

# Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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*Dear Parents and carers,*

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we begin the 'Christmas' term (and even though we've already been back for a week) I would like to take a moment to warmly welcome you back to school. It's always a time of excitement, and we look forward to the festive activities and the positive energy that the season brings.

This term, we have many exciting events lined up, including our Christmas performances, special visits, and end-of-term celebrations. These activities provide wonderful opportunities for the children to showcase their talents and creativity, and we hope to share lots of these with you in coming weeks.

Alongside the festivities, we remain focused on ensuring that each child continues to make progress in their learning, with our dedicated staff supporting them every step of the way. This is also a busy half term for sports and trips, with Year 4 children off to Robin Wood and the Dallam School cross-country happening this month. We must also say a huge well-done to the Year 5 and 6 dodgeball players who competed last week at the South Lakes tournament and came home overall winners!

As we move closer to the holiday season, we also encourage all children to continue embracing the spirit of kindness and generosity that this time of year encourages. Whether it's through supporting charity initiatives or simply offering a helping hand to classmates, these acts of goodwill enrich our school community. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces in the square for Remembrance Day on Sunday, thank you to everyone who came along.

Thank you and best wishes,

**Paul Macfarlane**  
**Head teacher**

 **Christmas Shopping Opportunity incoming.....**

We are very excited to be holding our Christmas Book Fair again this year! There will be lots of great titles for all ages, plus some cute little stocking fillers too! Payments can be made in cash or online by scanning a QR code (we don't have a card machine sorry). The fair will be held on the following days:

Monday 18th November 3.15 - 4.00pm  
Tuesday 19th November 3.15 - 4.00pm  
Wednesday 20th November 3.15 - 4.00pm

Thank you so much for supporting the fair again this year - we were able to buy £190 worth of books for the school library last year, which was incredible!

**November Birthdays**

*"Happy Birthday to you...."*

*James Miles, Florence Bewick, Telilah Raja,  
Isaac Johnston, Oscar Atkinson, Hunter Wade,  
Nel Barr, Sadie Wright, William Atkinson, Kit Stone,  
Aubrey Marshall, Chloe Pritt-Shaw,  
Cesca Wilkinson, John James Woodend-McKay,  
Jacob Bland, Mia Wilkinson, Toby Whitelock,  
Emily Downes*

*.... enjoy your special day!"*



## Useful Links to our School Website

- **Diary Dates** - <https://milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe>
- **Guidance on Requesting Leave of Absence** - <https://www.milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe/site/pages/schoolinformation/holidaysintermtime>
- **Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2024-2025** - <https://www.milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe/site/pages/schoolinformation/termtimeandholidaydates>



### Bags to school Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Items can be placed in ordinary household bin bags and left on the steps at the entrance to the car park please, before 9.00am.

Click on the link below for details regarding what you can and can't donate:

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

This is a super fundraiser for the PTA - thank you in advance for your support 😊

### Website Diary Dates

We have made some additions to the school website diary with Christmas events etc.

Please make a note of the dates, but please be aware that sometimes the times can change.

As we get closer to the start of December, we will send a list of what you need for your child on each day, which will hopefully help with the business of this time of year 😊

### Winter Bugs

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they are unwell. Usually, children can come to school with minor coughs and colds and even some conditions like Conjunctivitis, but if you are unsure, click on the link for NHS advice - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

- If your child is absent from school, please call and leave a message before 9.00am. If they are off school for more than a couple of days, please call again with an update on their condition.
- If your child is well enough to come to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know. Chicken Pox and Slapped Cheek are risky for pregnant women, so please tell us about these illnesses.
- Vomiting and diarrhoea ALWAYS require exclusion from school – children are not allowed at school until 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
- We are able to administer medicine at school when four doses per day are required. Please bring the medicine to the school office and complete a Medication Form.

### WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL/ CHILDCARE?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> When scabs are dry	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Diarrhoea or Vomiting</b> 48 hours after the last episode	<b>Flu</b> 5 days after start of illness	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay out*
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Impetigo</b> When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics	<b>Measles</b> 4 days after rash appears	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days after swelling appears
<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after starting antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after start of illness

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

\*No need to stay out if child is well but school or childcare provider should be informed.