



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents,

We just have a few updates to share with you this week:

Applications for Reception & Junior School Places – September 2026

Applications are now open for **Reception school places for September 2026** and the application deadline is **15th January 2026**. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please let them know. For more information and how to apply, please visit the Westmorland and Furness Council website at:

www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools.

Tullie House

Just a reminder that Key Stage 2 children are going to Tullie House to take part in a Roman Workshop and have the chance to explore the museum. The children need to come dressed in school uniform and bring a packed lunch. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and be returning by 3pm.

Family Learning Course

We are pleased to share information about a new upcoming Family Learning Course, 'Story Sacks'. It is a free, practical course, where parents or grandparents can come along to make a Story Sack, containing toys, games and activities to match your child's favourite story book. Further details are in the attached poster—please let us know if you are interested by speaking to a staff member or emailing the school office.

School Meals

Our updated school meal system is running very well, and we appreciate everyone's support during the transition. A reminder to parents: **meal orders are submitted every Friday for the following Monday**. Once orders are submitted, we are unable to make changes, so please ensure all choices are correct before Friday each week.

Guitar Lessons

We were pleased to welcome Mr. Turnbull into school on Tuesday afternoon, and now guitar sessions are up and running again. The feedback from the children has been extremely positive. We will be in touch with parents of those children attending regarding arrangements for lesson charges. If you would be interested in your child participating in these lessons, then please contact the school office.

PE Kits

A reminder that children require their **PE kits on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons** each week.

Nativity Costumes

Finally, preparations are already under way for this year's Nativity performance and Mrs Westley will be in touch shortly with further details. If you have any spare costumes from previous years that you would be happy to donate, the school would be very grateful.

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 24th November (and following 2 Mondays)	PM	Reception swimming
Every Tuesday	PM	Guitar tuition
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)