



# WBS - Working, Believing, Succeeding – A Wonderful Bridge to Success

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### Illness in School

Over the past couple of weeks, there has been a significant rise in the number of children being poorly and being sent into school. A significant number of pupils have had sickness and diarrhoea. This has impacted on other pupils, and staff, who themselves have had to be absent from school. There has also been a number of chicken pox cases in Year 1. Please be vigilant and look for the tell-tale signs of these illnesses. If your child is poorly and unfit for school, please keep them at home and seek medical advice. Children and adults must be 48 hours clear from sickness and diarrhoea before coming back in to school. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

### Holiday Activities

Cumbria’s Activity and Food Programme have announced a series of activities for the Christmas holidays. The Holiday Activity Programme is aimed at all school-age children and young people (age 5 – 16).

- Places are FREE for young people who receive benefits-related Free School Meals and eligible children in particular circumstances. All children who attend will also be provided with a meal.
- Some places are exclusively for eligible young people, please contact the providing organisation for more information.
- Visit [cumbria.gov.uk/holidays](http://cumbria.gov.uk/holidays) to book holiday activities now! Or use the booking information provided.
- The HAF email for enquiries: [HAF@Cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@Cumbria.gov.uk)

The leaflet is now on the school website with lots of information. To access it go to

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1507/Holiday Activity Leaflet Carlisle 1.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1507/Holiday_Activity_Leaflet_Carlisle_1.pdf/)

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 2023

In summer 2023, all the children in Year 4 will be taking part in the annual Multiplication Tables Check. The Multiplication Tables Check is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. This will take place in school. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. There is a leaflet on the Grasshoppers page of the school website that explains all the details. You can find this at:

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1505/2023 Information for parents Multiplication tables check Nov 2 2 PDFa.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1505/2023_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_Nov_2_2_PDFa.pdf/)

### Attendance

Some very good improvements in attendance this past week with our older children in the Dragonflies classroom coming on top of the attendance tables. Well done indeed to you all.

	<u>Bumblebees</u>	<u>Ladybirds</u>	<u>Butterflies</u>	<u>Grasshoppers</u>	<u>Dragonflies</u>	<u>School</u>
<b>18.11.22</b>	94.1%	95.2%	97%	95%	98.7%	<b>95.7%</b>

### Reindeer Run for Jigsaw Children’s Hospice Carlisle

Our Reindeer Run antlers have now arrived in school. The run will take place in school organised by class teachers and Lee from Action Ants. There is a sponsor form each child has been given. To make matters easier, please keep any sponsorship within your immediate family circle if possible. There is the opportunity for people to donate online at

<https://jigsawhospice.org/support-us/the-reindeer-run-donations-2022>. Please pass this on to family and friends so that they can make a donation. Thank you for your support.

### Sports News

**Cross Country** – Well done to our twelve cross country runners who took part in the annual Brampton cluster cross country races held on Thursday at Talkin Tarn. We took three teams – girls, boys and mixed – and all our children did very well indeed and went around the course with great enthusiasm. Tilly ran a super race and was first for the girls! What an achievement! Charlie was second in the boys with Daniyal coming fourth. This meant that the boys’ team won the trophy. A fantastic result! Thank you to the adults who transported the children – it was a memorable morning.

**Football** – Our footballers took part in the EFL Cup competition today at Soccer World in Carlisle. This is a very strong event with lots of teams taking part. For the boys at WBS it was an opportunity to get through to further competitions culminating in a final

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at Wembley Stadium. Our boys did very well beating some larger schools – 3-0 v Upperby – on the way to a very creditable third place in the competition. Thanks again to Coach Kelvin, Mr Lauderman and Mr Nasif for being with the team and providing transport.

### **Friends of Warwick Bridge School News**

**Christmas Fair** The Christmas Fair will take place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** in the school hall. Santa will be there to meet all the children and perhaps offer gifts out? To help with the Fair, we will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** when children can bring in a prize for the Tombola. If you can help in any way, please contact school or Anna Murray who is the Chair of FOWBS.

### **Christingle**

The school Christingle will take place at 11am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The service will be led by Rev Sarah. Please can parents/carers provide an orange for your child/ren. We will also look at getting oranges provided from other places. Volunteers from St Paul's church will be in school on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> December to help the children make the Christingles. Parents and carers are welcome to join us at 11am for the Christingle service in the hall.

### **Thank You**

The school would like to thank Ritchie Bourne for his painting work at the front of school. The drainpipes and grilles look very smart and the finished effect is very good. Thank you very much for this work.

### **Film Night – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will be hosting our annual Film Night. This will run from 5pm -7.45pm and pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be able to enjoy a film and snacks. Hot chocolate or an alternative will be available. The cost for the evening is £3 per child. Children are invited to wear pyjamas, onesies etc for the evening.

### **Governor Vacancy**

Warwick Bridge School invites applications from all eligible adults for the post of School Governor. The role of a School Governor enables people to become involved in the life of the school and help in achieving the best for the whole school community. The Governing Board is a friendly team and at present has vacancies for two governors. These vacancies are not Parent Governor vacancies. Please contact Mrs Ridley in the school office for more information. We also have a poster on our website at: [https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1475/Recruitment\\_Poster.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1475/Recruitment_Poster.pdf/)

### **Free School Meals**

The Local Authority have contacted school in regard to making sure that everyone who is entitled to a Free school Meal (FSM) is getting one. To this end, the LA have issued an FSM letter with details about how to apply. You can find this letter on the school website at [https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1497/Encouraging\\_Parents\\_to\\_Apply\\_for\\_FSM.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1497/Encouraging_Parents_to_Apply_for_FSM.pdf/). Even if your child receives Universal Free School Meals, you will receive other benefits if they are eligible for FSM.

### **Leave of Absence**

The Local Authority has issued a new leave of Absence letter for all parents and carers. This letter emphasises the need for all pupils to be in school every day unless they are ill. No term time holidays are allowed and leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. The letter is on the website at: [https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1508/Leave\\_of\\_Absence\\_in\\_Term\\_Time\\_November\\_2022.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1508/Leave_of_Absence_in_Term_Time_November_2022.pdf/)

### **Upcoming Events at WBS**

<i>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</i>	Film Night
<i>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</i>	Non-uniform Day. Bring a prize for the FOWBS tombola
<i>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</i>	NISCU Puppet assembly
<i>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</i>	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton