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Warwick Bridge Primary School
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The first half-term is now over and we are all looking forward to a week’s break. Everyone at school hopes that you have a wonderful week and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 30th October. We have a lot to look forward to in the second half of the autumn term. We are sure that it will be just as enjoyable as the first.

Proposal to Reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Warwick Bridge School

The Governing Board and Leadership Team at Warwick Bridge Primary School propose to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Reception from 30 to 25, to take effect from September 2025. The proposed change will help our school focus its learning for our youngest pupils. The Governing Board and staff are working to continue to improve the outcomes of all our pupils and feel strongly that the proposed reduction will benefit future outcomes for our children, whilst enabling us to meet the demand of school places. The proposed change will not affect the current pupils or those who choose to accept an offer for a school place in September 2024. All current and future parents and any other interested stakeholders can make comments on this proposal, information on how you can do this is detailed on the admissions section of the school website at

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/admissions/>

Attendance

	<u>Bluebell</u>	<u>Sunflower</u>	<u>Lavender</u>	<u>Tulip</u>	<u>Poppy</u>	<u>Wisteria</u>	<u>School</u>
13.10.23	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4/5	Y5/6	
	92.5%	90.5%	97.9%	94.7%	98%	96.7%	95.5%

NISCU Puppet Assembly

We were treated to a visit from the NISCU puppets this week. They entertained the children with their stories and songs and after the performance a number of pupils met the puppets. They talked to the puppeteers and saw how they moved in all the various ways. We are looking forward to seeing the puppets back at Easter.

FOWBS Autumn Discos

FOWBS is organising two Autumn Discos for the first week back in school. These will once again take place in Downgate hall. Timings for the discos are:

- Early Years and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) – 3.45pm to 4.45pm
- KS2 (Y3 – 6) – 5pm to 6pm

As usual refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Fancy Dress Day – Friday 3rd November

All children and staff are invited to wear fancy dress clothing on Friday 3rd November. This is our annual event and the RotaKids will be selling Bonfire Biscuits and tray bakes during morning break. Please provide a 50p donation for a sweet treat on this day.

Fellfoot Opportunities this Autumn

Led by the North Pennines AONB Partnership, the Fellfoot Forward Landscape Partnership Scheme is a major project to conserve, enhance and celebrate the natural and cultural heritage of a special part of the North West of England. Developed with local communities and organisations and running until 2024, the scheme was awarded funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Here are some of the activities coming up this autumn:

An Evening of Sounds and Music from Fellfoot Forward – Sun 22nd Nov at Melmerby Village Hall

BlueJam Arts and Eden Valley Artistic Network present an evening of musicians and artists responding to the sounds of Fellfoot Forward. From its dawn chorus, to streams and rivers, and the shifting accents and dialects.

£5 per ticket, free for under 16s, [book here](#).

Fellfoot Radio listen now and share your content!

Listen to our 24/7 broadcast featuring sounds and voices recorded in the Fellfoot Forward landscape in Cumbria.

Tune in here <https://bit.ly/fellfootradio>

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The Nest: Skygazing Pavilion - drop-in sessions at Talkin Tarn, Friday 3rd Nov

Our Meet the Makers drop in event on Friday 3rd November offers the chance to learn about The Nest – Skygazing Pavilion, by hearing and talking with those involved in its fantastic creation. Storytelling and skygazing sessions are taking place on the same day, which can be booked [here](#), part of the [North Pennines AONB Stargazing festival](#).

Fellfoot Forward Natural Heritage Celebrations: 7th – 10th Nov

Discover how black grouse, curlew and hen harrier are faring on a walk at RSPB Geltsdale, learn about farm renewables and delve into woodlands, slowing the flow and winter species identification with a series of events delivered as part of the final phase of the Fellfoot Landscape Partnership Scheme. Please see more info and save the dates information attached. Events will be bookable shortly at www.northpennines.org.uk/events

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor from ASAP. The role would be Monday to Friday, 12noon – 1pm. You would work in the hall and outside with the children. For more details look at the job description on the school website at <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/welcome/vacancies/warwick-bridge-school-privacy-notice/>

Brampton Stay and Play

The Brampton Stay and Play programme is available for all families to use. The group meet at Brampton Community Centre every Thursday 10-11am. The sessions are open for new and expectant mothers and fathers and are sessions for children to play, move and explore with fun activities and useful information. If you are interested in going please contact Fiona or Elaine at: Fiona on 07977 635 514 or fiona.marsden@family-action.org.uk
Elaine on 07816 086 564 or elaine.harty@family-action.org.uk

Governor Vacancy

Letters have gone out inviting applications for the position of Parent Governor at WBS. Applications should be sent to the Clerk to the Governing Board, Mrs Gemma Reed. You can contact her at admin@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk. We do hope that you feel able to work with the school in this very important position.

Sportivos Football Academy

The Sportivos Football Academy have programmes for boys and girls aged 2 to 10 years. As this covers the Primary years, families may be interested in what they have to offer. For more information go to www.sportivos.co.uk. They also run birthday parties and celebrations. You can also call them on 07792160420.

Warwick Bridge Ski Club

The school has been approached by a qualified skiing coach with a view to offering ski lessons for Warwick Bridge Pupils. The lessons would take place on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 4.30-5.30pm at Carlisle Ski Slope (at Carlisle Cricket Club, Edenside). Lessons would be £10 and would be in blocks of three costing £30. The lessons are for Years 2-6 children and will start after the half-term break. If you are interested contact Mr Ashton at head@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk.

All the best for the weekend and half-term holiday. (And good luck to England in the rugby semi-final tomorrow!)

Mr M Ashton