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Milnthorpe Primary School

Dear Parents and carers,

Our vibrant autumn term continues to unfold with energy and enthusiasm. As the seasons shift, we've been making the most of the dry spells — enjoying outdoor learning and community experiences that enrich our curriculum.

As the weather deteriorates and the days grow darker, please can we ask everyone to be vigilant with road safety around school. We are well aware of the pressures at drop-off and collection and the difficulties involved. Please take time to ensure everyone is safe by following parking rules and driving carefully.

Several classes have taken part in apple pressing in the village, a much-loved local tradition. It's been wonderful to see the children so engaged, contributing to this special community event and, of course, sampling the delicious fresh juice!

Year 1 had a wonderful and engaging visit to St Thomas's Church, where they learned all about Christian symbolism. Our Nursery children are heading to Hartland House this week to get to know the residents and share some songs and activities. Running club has started this term and wow, what engagement – it has been fantastic to see so many children coming in early to train and run around the school field, a huge thank you to Miss Houlsworth for organising this each week. Mrs Jackson and Mrs Clegg have been busy organising the school choir and although their first performance had to be cancelled due to bad weather, they have many more lined up this term and have been practising hard every week.

And finally, the BIG excitement of the week: the Year 5 residential trip to York! After weeks of anticipation, the children are ready for a few days packed with learning, adventure, and fun. This trip is always a memorable experience, and we know they'll return with stories to share and, perhaps, a need for an early night—Year 5 parents, expect some sleepy faces on Friday evening!

Best wishes,

Paul Macfarlane

Head teacher

October Birthdays

"Happy Birthday to you...."

Daisy Castle, Kaila Marquez, Logan Jones,
May Wongsatham, Joy Deboo, Mina Foot,
Arthur Walters, Tommy Mallinson, Orla O'Keefe,
Harry Brook, Eli Boyes, Ashton Morrow,
Immy Oliver, Jake Poxon

.... enjoy your special day!"



Say Cheese! School Photo Time!

Joe Mather is visiting next week to capture those precious school memories! Monday and Tuesday, next week, will be filled with smiles, silly poses, and maybe a few "wait, is my hair okay?" moments 😊

Family portraits with non-MPS siblings kick off Monday at 9:10am in the main playground (booking required by 3.15pm Wednesday - no walk-ins possible - leave your child's name in the comments on the Class Dojo post). Fair warning: there might be a bit of a wait, but those perfect family shots will be worth it! 📸

Monday's lineup includes our youngest stars through to Year 4, while Tuesday welcomes our Year 5 and 6 superstars to the spotlight! ✨

Missed your moment? No worries! Tuesday is also catch-up day for anyone who couldn't make their Monday session. Let's make these photos frame-worthy!

(After all the photos have been taken, parents and carers will receive an email with a link to view and purchase the children's photos, please check 'junk' just in case. You can see which email we have used by checking your contact details on the Arbor school app)

If you have any questions, please ask 😊

Diary Dates

The school calendar, on our website, has been updated!

Please have a peek and make a note of any important dates, particularly the Christmas ones 😊

Occasionally dates and times have to be juggled around but we will only do this, if there is no alternative.

Christmas Book Fair

*Friday 14th – Wednesday 19th
November 2025*

at 3.15pm each day.

Find us in the school hall 😊

Parent's Consultation Evenings

Our teachers are holding sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

A letter will be coming home today with information regarding booking your slot.

We were hoping to have the app set up for booking appointments, but this takes time and expertise, which have both been in short supply this half term



Just a little reminder that our 'Minted' shop is always open, for all your pre-loved uniform needs – bob in to school anytime 😊

Uniform donations are always welcome too 😊



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 2025-2026** <https://www.milnthorpe.cumbria.sch.uk/cumbria/primary/milnthorpe/site/pages/schoolinformation/termtimeandholidaydates>