



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents,



It's been a hectic week of activities at Temple Sowerby, but December is not so far away and we are already making arrangements for Christmas. Please find below some of the details of events happening over the coming 5 weeks; as ever, key dates are on the diary on the back of the newsletter and our online calendar at www.temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk. For all of the following activities, we will be in touch nearer the time with more details.

From Monday 1st December - 12 Days of Christmas Reverse Advent

Once again, the Friends of Temple Sowerby School (FoTSS) will be organising the '12 Days of Christmas Reverse Advent', starting this year on Monday 1st December. Each school day we will be collecting the various listed goods and at the end of the twelve days, these will be donated to the Upper Eden Food Bank. Items can be brought into school throughout the 12 days - any donations are most gratefully received. Please see the attached poster for further details.

Wednesday 10th December – Ankoma Christmas Craft Sale

The children have been working hard to create high-quality crafts for our Christmas fair. We would love you to come along and pick up some wonderful Christmas gifts.

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch –

National Christmas Jumper Day is on 11th December and to coincide with it we will also be having our Christmas lunch. The lunch can be ordered in the usual way and will be included in the menu on Parentpay for that week. If you have any problems with ordering, please contact the office.

Friday 12th December - Christmas Party (afternoon)

Father Christmas will hopefully be visiting us again this year to hand out presents (**please see the email for details**) during our Christmas party. Children can bring along sensible party clothes to get changed into for the afternoon.

Wednesday 17th December – Nativity Performance (Pre School, Reception, Year 1)

Again this year, we will be performing our nativity in Temple Sowerby Victory Hall (as some parents have found it difficult to see their children during performances in the church in previous years). It will take place at 1.30pm and Mrs Westley will be sending out letters regarding parts and costumes shortly.

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Show and Carol Singing

- In the morning, all children will be going to see 'Arthur Christmas' at Rheged Cinema at 10am.
- During the afternoon, the school choir will again be singing carols in the Kings Arms, Temple Sowerby from 2.00-3.00pm.

Friday 19th December - End of term Christmas service

Our end of term Christmas service will be at 1.30pm in St James' Church, Temple Sowerby. Parents, grandparents and the community are all welcome to come along. As usual, the Friends of Temple Sowerby will be serving refreshments (this year from 1.15pm before the service and also afterwards). After the service, we will bring children back to school and they can be collected as soon as parents are ready (typically from around 2.30). Please note, there will not be an After School Club this day.

Sunday 21st December - Temple Sowerby Village Carol Service

Reverend Andrew has invited staff, children and parents (and particularly our school choir) to come along to the Temple Sowerby Village Carol Service which will be held in St. James Church at 4pm.

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 17th November (and following 3 Mondays)	PM	Reception swimming
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 th November	AM	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 10th December	After school	Ankoma Christmas Craft Sale
Thursday 11th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner
Wed 17 th 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 th December	1.30pm	Christmas Service – St James' Church
Sun 21st December	4.00pm	Village carol service—St James' Church

Key dates for remainder of the year:

Date	Time	Event
Week beginning 9 th February	Afternoons	Swimming week 2
Thurs 12 th February	Leave in morning	Young Voices
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)