



# TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents,

We have lots of information to share this week. Firstly, don't forget about next week's Halloween Disco (see the attached poster) and it's also Miss Head's last week before she starts her period of maternity leave. We all wish her well and look forward to meeting the new arrival.

### School Dinners Update

As we are approaching half-term, we will be having a meeting with staff from The King's Arms next week to review our school lunches arrangements and, in particular, the current menu. Because of this review, parents will not be able to order meals for your child for after half-term **until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. This is so that we are able to give the pub a bit more time to alter the menu if they need to after the meeting. We will message parents next week to let you know when meals are available to order.

### Chickenpox

Please be aware that we have a case of chickenpox in school. Public Health guidance is that if a child has a confirmed case, they should not attend school for at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.

### Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

Can I remind parents of children in Year 6 that the **deadline for making an application to secondary school is the 31st October 2025**. Further information on how to apply can be found in the attached leaflet and the guidance booklet, 'Transfer to secondary school in Westmorland and Furness – September 2026'.

### School Business Manager

Katie has now finished working in the office – we are all very sad to see her go as I am sure you will be. Unfortunately, we have not yet appointed a replacement so members of staff will be covering this role over the next few weeks, supported by Kate Henderson from Morland Primary School, who will be providing extra cover on Mondays and Tuesdays. Emails will be checked daily but if it is urgent, then please do not hesitate to call. If you know of anyone who maybe interested in this role, please direct them to the 'vacancies' section of the website: <https://www.tempsow.cumbria.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies>

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are taking place next Tuesday and Wednesday from 3.30 to 5.00pm. After school clubs (Gardening on Tuesday and Art on Wednesday) will still be running and there will also be a member of staff on duty to provide childcare for any children coming along with parents. As usual, please come to the main door and you will be able to see your child's books in the hall before meeting the class teacher.

### Clubs

After half-term, our after-school clubs will be:

- Monday – Craft Club with Miss Strong
- Tuesday – Dance with Abby
- Wednesday – Art Club
- Thursday – Film Club with Ellie
- Friday – Band Club

### Screen Savvy Kidz

The children in Class 3 have just completed a 'Screen Savvy Kidz' workshop with Sophie from Happy Healthy Together. The children were learning about the importance of taking a break from a screen, being kind, thinking before sharing and not rushing to get on a screen and produced some fantastic pieces of art work. As part of the workshop, Year 5 and 6 parents are also invited to find out more by joining a 45-minute webinar on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6:30pm**. This will build on what your children have learnt. More details about the Screen Savvy Kidz campaign is attached and the link to the meeting is below:

[Screen-Savvy Kidz - Parent Webinar - Temple Sowerby | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Kind regards,

Mr K Laithwaite  
Headteacher

**Important dates for this term:**

Date	Time	Event
Every Friday	9.15–10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Mon 20th October	4.00 – 5.00pm	FOTSS Halloween Disco
Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd October	3.40–5.00pm	Parents’ Evenings
Wednesday 22nd October	6.30pm	Screen Savvy Kidz – parent virtual workshop
27th to 31st October		Half-term
31st October		Deadline for Year 6 transfer to secondary school applications
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Afternoons	Swimming week 1 (Y1-6, Rec swimming to be arranged separately)
Wednesday 5th November	9.15	Family Learning—Phonics (at Culgaith School)
6th November	PM	KS2 Hunter Hall Cross Country
Week of 10th November		Resurfacing of Early Years outdoor area
Monday 10th November	12.45	Reception swimming (every Monday for next 5 weeks)
Wednesday 12th November	9.15	Family Learning—Phonics (at Temple Sowerby School)
Thursday 13th November	12.20–3.30	Eden Rock Climbing—Years 2 to 6
Thursday 20th November	12.20–3.30	Eden Rock Climbing—Years 2 to 6
Friday 21st November	9.30–11.45	Basic Moves Festival—KS1
Monday 24th November	PM	Romans workshop at Tullie House—KS2
Thursday 27th November		Nasal Flu Immunisation
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Nativity performance in village hall (Pre-school, Rec, Y1)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Christmas Service – St James’ Church

**Key dates for remainder of the year:**

Date	Time	Event
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Afternoons	Swimming week 2
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Leave in morning	Young Voices (date awaiting final confirmation)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00 – 5.00pm	FOTSS Spring Disco
Week beginning Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mornings	SATs Week – Year 6
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	After school	Temple Sowerby Kwik Cricket tournament
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4-6 Residential trip
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Sports Day
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day	Transition Day (awaiting final confirmation)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	After school	FOTSS Summer Barbecue
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	Summer trip – whole school (awaiting final confirmation)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Leavers service (AM) and end of term service (1.30pm)



# **HALLOWEEN**

## **DISCO**

**Monday 20th October**  
**3.30-5.00pm**

Tickets - £3.50

Please purchase from ParentPay asap.

Ticket price includes a hot dog, crisps, drink and sweets. Please let us know any dietary requirements asap.



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