



Living for learning; learning for life.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

We are absolutely thrilled to report that the children have settled back into school life brilliantly this September. It has been a joy to walk through classes, spend time with the children at lunchtime and playtime and see so many smiling faces, eager to learn and reconnecting with friends. Our new pupils have made a fantastic starts, quickly adapting to their new routines and environments, while our returning pupils have stepped up wonderfully, showing great maturity in their new classes.

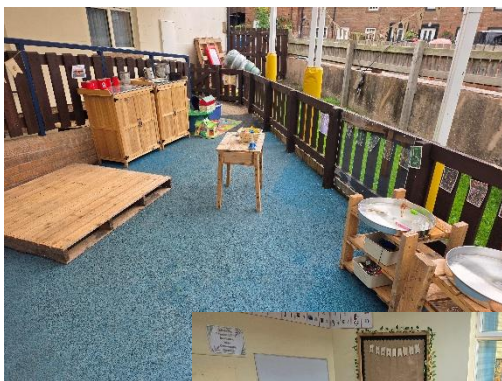
Silver Artsmark Success!

We're bursting with pride to announce we've achieved the Silver Artsmark Award! A huge, special thank you to Mrs. Capstick, our Art Lead, whose incredible dedication, creativity and hard work made this possible – alongside our wonderful staff and brilliant pupils. Here's to nurturing more creativity all round.



Developments

Over the summer the Class One team have been working tirelessly to develop our provision to provide the children with the best start to their educational journey. I am sure you will agree that it looks incredible!



Values Day

The children spent their first day in school exploring the value of KINDNESS through Art, song, story and writing. Also, we sent home 'values' homework this week, we cannot wait to see the creations that the pupils make at home. Please bring these into school by 25th September. We will be awarding prizes for one pupil in each class for their creative flair. Have FUN creating!



Flu vaccines

Invitations to consent to your child having their flu vaccine has been sent via email, so if you wish for your child to receive this then please complete the declaration of consent. Flu vaccines will be given in school on **Tuesday 22nd Sept.**

Peripatetic teaching – Music

We offer Peripatetic teaching of both Guitar (Tuesday) and Keyboard and Drums (Friday) in school, led by music teachers. Lessons are available for pupils in Years 3 to 6. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to nurture their musical side. If you wish to know more information please contact Louise, in the office, who will happily provide you with more information.



Diary Dates

We are currently in the process of planning the year ahead and will update events in future newsletters as these are planned, so that you have enough advance notice for attendance.

Smart Watches/Mobile Devices

An email was sent before the holidays regarding smart watches and mobile devices. A reminder that mobile devices are banned in school and any watch that connects to a mobile device or has a photo feature should not be worn or brought into school. Any children wearing these devices will be asked to remove them and staff will return them at the end of the day.

Free School Meal Entitlement

From September 2026, all families receiving Universal Credit can apply for Free School Meals, regardless of income. This includes working families who receive Universal Credit top-up payments. Families must still apply, as eligibility is not awarded automatically.

Parents and carers can check their eligibility and apply online via the Westmorland and Furness Council website:

Free school meals and clothing vouchers | Westmorland and Furness Council <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

About Me

I have managed to speak to a few parents over the last week and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. I am sure you are all eager to know a little bit more about me; who I am and what my vision is for Temple Sowerby C of E Primary School:

Mrs. Slack	
<u>About me</u> • I have 2 children who attend secondary school • Love nature and spending time in the great outdoors with my family • My perfect evening is curling up with a good book! • 18 years' experience in education working in city and rural schools	• Developed and ran an internal enhanced provision for pupils with additional needs • Worked for the DFE as a Literacy Lead Expert across the county of Cumbria • A SENCO for 8 years • An Educational Champion by Diverse Cumbria Awards 2022
<u>My Vision</u> • To instill a lifelong love of learning; • To truly see and value every child; • To provide support early to make a difference through intervention and adaptive teaching; • To prioritise mental health and well-being – so every child flourishes	
I am proud to be your new Headteacher and look forward to learning, exploring and growing with you all!	

Finally, thank you for a wonderful start to the new school year and for making me feel so welcome.

Many thanks

Mrs. Z Slack

Headteacher

