



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

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Warwick Bridge Primary School **Newsletter No 7** **18th July 2025**

The final day of term is now upon us. The long summer holiday lies ahead, but we are already thinking about September. The school is having major building works done over the holidays – a pattern that will be repeated in the summer of 2026 as only half the school will be rewired and have new heating put in over the holidays. The Local authority are doing phase two next year. This means that the final weeks of term have been disrupted with staff having to ensure every room is cleared and all resources are accounted for. However, we are looking forward to a relaxing break and welcoming everyone back in to school on Thursday 4th September 2025.

Staffing News

Nursery – In September 2025 we are welcoming Katie Key in to the Nursery class where she will work two days each week. She will be joined by our Apprentice Jessica Smith.

Year 5/6 – Miss Day and Mr Ashton will be working with the class from September. Mr Ashton will be working with smaller groups and some 1:1 work.

Mrs Reid – Mrs Reid will be leaving Warwick Bridge at the end of this summer term. We all want to thank her for the many years of wonderful service she has given the school. We will miss her pasta bake so much! We will be having an assembly in September to say a proper goodbye to Mrs Reid.

Mrs Love – Our wonderful Lunchtime Supervisor Mrs Love is calling time on her thirty-five years of work at Warwick Bridge. We want to thank her for all her great work and wish her well for the future.

Goodbye year 6

We had a lovely assembly this morning in which the Year 6 pupils said goodbye to Warwick Bridge School. The play was brilliant as was the photo montage that Miss Day assembled. We celebrated our Good Citizen and Perseverance awards and also our sporting children. The school congratulated the 100% attendees who all received prizes. Well done to them. Good luck to all the Year 6 children as they move on to Year 7 in September.

Travelling Abroad this Summer

We have received the following message from the local Authority in regard to families travelling abroad this summer:

Are you going on holiday this summer? If you are going on holiday or to visit family or friends in another country, you need to keep your family safe and healthy. Check the travel health advice at [TravelHealthPro](#) for the country you are visiting to find out if you and your family need any vaccinations or medicines before you go.

Why is this important?

Currently there are rising measles cases in England and abroad. There is a risk of more measles cases, especially over the summer months, as families with unvaccinated children and adults travel to countries where measles outbreaks are occurring. Children are also particularly at risk of catching infections, which can spread through contaminated food and water.

Watchtree Summer Events

Watchtree Nature Reserve is delighted to host two Teen Clubs during the Summer Holidays 2025. These sessions are an adaptation of our ever-popular and successful Kid's Clubs, and newer SEND and SEMH Kid's Clubs. We are trialling two sessions during summer, and if the feedback and bookings are good, we will expand our offer for 2026. If we receive limited bookings, the sessions will be unlikely to be expanded beyond this summer.

We are offering 12 places to young people aged 12 years old to 15 years old. The young people will arrive at Watchtree at 10 am and be collected by their parent or carer at 4 pm.

We will undertake a variety of planned activities relating to Nature Education, Outdoor Learning, Bushcraft and Forest School. The activities will include tool use, fire lighting skills, plant and tree identification, foraging, campfire cooking, woodland games, den building and cycling

Bookings can be made by visiting our website [Watchtree Nature Reserve | Teen's Club at Watchtree](#)

Kid's Clubs

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Watchtree Kids' Club is everything you'd expect from childcare on a nature reserve! Your child will spend the day under the care of our expert leaders—fully immersed in nature, exploring, creating, and often covered in mud!

There's no such thing as a 'typical' day at Watchtree Kids' Club, but activities may include: Bushcraft & survival skills

- Nature discovery & wildlife spotting
- Woodland crafts & hands-on activities
- Exploring on foot or by bike
- Every session includes a delicious hot chocolate with marshmallows. (Non-dairy and vegan options available)

Bookings can be made by visiting the website [Watchtree Nature Reserve | SUMMER KIDS CLUB 2025](#)

Sports News

Football – Our girls and boys teams have done really well this year in a variety of tournaments. Thank you to all the parental help we have had in organising the teams. And thank you to Miss Holmes who has managed the girls team (and others!) over the course of the year.

Swimming – well done to the swimmers who did so well at the consortium swimming gala. We returned with a number of medals and the children had a great time.

Rounders – We took two teams to the consortium rounders tournament and came away winners in the first side of the draw. Well done to all the Year 6 children who took part.

Friends of Warwick Bridge School News

Thank you to our wonderful FOWBS for a very successful year. The summer fair was a great success as were all the other events held since September 2024. We look forward to a successful year next year and hopefully some new recruits! If you would like to join in the work of FOWBS, please contact Miss Anna Murray in school.

Attendance

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have had the best attendance throughout the year. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to them all!

Just to remind all families, the Cumberland Attendance Pledge is on the school website at:

https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1942/Cumberland_School_Attendance_Pledge.pdf/

	<u>Ocean</u>	<u>Space</u>	<u>Jungle</u>	<u>Mountain</u>	<u>Desert</u>	<u>Polar</u>	<u>School</u>
	Reception	Y1	Y1/2	Y3	Y4/5	Y6	
Summer 2 2025	93.8%	93.4%	92.5%	96.7%	93.8%	97.9%	95.2%
2024-25	95.7%	95.3%	93.9%	96.3%	96%	96.4%	95.8%

Rotakids

Some very good news from the RotaKids – they have raised over £400 this year for the Oak Tree Animal refuge in Wetheral. This was done by a variety of ways such as bake sales and other fund raising activities. Thanks to them and everyone for supporting their efforts.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) returns this summer. HAF runs nation-wide and is funded by the Department for Education (DfE), enabling statutory school aged children in receipt of benefit related free school meals, access to free clubs and activities. We want to give children the chance to have healthy, happy holidays so they can:

- be more active
- learn new skills
- meet up with friends and make new ones
- get a tasty nutritious meal
- work together and stay safe

HAF activities are delivered internally at our Family Hubs and by schools, established community groups, creative arts, sports, leisure, and youth organisations. We have several providers who offer activities for young people with additional needs, please talk to the provider about your child's needs to make sure the provision is suitable. We also have a limited number of places for those not on free school meals but have been identified by Cumberland Council as eligible through other circumstances. Some providers also offer paid spaces.

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This summer we have changed the way we manage bookings; we are using a new booking service called EEQU. Booking HAF activities will now be easier, quicker and fairer for all families. On the new system you:

- do not need a HAF code to book
- can contact providers with any questions through direct messages
- will see more detailed information about each activity
- can access a more visual and user-friendly platform
- can request bookings for multiple children at the same time

To check eligibility and to see what activities are available this summer, please visit: [Cumberland's Holiday Activities and Food](#)

[Programme](#)

For advice and support on how to book a place, please visit: [Quick guide - how to book a HAF session](#)

If you have any questions regarding the programme, please get in touch with Guy Thompson the Family Help Manager – Activities and Outreach E: haf@cumberland.gov.uk

All that remains for me to do is wish you all a very happy summer holiday. We will see the children back in school on Thursday 4th September 2025. Have a lovely break.

With best wishes

Mr M Ashton

