday 29 th	Non-uniform day – Bring a raffle prize

December

Wednesday 4 th	Christmas jumper day & dinner
Friday 6 th	Reindeer Run
Monday 9 th 2:30pm	Reception Nativity
Tuesday 10 th 2:30pm	Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 11 th 9:15am	Nursery performance and party
Thursday 12 th 2:30pm	Year 2 Nativity
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas raffle draw
Tuesday 17 th pm	Year 2 party
Wednesday 18 th pm	Year 1 party
Thursday 19 th pm	Reception party
Friday 20 th 1:15pm	Finish for Christmas

Further information/dates will be emailed to families when necessary for particular events.