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The spring term is over and we are now 66% through the school year. The time keeps moving on and we remain busy as ever at Warwick bridge school. The new half-termly newsletter seeks to bring you up to date with the latest events at school and in the community.

Staffing News at WBS

Mrs Douglass – Mrs Douglass will be starting her maternity leave soon and Mrs Taylor will be teaching the Reception class from Tuesday to Friday each week. On Mondays, Miss Bailey will be working in the Reception class. This will be from the start of the summer term 2024.

Mrs McBride – Mrs McBride will also be embarking on her maternity leave and Miss Bailey will be covering all the classes Mrs McBride is working in. This arrangement will also start from the beginning of the summer term 2024.

Everyone at Warwick Bridge School wishes both ladies all the best for the coming weeks and months. We are all looking forward to hearing about the safe arrivals of their babies.

Class structures for Summer 2024:

Nursery	Monday to Friday – Miss Brough	Alternate Tuesdays – Miss Bailey
Reception	Monday – Miss Bailey	Tuesday to Friday – Mrs Taylor
Year 1	Mon, Tu, Wed and Fri – Miss Hogarth	Thurs and alternate Fri – Mrs Holliday
Year 2	Monday to Friday – Mrs Bone	Alternate Tuesdays – Miss Bailey
Year 3	Monday to Friday – Miss James	Alternate Thursdays – Miss Bailey
Year 4/5	Monday to Friday – Miss Day	Alternate Thursdays – Miss Bailey
Year 5/6	Monday to Thursday – Mrs Kelly	Friday – Miss Bailey

Gymnastics News

Well done to Mrs Broatch, Mrs Bone and all twelve gymnasts who took part in the county finals of the schools’ gymnastics tournament. All the pupils performed brilliantly and deserved to do well. We came third and fourth respectively in the two competitions. You can see pictures of the gymnasts at:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/Sports/Gymnasts-at-Penrith-March-2024/25/>

UDance

Well done to all our Year 2 children for their fantastic performance at the Carlisle UDance festival last week. Mrs Bone and all the Year 2 staff worked hard on their performance that celebrated asll aspects of British dance. They children performed at the Crown and Mitre hotel and everyone was fantastic. For pictures of the children go to the website at:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/classes/class-3/UDance-March-2024/25/>

Cross Country news

On Saturday 23rd March we took over twenty runners to the annual Lanercost Cross Country races held at Lanercost Priory. It was a very cold and windy morning, but all our runners did very well indeed. Oliver did very well coming second for the boys in the Nursery and Reception races. And in the Y5/6 races we had two third place finishers in Daniyal and Caris. Overall, the Nursery/Reception team came second – an achievement matched by the Year 1/2 team. Well done to everone. You can see pictures of all the runners at:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/Sports/Lanercost-Cross-Country-March-2024/25/>

World Book Day

Everyone enjoyed World Book Day 2024. We had a host of characters and genres come in to school. To see some photos of the event visit the school website at: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/World-Book-Day-2024/25/>

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FOWBS Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who will be supporting the FOWBS Easter Bingo on Thursday 28th March. This is a great fundraiser and lots of fun for all the family. Doors pen around 5.30pm and 'Eyes Down' is at 6pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this event.

CHUF and Red Nose Day Fundraising

The children raised nearly £350 in these two fund raising events. The Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF) saw everyone wearing red for the day and on Red Nose Day we had bad hair – we did something funny for money! You can see pictures of this event on the school website: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/CHUF-Day-Feb-2024/25/>

DHL Truck Safety

We were visited by the DHL truck last week and all pupils had the opportunity to sit inside the cab. We also learnt a lot about staying safe around trucks. There are lots of photos of the Nursery children and the truck on their page of the school website. Go to: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/nursery/nursery-information/>

Rotakids Easter Activities

The RotaKids put on a wide variety of activities for the Easter fun morning. The children took part in an Easter Egg Hunt, egg rolling and decorating an Easter biscuit. Everyone did very well and we had prizes for all winners. For photos of the day go to: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/RotaKids-Easter-Activities-2024/25/>

Parking at School

Ahead of the new term, please can we remind all parents and carers that parking is available for dozens of cars up at the Downagate car park. Please do not park in Chapel Close if there is no room and do not park on the pavement near the bus stop. Police and parking enforcement officers have been patrolling the area at the end of school. They have expressed concern about parking on the double yellow lines and people dropping off on the yellow zig-zags. Please do not do this – thank you.

Peter Pan

Well done to all our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils who put on an excellent performance of *Peter Pan* this week. The play was enjoyed by the whole school and then families in the afternoon. For pictures of the performance go to the school website at: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/gallery/Peter-Pan-March-2024/25/>

Attendance

Attendance has been very good for most classes this term. We have to say a big well done to the Y4/5 Poppy class who have the best attendance for spring. And well done the sunflowers for having the best weekly attendance recently.

	<u>Bluebell</u>	<u>Sunflower</u>	<u>Lavender</u>	<u>Tulip</u>	<u>Poppy</u>	<u>Wisteria</u>	<u>School</u>
	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4/5	Y5/6	
22.3.24	94.8%	98%	95.2%	95.3%	92%	96.7%	95.5%
Spring 2024	93.9%	94.6%	95%	95.35%	97.1%	95.37%	95.6%

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme provides free, fun activities during the Easter, summer and winter holidays funded by the Department for Education. Children of families supported by benefits-related free school meals and other children in particular circumstances can access up to four days of funded activities during Easter and winter holidays and sixteen days during the summer holidays. To discuss eligibility please contact the HAF Team. The activities will help to:

- increase self-esteem
- improve wellbeing
- provide information and advice on healthy eating and nutrition

Most importantly, we want your children to have some fun.

Some activity providers also have spaces available for any child, but there may be a cost to parents.

To find out more visit the HAF website at:

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<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

E Safety news

The latest edition of the Esafety newsletter is available online on the school website at:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1839/8. Online Safety Newsletter April 2024 Warwick Bridge 2 8-03-2024.pdf/#>

There are very interesting articles on cyber bullying and access to Tik Tok.

Watchtree Holiday and Activity Food Programmes

We have received the following information from the Watchtree Nature Reserve:

We are offering 4 sessions at Easter for children on free school meals. Eligible families should have a code from the council to enable them to book on. These sessions will involve the children prepping, cooking and eating a hot meal in our forest school area at Watchtree. There are 8 funded spaces per session, and booking for the funded sessions can be made by emailing me at: learning@watchtree.co.uk

Families that are not eligible for the funded spaces can pay to book their children onto the sessions using the link below:

[Watchtree Nature Reserve | Holiday Activity and Food Programme Easter Kids Club](#)

Targeted Short Breaks

We are offering 1 Targeted Short Break at Easter and 6 further sessions during the other school holidays this year. These sessions are for children with EHCPs and there are only 6 places per session. Eligible families will receive an allocation of hours from Cumberland Council and will be able to book through the council's own system. There are very few spaces left over the remaining 7 sessions.

Standard Kid's Club Sessions

Our Forest School and outdoor education sessions are designed to encourage curiosity and creativity, providing children with a day of fun-filled activities outside on our Nature Reserve.

Our Education team will spend the day leading fun, educational activities at Watchtree on selected dates. These sessions are open to any child between 5 and 12 years old. Spaces can be booked using this link:

[Watchtree Nature Reserve | Easter Kids Club](#)

All sessions run 10am - 4pm, and include cycle hire where there is availability from our cycle hire fleet.

All the best for a very pleasant Easter break. We will see everyone back in school on Tuesday 16th April.

Mr M Ashton