



TEMPLE SOWERBY CE SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents,

We would just like to share a few reminders about some of the things happening school over the coming weeks:

Young Voices—Thursday 12th February

Some of the children in Year 4-6 will be attending the Young Voices concert in Manchester on Thursday 12th February. Parents will receive a letter today with further details, including timings and consent/medical forms. As children will need a packed lunch that day, please remember to not order a school meal; we will make arrangements to cancel any lunches ordered by mistake.

Music Lessons

As part of our music provision, we have two specialist music teachers who deliver one-to-one and small group tuition in school time for children in Key Stage 2. We currently have some spare places in both groups - on Friday, Stephen is offering drumming and keyboard sessions, whilst on Tuesdays, Mr Turnbull is delivering guitar tuition. In all sessions, instruments are provided.

These lessons are for KS2 children and are suitable for all abilities, helping children build confidence while making music, as well as having fun. They last 30 minutes and cost £5 per lesson, charged through Parentpay. If you would like your child to take part in any of these lessons or if your child would like a free taster session, please email the school office.

Art Club

This term, our after school Art club is on Monday and is led by Mrs Capstick. She has many exciting activities planned; this half-term we are focusing on printing and will be having a go at screen printing over the coming weeks. If your child is interested, please come along. Could children in art club bring a plain (preferably white) t-shirt into school for the art club after half-term (23rd February)?

Forest School

For the remainder of this half term, Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in Forest School activities on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure children have appropriate clothing for outdoors including warm layers, waterproof clothing and suitable footwear. Children in Year 3 and 4 will now be doing PE instead.

Ankoma

As many of you know, Mrs Capstick and a Year 6 pupil will be travelling to Ankoma in Ghana this February. It would be wonderful if they could take something special from our school with them. Over the next week, the children will be working together in school to create a scrapbook to share their lives, interests, and school experiences with the children in Ghana. We are hoping to receive something in return so the children can learn about life in Ankoma too. Please could children provide a family photograph (only one) for this book, this can be emailed to emma@temp-sow.cumbria.sch.uk.

We are also kindly asking for donations of old football kits (shirts and shorts only, please, due to weight restrictions). In addition, we would love to send some new footballs and netballs to the school in Ghana. If you would like to donate a ball, any balls size 3-5 (preferably deflated) would be greatly appreciated, there are many choices on Amazon. Please could these be in school by the 30th January; if you prefer, items can be delivered directly to the school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make this a meaningful experience for everyone involved.

Kind regards,

Mr K Laithwaite, Headteacher

Important dates for this half-term:

Date	Time	Event
Every Friday	9.15–10.30am	Temple Sowerby Tots
Every Tuesday	PM	Guitar tuition
Every Friday	PM	Keyboard and drumming tuition
Thursday 29th January	10.30-12.00pm	Eden Rock Climbing—Y2-6
Week of 9th February	All week	Swimming Week (Year 1 to 6)
12th February	All day	Young Voices Concert, Manchester

Key dates for remainder of the year:

Date	Time	Event
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)