



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

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The first half term of the 2025-26 academic year is now at an end. We trust that all pupils have settled in to their classes and are enjoying their time at Warwick Bridge. We have had a very busy time and the next few weeks will be also be active ones. We look forward to the second part of the term.

Mrs Reid

We had a very eventful Friday morning last week when we said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Reid. Our special assembly saw members of staff from previous years come to see Mrs Reid in school with her family. Children presented Mrs Reid with gifts and we have named the central kitchen **Mrs Reid's Pasta Bake Station** in honour of her wonderful cooking skills. We all enjoyed the film her son Adam had put together. We hope to see Mrs Reid soon when she calls in and wish her all the best for the future.

Attendance

Well done to the children in our Early Years classes – they both have great attendance totals. There have been some other excellent attendance figures during this time, especially in the Giraffes class. We are pleased that the children in these classes have such good attendance. Well done all.

	<u>Meerkats</u>	<u>Elephants</u>	<u>Leopards</u>	<u>Zebras</u>	<u>Lions</u>	<u>Aardvarks</u>	<u>Giraffes</u>	<u>School</u>
	Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3/4	Y4/5	Y5/6	
Autumn 1	99.8%	98.1%	97%	94.7%	92.1%	92.8%	98.3%	96%

Sports News

Football Warwick Bridge took two teams to the annual Brampton Schools six aside football tournament at the beginning of October. Both teams did very well indeed reaching the semi-finals of their respective tournaments where they were narrowly beaten. It was a very enjoyable morning of sport and the teams did very well indeed,

Netball Our Y5/6 pupils did very well at the William Howard Netball tournament. The pupils played many games against other primary schools in the local area. At the end of the tournament WBS came a very creditable third. Well done to all the children who took part.

Food at School – we are going Allergen Aware

We have looked at the Nut Free approach we took from the start of the school year. After consultation and taking advice we have decided to reconsider this viewpoint. Our school is now an allergen-aware environment, committed to creating a safe and inclusive space for all students. We recognize that some individuals have severe allergies to certain foods, such as nuts, dairy, eggs, or shellfish. To reduce the risk of allergic reactions, we ask all students, staff, and families to avoid bringing known allergens to school. We encourage handwashing after meals and promote awareness through education and clear communication. By working together and being mindful of each other's health needs, we can ensure a safer, more supportive school community for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. **Products that 'may contain nuts' are ok to bring in to school, but products that have any nuts listed in the ingredients should not be brought in to school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

Friends of Warwick Bridge School (FOWBS)

FOWBS has organised a number of events in the coming weeks. The first event of the year is in the first week when we come back after half term. This is the fancy-dress disco and will occur as follows:

- Tuesday 4th November - EY and KS1 – 3.45-4.45pm
- Tuesday 4th November - KS2 – 5-6pm
- Thursday 20th November - Christmas Extravaganza 5-8pm
- Friday 5th December – non-uniform day (bring a tombola prize)
- Thursday 11th December – Christmas Fair 1pm
- Friday 19th December – Selection Box Raffle (2pm assembly)

Wellies in School

With the colder, wetter weather now upon us we are asking for all children to have wellies or another spare pair of boots in school after the half-term break. This is so they can play on the grass at breaktimes. If your child does not have alternative footwear for the grass they will stay on the playground at breaktimes.

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Harvest Festival

We had a lovely Harvest Festival celebration on Monday 6th October. We were joined by Rev Rory the new vicar of the parish. He led the service and we were very impressed with all the gifts pupils and families brought in. These were taken to the Carlisle Foodbank and distributed to those who needed them most. Thank you again for all your lovely gifts.

World Mental Health Day

On World Mental Health Day, we were joined by Erin Taylor. Erin led assemblies and workshops on a variety of ways in which we can help our own mental health. The children were asked to wear yellow for the day and they were encouraged to talk about their own ideas concerned with mental health and wellbeing. We hope that the children enjoyed the day and learnt a lot about how they can look after their own mental health.

Poppies 2025

We will be starting our poppy appeal on Monday 3rd November. Children are invited to bring in £1 for certain remembrance items with 50p recommended for the paper poppies. Families are invited to the special Remembrance assembly that will be led by our Year 6 pupils. This will take place in the school hall at 10.45am on Tuesday 11th November.

Class Dojo

We would like to inform you that our school will no longer be using Class Dojo for messaging purposes. This decision has been made due to instances of the platform being misused, which has affected communication clarity and consistency. To ensure a more secure and effective way of staying connected, we are asking families to contact the office or the Mr Ashton via email. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to improve our communication methods. If you have any questions, please contact the school office directly.

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**.

Diary Dates 2025-26

Monday 3rd November
Tuesday 4th November

Tuesday 11th November
Tuesday 18th November
Thursday 20th November
Friday 21st November
Monday 24th November
Wednesday 3rd December
Thursday 4th December
Friday 5th December

Tuesday 9th December

Back to school
Times Table Rockstar Day – dress as a Rockstar!
FOWBS Autumn Disco
10.45 Remembrance assembly – parents welcome
Toddler Group – Bonfire @ 1.30pm
FOWBS Christmas Extravaganza
Talking Tarn cross country
Flu immunisations – Reception to Year 6
Open Morning from 9-11am for new families
Film night
Non-uniform day – tombola prize for Christmas Fair
2pm Christingle – parents welcome
Toddler Group – Christmas @ 1.30pm

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Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas concert @ 5pm
	Christmas Craft Day
	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas dinner
Thursday 11 th December	FOWBS Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16 th December	Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Nativity @9.30am
	Years 1 to 6 to The Theatre by the Lake to see The Wizard of Oz
Wednesday 17 th December	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Carol concert @ 2pm
Friday 19 th December	Selection box raffle
	Last day of term
Tuesday 6 th January	Back to school
Tuesday 19 th January	Toddler Group – Space @ 1.30pm
Friday 23 rd January	Non-Uniform day – unwanted Christmas gifts for New year bingo!
Tuesday 27 th January	Geography Day
Saturday 31 st January	FOWBS New Year Bingo!
Tuesday 10 th February	Toddler Group – Valentines @ 1.30pm
Thursday 12 th February	FOWBS Spring Disco
Friday 13 th February	Last day of half term
Monday 23 rd February	Back to school
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 13 th March	FOWBS Mother’s Day Stall
Friday 20 th March	International Francophonie Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Toddler Group – Easter @ 1.30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Craft Day
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term
Monday 13 th April	Back to school
Sunday 19 th April	DIY day
Tuesday 21 st April	Toddler Group – Princesses/pirates @ 1.30pm
Saturday 25 th April	FOWBS Spring Fair @ 2pm.
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th – 14 th May	SATs week
Tuesday 12 th May	Toddler Group – Sensory @ 1.30pm
Friday 22 nd May	FOWBS Sponsored Bounce
	Last day of half term
Monday 1 st June	Back to school
Tuesday 9 th June	Toddler Group – Summer Fun @ 1.30pm
Thursday 11 th June	Sports Day – Years 1 to 6
Friday 12 th June	Sports Day – Early Years
Wednesday 17 th June	Summer Craft Day
Friday 19 th June	FOWBS Father’s Day Stall
Friday 26 th June	KS2 Camp out
Tuesday 7 th July	Toddler Group – Teddy Bears Picnic @ 1.30pm
Friday 10 th July	FOWBS Colour Run!
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term picnic

Have a very enjoyable half-term break

Mr M Ashton