



TEMPLE SOWERBY C of E SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents,

This week the KS2 children put on a brilliant performance of Pantastic. We are so proud of them all and have had lots of lovely feedback from parents and grandparents. Thank you for all the donations—we raised £165 in donations at the performances.

As we are very close to the end of term—please see important information below:

Mrs Wharton

At the end of term Mrs (Sandra) Wharton will be retiring from her role as TA at Temple Sowerby School, her last working day will be next Wednesday. During her time in school Sandra has supported a lot of children with her caring nature and she will be missed around school by both pupils and staff. Sandra currently runs our Gardening Club however, she may return to this next school year! We'd like to thank Sandra for all her hard work and we wish her all the best for her retirement.

End of Year Pupil Reports

Your child will be bringing home a copy of their Teachers end of year report today. If you would like to discuss any details of the report, please get in touch and we can arrange an appointment with your class teacher. Year 6 reports do not contain SATS results but we have been informed that they will be available next Thursday and we will be in touch once we have them.

FOTSS Summer BBQ

A reminder that it is the Summer BBQ this evening. Please arrive via the side gate from 6pm. The weather is looking hot so please come prepared with sun hats and sun cream. There will be a raffle, children's stalls and soft drinks on sale (cash only). Please feel free to bring picnic blankets, camping chairs and parasols/gazebos if you wish.

Plans for Next week

Monday 13th July—Pre-school trip to Ice-cream Farm and Cliburn Park. If you have not handed in your consent and medical form please do this as soon as possible.

Tuesday 14th July - Walby Farm—Whole school trip to Walby Farm (email to follow with further details). If you have not already completed consent and medical forms on ParentPay please can you complete this by the end of today (Friday).

Wednesday 14th July—Year 6 leaving Trip with Mr Laithwaite – Details have been sent.

Friday 16th July 09.30am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly. This will be held in our school hall and parents/grandparents of year 6 children are invited to attend.

1.30pm – End of Term church service – this is a whole school service where we give out end of year trophies and say our final goodbyes. All welcome to attend.

After School Clubs next week

Monday—Art Club as usual

Tuesday—no gardening club but childcare is available if needed.

Wednesday—Film Club

Thursday—no football club but childcare available if needed.

Friday—no after school club

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches in School

You may be aware that the Dept of Education has recently issued statutory guidance prohibiting the use of mobile phones in all schools from September 2026. Here at Temple Sowerby, this has always been the case – children are not permitted to bring in mobile phones, in line with our Behaviour Policy. There are a number of reasons for this. Such devices could potentially be used to access the internet, bypassing school filters. They could also cause classroom distractions, be used to film/record other children or staff and can also lead to cyberbullying.

However, please be aware that this guidance relates not just to phones **but to any technology which has similar functions, in particular smart watches**. Therefore, please can I ask that you ensure that your child does not bring any device into school which can:

- access the internet
- send or receive notifications or messages via mobile phone networks
- record or play audio or video.

Thank you for your support.

Finally, please could we politely ask that any balances on ParentPay for wrap around care, music lessons and pre-school are cleared by the end of July. Wraparound care charges should all be made by next Friday. Also, please could any school belongings, sports kits, musical instruments, books be returned to school in the next week.

Kind regards,

Mr K Laithwaite
Headteacher

Important dates for this term:

Date	Time	Event
Fri 10 th July	6.00—08.00pm	FOTSS Summer Barbecue (book tickets by 5th July)
Mon 13th July	AM	Pre-school trip to Abbott Lodge ice cream farm and Cliburn park
Mon 13th July	PM	Year 6 Leavers Party—(whole school hosted by year 6)
Tues 14th July	All Day	Walby Farm—Reception—Years 1-6
Wed 15th July	AM	Year 6 Leaving trip with Mr Laithwaite
Fri 17th July	09.30am	Year 6 Leavers service (in school—Year 6 parents/ grandparents invited)
Fri 17 th July	1.30pm	End of Term Service—Temple Sowerby Church—all welcome
Fri 17th July	2.15pm	Break up for Summer holidays—children can be collected from school following church service. There will be no after school club this day.