



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents,

We are already approaching the end of our first full week of school and it has been great to see the children start to settle back into class and into our school routines. Already, the diary is filling up, so please see below for information about what's happening school in the coming weeks.

School Office

Firstly, as mentioned in last week's email, Katie remains unwell and is not in school at the moment, so thank you for your ongoing patience this week and also for the offers of help. We are covering the office as much as possible, including checking messages and emails, but if you need help or have any queries in the meantime, you can also contact a member of staff at the door each morning.

Also, we hold records at school for consent for trips, publicity, next of kin information, medical and allergy information. **If you believe any of these have changed, please let us know.** As you will appreciate, it is really important that this information is up-to-date, particularly in relation to next of kin details, consent for publicity and any medical information and allergies. If you would like a print out of the information we have on file, please let me know and we will forward you a copy.

Lunches

Our partnership with the Kings Arms to provide school meals seems to be working well at the moment, but please can I remind all parents that orders for school meals need to be placed at least 10 days early – **so orders need to be placed today (Friday, 12th September) in time for meals beginning the week of Monday 22nd September.**

Clubs

Both our breakfast and after-school clubs are up and running and are largely the same as last term (apart from Monday being Miss Strong's craft club). As ever, if you would like to book a place on any club, please email or speak to a member of staff. Please note that **our Friday music club will not be running on the 19th September** – Stephen has other commitments that day. Also, there has been a slight change to the timings of our Thursday football club – it now starts at 3.30, so children can be collected at 4.30pm.

QEGS tests

The Queen Elizabeth Grammar School entrance test takes place next week on Thursday 18th September. This year, instead of the children going to the secondary school for the test, staff from QEGS will be coming in to Temple Sowerby School to administer the test here in a more familiar environment for those children who have signed up.

Forest School

Our weekly Forest School sessions will continue at Acorn Bank this half term (**children in Years 5/6 for the next three weeks to the 26th September**, then Year 3/4 children for the following 3 weeks). However, due to a change in Acorn Bank's opening times, we will be holding Forest School on **Friday mornings for this half term only**. After half-term, the sessions will be held in our own school grounds and will return to their usual slot on Wednesday afternoons.

Morland Football Tournament

Our first football tournament of the year kicks off next **Thursday 18th September at Morland Area Primary School**. Letters went home yesterday to those children who have expressed an interest.

Junior Dukes

Throughout this year, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking part in the Junior Dukes Award. To achieve the award, each child will need to complete seven challenges across the year. We will be providing opportunities in school for the children to complete a number of the challenges. However, some of the challenges are more suited to a home environment. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to work on these at home so that they can experience the full range of activities and develop the independence, resilience and life skills the Junior Dukes programme promotes. We will be in touch later in the year to let you know how you can support your child. For more information, please visit www.temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/junior-dukes.

PE Kit - For our tag rugby PE sessions on Tuesdays (Years 2-6), please can all children make sure they have trainers with good grip.

Show and Tell - Our show and tell sessions this year will be held on Wednesdays for children in Reception and Year 1, and Thursdays for children in Year 2.

Class 1 Book Bags - Please can children bring in their book bags with reading books and reading records to school every day.

Finally, in order to give parents as much notice as possible of what's happening at Temple Sowerby School, we have expanded our diary summary below to also include key dates for the whole school year. Some of these are provisional and could potentially change, but hopefully they help give a better idea of what's happening throughout the year ahead.

Kind regards,



Mr K Laithwaite
Headteacher

Important dates for this half-term:

Date	Time	Event
Every Thursday	1.30pm	Guitar tuition
Every Friday	9.15am – 10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Wed 17 th September	12.15 – 2.45	Ultimate Frisbee – Year 5/6 – Bolton School
Thurs 18 th September	AM	QEGS Entrance Test (for Year 6 children who signed up)
Thurs 18 th September	PM	Tullie House Virtual Assembly – Romans
Thurs 18 th September	After school	Morland Area Primary – Football Tournament
Thurs 25 th September	PM	Hockey Festival – Years 2-4
Wed 1 st October	9.30	Harvest Festival – St James' Church (date to be confirmed)
Wed 15 th October	AM	Screen Savvy Kidz – online safety workshop
Thurs 16 th October	4.00pm	Screen Savvy Kidz – parent virtual workshop
Mon 20 th October	4.00 – 5.00pm	FOTSS Halloween Disco

Key dates for remainder of the year:

Date	Time	Event
Week beginning 3 rd November	Afternoons	Swimming week 1 (Y1-6, Rec swimming to be arranged separately)
Thurs 27 th November	AM	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Wed 17 th December	1.30pm	Nativity performance in village hall (Pre-school, Rec, Y1)
Fri 19 th December	1.30pm	Christmas Service – St James' Church
Week beginning 9 th February	Afternoons	Swimming week 2 (Y1-6, Rec swimming to be arranged separately)
Thurs 12 th February	Leave in morning	Young Voices (date awaiting final confirmation)
Mon 16 th March	4.00 – 5.00pm	FOTSS Spring Disco
Week beginning Mon 11 th May	Mornings	SATs Week – Year 6
Wed 3 rd June	After school	Temple Sowerby Kwik Cricket tournament
Mon 8 th – Wed 10 th June		Year 4-6 Residential trip
Tues 16 th June	PM	Sports Day
Thurs 2 nd July	All day	Transition Day (awaiting final confirmation)
Friday 10 th July	After school	FOTSS Summer Barbecue
Tuesday 14 th July	All day	Summer trip – whole school (awaiting final confirmation)
Friday 17 th July		Leavers service (AM) and end of term service (1.30pm)