

# Shine Together ☆☆☆

Issue 77

Our School Motto: Work Together, Aim High, Shine Bright

Attendance this week: 98% 😊



11<sup>th</sup> Sept. '26

## Welcome back to School

Welcome to the new academic year... especially to those parents who are new to our community. We send out this newsletter every Friday to help keep you up to date with events happening in school and those coming up soon. This year we have already planned events right up to Christmas including our Nativity and Panto so you can get those dates in your diary now.

**Nut Allergy** – In the letter sent home this week, you will have read that we now have a child in school with a severe nut allergy. Please can we kindly ask you to be vigilant with any snacks or food that is sent into school and do not send anything containing nuts or traces of nuts. We really appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

**Parking** – As the new year starts we would like to remind you about being very careful when driving on the roads around school and not to park anywhere on the Tallentire Road. We have already had a near miss this week involving a child almost being hit by a car. Please allow plenty of time to park safely even if it means a longer walk to school.

**Key Stage 1 pick up** – We have a staggered pick-up time to allow for KS1 parents to leave slightly earlier than KS2 to help clear a few parking spaces. Please can we kindly ask KS1 parents to vacate your parking spaces as soon as you have collected your child, however, we appreciate that quite a few of you also have children in KS2.

## Golden Certificates...

Golden Jumpers are awarded every week to a child in each year group for a variety of reasons. This may be for an excellent piece of work or for persistent effort to achieve a goal. This first full week, golden certificates were awarded to Noelle in Reception, Roman in Yr1, Axel in Yr2, Lottie in Yr3, Isabella in Yr4, Theo A in Yr5 and Isaac in Yr6.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Choir 3.15-4pm

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Guitar lessons

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Ukulele lessons P3

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> – Yr5/6 Football after school club 3.15pm-4.15pm

Thursday – 6pm Full Governor's Meeting

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Woodwind lessons

### Looking ahead...

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – P1, P2, P4 Parent Meetings

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> – P4 Parent Meetings

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – P3 Parent Meetings

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Cockermouth School Open Evening

6<sup>th</sup> Oct – P5 REACT Show @Lakes College

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival at St. Bridget's Church, Bridekirk. All welcome.

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – P4 Swimming

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Open Days for 2027 starters

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 6pm KS1 Nativity Service at St. Bridget's Church.

9<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Panto at the Carnegie, Workington

## Latest News

**Parent Information Evenings** – Each year we like to offer a parent information slot for each class where the teacher outlines the curriculum plans for the coming year and any expectations regarding teaching and learning for the class. Timetables, routines and information around homework are also shared.

The dates and times for each class are listed below

- **Reception Parents - 6pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**
- **Primary 1 & 2 parents (but not reception) - 5pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**
- **Primary 3 - 4pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Primary 4 - 4pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**
- **Primary 5 - 4pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**After School Choir Yr2 and upwards** – If your child would like to join our school choir, please drop us an email asap.

**Music Lessons – Yr3 and upwards** – If your child would like to start playing guitar or a woodwind instrument, there are a small number of places still available. Drop us an email if you are interested.

**Allergies** – We have updated next week's menu with allergens to help you select the correct choice for your child if they have a food allergy. We are not able to add the key to Arbor, but hopefully it is self-explanatory.

| Letter | Allergen        |
|--------|-----------------|
| C      | Cereal          |
| Ce     | Celery          |
| E      | Egg             |
| F      | Fish            |
| G      | Gluten          |
| K      | Kiwi            |
| M      | Milk            |
| Mu     | Mustard         |
| N      | Nuts            |
| S      | Soya            |
| SD     | Sulphur Dioxide |
| Se     | Sesame          |

**Autumn Sensory Garden Tidy** – We are going to give our borders and beds in the Sensory Garden a good weed and tidy up before winter. We are looking for a few volunteers to help out on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1-3pm. If the weather is bad, we will try for the 24<sup>th</sup> instead. You will need to bring your own gardening gloves and wear your old/gardening clothes. Just turn up on the day.

**Arbor Data Check** – This year we are not sending home paper copies of the information we hold about you and your children. Instead, please take a minute to check the data is correct on Arbor. If you need to update an address or phone number etc., the app will let you make the change and will notify school to accept the change.

**Nail Varnish** – Please note, we do not allow the children to wear nail varnish in school. Please can it be removed now that the holidays are over. Thank you.

**FOBDS Corner** – Welcome back to a new year at school from all of us in FOBDS. We are the Friends of Bridekirk Dovenby School who organise fundraising events throughout the year to raise money for things in school above and beyond what the school budget stretches to! We would love any new parents to get involved. This could be coming along to meetings to get involved in the committee or just letting us know if you are free to help at events on a stall etc. You can get in touch via the school email address and they will pass on your details. We'll be advertising the date of our first meeting soon.

### Our Christian Vision:

At Bridekirk Dovenby School, we nourish the uniqueness of our community. Rooted in love, a rich and diverse curriculum enables all to flourish and grow. Confident and secure, our children reach out, ready to embrace the seasons of life in all its fullness.

***Psalm 1 "They are like trees, planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper."***

See a 'live' snapshot of UK electricity being produced from renewables here – [Gridwatch](https://www.gridwatch.co.uk/).

We are making great progress! Globally, over a third of our electricity is generated from renewables. In 2025, just under half – 47% – of the UK's electricity supply came from renewable sources of energy. Let's keep playing our part in asking for more.

Over the year, the average UK household uses 7 kWh of electricity per day – how much do you use? You'll probably use less in the summer and more in the winter.



**Kick start the Autumn term with Young Climate Warriors ... find out how much electricity you are ACTUALLY using ...**



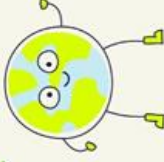
## Combating climate change ... you hold a 'key'!

**ELECTRICITY** – it's easy to take it for granted ...

Can you find a very special 'key' ... for your electricity meter ... and use it to open your meter (with help from your parent/carer). Or hunt down your smart meter!

Read your electricity meter each day at the same time – and work out how much electricity your household uses per day – in September.

We can help combat climate change by reducing our electricity consumption – it's easier to monitor and reduce once you know how much you're using.



**When you've completed this challenge ... Remember to hit the red button!**



[www.youngclimatewarriors.org](https://www.youngclimatewarriors.org)

Stagecoach Performing Arts Carlisle & Cockermouth is pleased to offer a two-week trial for the upcoming Autumn Term. Our classes provide children with the opportunity to engage in dancing, singing, and acting while developing the confidence to embrace life's opportunities.



# SWAP SCREEN TIME FOR STAGE TIME

## STAGECOACH CARLISLE & COCKERMOUTH

Singing, dancing and acting classes for 4 - 18 year-olds

### CARLISLE

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# Cumbria XC League

## 2026-27 Season - Information

| Date       | Entries Close | Venue                                             |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 26/09/2026 | 22/09/2026    | Castlegate Drive, Cockermouth                     |
| 10/10/2026 | 03/10/2026    | County Showfield, Kendal (JOINT FIXTURE WITH MLL) |
| 07/11/2026 | 04/11/2026    | Denton Holme, Carlisle                            |
| 14/11/2026 | 11/11/2026    | Netherhall School, Maryport                       |
| 19/12/2026 | 16/12/2026    | Hunter Hall, Penrith                              |

Times and distances for all races (except 10/10/26) are as follows

| Age Category | School Yr | Distance (approx.) | Race Time (approx.) |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| U10 B & G    | 3 + 4     | 800m               | 12.00pm             |
| U12 B & G    | 5 + 6     | 1,500m             | 12.05pm             |
| U14 B & G    | 7 + 8     | 2,300m             | 12.15pm             |
| U16 B & G    | 9 + 10    | 3,000m             | 12.30pm             |
| U18 M & W    | 11 + 12   | 4,000m             | 12.50pm             |
| Senior Women | 13+       | 8,000m             | 12:55pm             |
| Senior Men   | 13+       | 8,000m             | 1.00pm              |

Race times are approximate and may change on the day depending on numbers enter and any restrictions in force. Distances are approximate and all courses are suitable for spikes.

All age groups are as **at 31 August 2027**. Suitable for all abilities and races will not be handicapped. Athletes competing in the U12 and above age groups must be affiliated with England Athletics (in accordance with the licence rules) and club vests must be worn.

**KEEP SAME NUMBER FOR EVERY RACE IN SERIES EXCEPT MLL WHERE A SEPARATE NUMBER WILL BE ISSUED.** Charge of £1 for duplicate numbers.

**ONLINE ENTRY ONLY** at <https://www.race-results.co.uk>. Entries close at midnight on the dates shown above.



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## Library sessions

### Autumn Nights

For children age 5+ and their parents/carers

Join us as we use our creativity to explore how people can enjoy the darkening days of autumn, both today and as they did in the past! From animals that go bump in the night to traditional tales, we'll use William and Dorothy Wordsworth's writing, storytelling games, and a glow worm craft to explore the pleasures and frights of life as the year turns towards winter.

### Rucksack of Rhymes: Crinkly Cosy Cottage

For children aged 0-5yrs and their parents/carers

Join William and Dorothy Wordsworth around the fire for a cosy session packed with songs, play, crafts and stories. As the nights draw in and leaves begin to crinkle underfoot, we'll celebrate the creatures and colours of the season.



Scan the QR code to book



## Maryport Library

Thursday 29 October

2-3pm

Rucksack of Rhymes:  
Crinkly Cosy Cottage

3-4pm

Autumn Nights

**\*Please note children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult**

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## Workington Library

Thursday 29 October

10:30-11:30am

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11:30am-12:30pm

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