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Warwick Bridge Primary School **Newsletter No 1** **5th September 2025**

A warm welcome back to everyone at the start of the 2025-26 academic year. Everyone at Warwick Bridge hopes that you had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to the months ahead. Pupils have already been busy meeting their new teachers and getting their classrooms sorted. As in previous months, this newsletter will normally go out at the end of each half term. Other news and information will be relayed by emails and texts from school. Dates of future activities will be available next week. Clubs will start the week beginning 15th September. A letter about clubs will go out next week.

Attendance

All our classes are Animal classes this year. Pupils will be able to get to look at these different animals in their classes and use their knowledge to help them in Art, Science and other parts of the curriculum. Here are the class names:

<u>Meerkats</u>	<u>Elephants</u>	<u>Leopards</u>	<u>Zebras</u>	<u>Lions</u>	<u>Aardvarks</u>	<u>Giraffes</u>
Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3/4	Y4/5	Y5/6

School Clubs

Staff are running a number of clubs both after school and at lunch time. The letter for the clubs will go out next week and clubs will be starting from Monday 15th September. Please note that separate letters have gone out for the Monday Gymnastics club.

Lunchtime Supervisor Role Vacancy

We are looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor to work here at Warwick Bridge School. The role will require working from 12noon to 1pm each day. Training will be given and you will have the opportunity to join our great team.

Year 6 Swimming

Year 5/6 pupils in the Giraffe class will start their swimming lessons on Friday 12th September. Please ensure that they have their swimming kit and towels in school that day.

ESafety newsletter – September 2025

The latest edition of the Esafety newsletter is available online to view. You can download a copy from the school website at <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/2164/1. Online Safety Newsletter Sept 2025 Warwick Bridge 02-09-2025.pdf>. This month's newsletter has some very interesting articles on the Online Safety Act that seeks to enforce age limits on certain websites. There is also a writ up about *Coverstar* – this is described as the safe alternative to *TikTok*. Families can discuss the merits of this app.

Food at School – we are going Nut Free

Due to a number of pupils with quite severe nut allergies, we have decided to go nut free. This means that families should not provide any snacks or packed lunches that may contain nuts of any kind. We realise that this may prove difficult for some families, but we ask that no product that has 'may contain nuts' listed in the ingredients is brought in to school.

Friends of Warwick Bridge School (FOWBS)

FOWBS is for any parent and carer to take part in. They arrange special days and discos for the children. They also organise the Christmas and Summer Fairs. Please support school by helping with FOWBS. The first meeting is on Tuesday 23rd September at 7pm in school. Please come along and support other adults who support the school. See you at the meeting!

Cyclewise for Year 5 pupils

Cyclewise 2025 commences on Monday 15th September. All Year 5 pupils will need a bike with good brakes and with everything else in good working order. Your child will also need a helmet. Bikes should be brought to school on Monday 15th September and can be taken home each evening. Arrangements can be made to keep bikes at school overnight.

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Year 6 Transfer to high school – September 2026

If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2026, you can apply for a Year 7 place online at: www.cumberland.gov.uk. **The online application system [Citizen Portal] will be available from the 3 September 2025**

There are several benefits to applying online, including:

- it is quick and easy.
- you will receive an acknowledgement by e-mail that your application has been submitted.
- you can find out which school your child has been allocated by 9am on National Offer day.

Please see the leaflet "Transfer from primary or junior school to secondary school in September 2026" for further information.

Available on the council's website www.cumberland.gov.uk.

New starters – September 2026

The start of the autumn term sees the beginning of the process for admission to the Reception Year Group in September 2026. Information leaflets 'Starting school in September 2026 – entry to the Reception year group' for parents/carers is available from the Cumberland Council Website, <https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools/school-brochures-and-documents>. You will also find on the Website a copy of the Local Authority's (LA's) booklet 'Starting school in Cumberland - September 2026'. These are available for you to download for reference or for parents/carers to view.

Parents are asked to make their application online (up until the closing date of 15 January 2026) by visiting their Local Authorities website: www.cumberland.gov.uk. Parents need to apply via the Local Authority in which they live/pay Council Tax to.

There are several benefits of applying online, including:

- it is quick and easy.
- applicants receive an acknowledgement by e-mail; and
- applicants find out which school their child has been allocated by 9am on National Offer Day, before letters are sent out to applicants who applied using a paper form.

For those families who are unable to apply online, the common application form [SA1] is available on our website or by contacting the School Admissions Team on the email address at the top of this letter. We have asked parents completing the paper copy of the form [SA1] to return it to you as soon as possible, **but no later than 15 January 2026**. Please make parents aware of the closing date. **We would be grateful if you could send any completed forms to the School Admissions and Appeals team on a weekly basis as and when you receive them.** The deadline for forms to be returned to us by first class post is **16 January 2026**.

Carlisle Youth Zone Festival of Youth

The Carlisle Youth Zone is holding a free Festival of Youth Day on Saturday 6th September. This day will run from 1-4pm at CYZ, Victoria Place, Carlisle CA1 1LR. There will be arts, crafts, sports, challenges and much more on offer. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult. The day is free – you do not need CYZ membership to attend.

Warwick Bridge School Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 2025 (72 School Days)

Starts: Thursday 4th September 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Half term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

Spring Term 2026 (54 School Days)

Starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Half term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Summer Term 2026 (64 School Days)

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

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Good Friday: Friday 3rd April 2026

Easter Sunday: Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Monday: Monday 6th April 2026

Half term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

May Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton