



# TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents,

We are only one week in to the new half-term and already there is a lot happening in school to update you on. This week has been swimming week for Years 1 to 6 and we had some fantastic performances at yesterday's Hunter Hall Cross Country Championships! In the coming weeks, we have trips to Vindolanda Roman Museum, Tullie House and Eden Rock, as well as swimming for children in Reception. As ever, please see the diary on the back of the newsletter to see what's happening in the weeks to come (or visit our online calendar at [www.temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk)).

### School Meals

There have been a few tweaks to the menu to improve the variety of food available, and these have been very well received by the children. We are also pleased to welcome a new member of staff — Louise Thompson, who is now helping with our lunch service. It has been great to welcome her into school. As a polite reminder, **please remember to book lunches today (Friday 7 November) for the week beginning 17th November.**

### Remembrance Day

We are currently collecting donations for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. We have poppies, wristbands, and keyrings available in school for any children who would like to contribute. We will also be observing a two-minute silence on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. as part of our collective worship.

### Resurfacing of Early Years Outdoor Area

We are pleased to announce that we will soon be improving our Early Years outdoor area. In preparation, we will be removing the current surface this Saturday (11.00am onwards). We already have some kind volunteers, but if anyone else would like to help, it would be greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, the recent bad weather has meant the actual installation of the new surface has been slightly delayed; it will now take place during the week beginning 17 November.

### Eden Rock Climbing

We are really looking forward to taking Years 2–6 climbing at Eden Rock on 13th and 20th November. Please note that children will only be allowed to climb if the online consent form has been completed. This form has been emailed to parents — **if you haven't yet completed it, please follow this link:** [https://wallmarket.herokuapp.com/eden-rock/forms/1/form\\_completions/new](https://wallmarket.herokuapp.com/eden-rock/forms/1/form_completions/new)

### Tullie House

As part of our Roman history topic, the children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a Roman workshop at Tullie House Museum in Carlisle on Monday, 24th November. Children will need a packed lunch, so **please do not order a school meal for that day.** We will also have the chance to explore the museum before returning to school by 3:30 p.m.

### Band Club

Our Friday Band Club is very well attended, and the children are really enjoying it. Unfortunately, Stephen will be away performing with the Hallé Orchestra in China for the next two weeks, so the club will be **cancelled on 14th and 21st November.** Please let us know if you require childcare on those dates.

**Film Club**—our Thursday Film Club will be showing the following in the coming weeks:

13<sup>th</sup> November – Cars (U), 20<sup>th</sup> November – Paddington (PG), 27<sup>th</sup> November – Kung Fu Panda (PG), 4<sup>th</sup> December – Rio (U).

### Children in Need

This year's Children in Need Day is on **Friday 14th November** and we will be holding a non-uniform day, with donations to be collected on the door. Children in Need are encouraging people to wear pyjamas or something spotty (optional), but children are welcome to come in any non-uniform outfit.

### Guitar Tuition

Finally, we are delighted to announce a new guitar tutor, Mr Turnbull, who will be joining us on Tuesday afternoons, starting 18<sup>th</sup> November. If your child previously attended guitar lessons, we will be in touch to ask if you would like them to resume. If your child would like to start guitar lessons for the first time, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr K Laithwaite, Headteacher

**Important dates for this half-term:**

Date	Time	Event
Every Friday	9.15–10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Monday 10th November	All day	Vindolanda Roman Museum—KS2 children
Monday 10th November (and following 4 Mondays)	PM	Reception swimming
Thursday 13th November	PM	Eden Rock Climbing, Y2-6
Friday 14th November	All day	Children In Need—non-uniform
Tuesday 18th November (and each Tuesday after)	PM	Guitar tuition
Thursday 20th November	PM	Eden Rock Climbing, Y2-6
Friday 21st November	AM	Basic Moves Festival—KS1, Appleby
Monday 24th November	All day	KS2 visit to Tullie House, Carlisle
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Thursday 11th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Nativity performance in village hall (Pre-school, Rec, Y1)
Thursday 18th December	AM	Christmas trip to Rheged Cinema — Arthur Christmas and school choir carol singing at The King's Arms
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)