

# Shine Together ☆☆☆

Issue 79

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

**Attendance this week: 97.89% 😊**



**25<sup>th</sup> Sept. '26**

**Year 2 Multi Skills** – On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 2 children had a wonderful time taking part in a multi-skills tournament at Cockermouth School. They enthusiastically joined in with a range of fun activities, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination and



sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly they represented Bridekirk School and delighted to see them enjoying themselves so much!

**Great news, we are getting a pavement!** – After many years of hard work

and liaison with the Highways Team, we've received the fantastic news that they are going to build a pavement along the road from school towards Dovenby before the end of March 2027. This should provide a safe walkway and drop off point for everyone along this section of road. We also had a visit from our Police Community Support Officer, Clare Parker, and our 'Traffic' Governor, Anthony Parkinson, to observe the traffic and parking situation first thing in the morning. She observed lots of patient driving and parking and asks that we all keep following our Traffic Management Plan (which we will be sending out again soon). If you do witness any incidents/accidents/near misses please report them via email or come into the office and these can be logged and help us to gain even more improvements.

## **Golden Certificates...**

Due to the Harvest assembly, we are going to award Golden Jumpers on Monday for this week.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Choir 3.15-4pm

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

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Guitar lessons

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Ukulele lessons P3

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Yr5/6 Football after school club 3.15pm-4.15pm

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct - 5.30-9pm Cockermouth School Open Evening

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Woodwind lessons

### **Looking ahead...**

5<sup>th</sup> Oct – P3 Farm Trip

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

12<sup>th</sup> Oct – P2 Farm Trip

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – School Photos Day

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – 9am Harvest Festival at St. Bridget's Church, Bridekirk. All welcome.

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Yr4/5/6 visits to Life Exhibition

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Parent Meetings

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – P5 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.

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

## Latest News

**Harvest Festival Assembly** – Today we had a visit from Timmy Tuna, from the Cockermouth Foodbank to tell us all about his new tractor and the Harvest



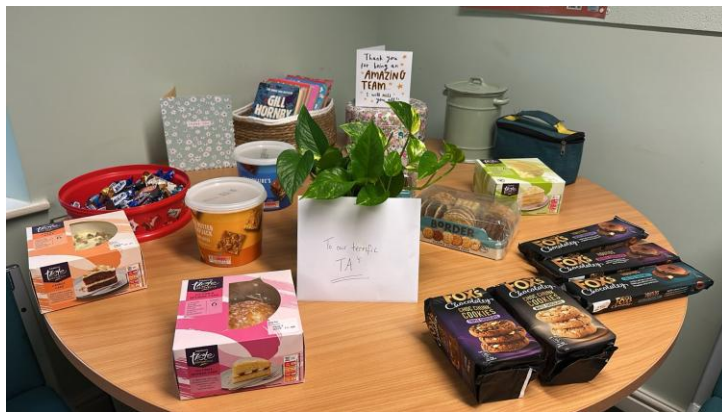
Appeal. This is in the lead up to the Harvest Festival at 9am at St. Bridget's Church, Bridekirk on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to which you are all invited. We will be asking for a small donation for the foodbank to be brought into school closer to the time. The poster with the information about donations they would like to receive is attached. Thank you in advance.

**New member of staff** – This term we welcome Miss Rudd to our staff team. Miss Rudd is the TA in P5 and the Higher-Level TA in P4 on Monday and Friday afternoons. We'll hear more from her here soon.

**Welcome** - to our new students Daphne, Elsie and Regan in Year 3. We know you'll settle in quickly and make lots of new friends.

**Flu Vaccine Consent** – A letter was sent out on the 9<sup>th</sup> September containing the link to the online consent form. Please indicate consent or decline consent by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Thank you.

**Thank a TA Day** – Today we said thank you with some sweet treats and 'time out' for a cuppa, to our wonderful TAs for all that they do for us and the children each day in school.



**Autumn Sensory Garden Tidy** – Thank you to our volunteers, Laura and Sarah who came along to help Miss Waterhouse and Mrs Hewitt with the garden tidy. Miss Waterhouse has also given up her time to paint our outside play houses. Thank you to her for the care she gives to our grounds 😊

**School Dinners** – You will no longer receive a text message reminder about ordering school dinners but instead will receive an Arbor In-App notification. Please order by midnight on Sunday as usual.

**Socks** – Do you have any socks which are still in good condition but are too small for your child? If so, please can you donate them to school as our spare supplies are completely depleted.

**FOBDS Corner** – We would love any new parents to get involved. 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."

# Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 1 October  
17:30 - 21:00

AN EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL  
aspire • enjoy • include • respect • community





Have you a child ready to start school?

# Bridekirk Dovenby Primary School Open Days

Friday 6th November 2026 @ 1.30pm – 2.30pm

OR Saturday 7th November 2026 @ 10am – 11am

Ask questions and have a tour of the building and grounds...

**Just come along on the day or for further information**

**contact us on 01900 829889 or [admin@bridekirkdovenby.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bridekirkdovenby.cumbria.sch.uk)**

**Can't make the date? An individual appointment can be provided.**

We look forward to showing you around our wonderful school!



**Bridekirk Dovenby Out Of School Club**  
**7.45 am - 5.30 pm**



**Work Together, Aim High, Shine Bright**



Around 8 in 10 people in the UK say they care about climate change, so there's a good chance the person next to you on your walk does too. Why not find out? (Climate Change in the British Mind, 2024)

Talking is contagious... in the best way! Research shows that when we chat about climate change, people learn more, care more, and then go on to talk to others too, spreading good ideas further and further. (Goldberg et al., 2019)

Dame Jane Goodall died last year, whilst on a speaking tour in the US, aged 91. She was an inspirational woman campaigning for the protection of our planet. You might like to check out the [Jane Goodall Institute](https://www.jane-goodall-institute.org/) to learn more.



**Walking and talking ... to help combat climate change.**

Join the conversation. Talk about our natural world, and how Young Climate Warriors - like yourself - are taking action to protect it and combat climate change.

Tackle climate change on your way to school, football, dance, Cubs or Brownies?

Talk, chat, share, discuss what you know, feel and think about climate change with your nan, friend, cousin, uncle, teacher ... ?

Walking, talking challenge!

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

YOUNG CLIMATE WARRIORS



**'The greatest danger to our future is apathy.'**

The late Dame Jane Goodall. Author of 'The Book of Hope'.



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

# **School HARVEST Appeal 2026**

**HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY  
WITH A FOOD HARVEST COLLECTION**

## PLEASE HELP

Our school appeal this year is called

# SHARING Together

Nothing makes a community stronger  
when we look out for one another.

Please help by donating any of the  
food items listed.



Please help if  
you can.  
**THANK YOU!**

## HARVEST SHOPPING LIST

Milk UHT full fat  
Fruit Juice UHT 1 litre  
Tinned Meat  
Dried Pasta (500g)  
Dried Rice (500g)  
Sponge Pudding  
Tinned Tuna  
Tinned Fruit  
Jam  
Tinned Veg  
Tinned pasta e.g. Ravioli  
Pasta Sauce  
Tinned Custard  
Tinned Rice Pudding  
Baked Beans  
Cereals (300 to 500g)  
Instant Mash (single packets)

North Lakes Foodbank, Lorton Street Methodist Church, Lorton Street, Cockermouth CA13 9RH.

For more information contact Stuart Christian  
email: [stuart@thefoodbank.org.uk](mailto:stuart@thefoodbank.org.uk) Tel: 07733338352  
Charity Number: 1067541

Need help with food? Go to [www.thefoodbank.org.uk/get-help](http://www.thefoodbank.org.uk/get-help)

 **Trussell**  
Ending hunger together

**Self Esteem**

**Low Mood**

**Bullying**

**Behaviour**

**Toileting**

**Sleep**



## Virtual Clinics for children aged 5-11 Years

**NHS**  
Harrogate and District  
NHS Foundation Trust

### Emotional Health & Resilience Clinic

Ring or email to book a  
consultation on  
0300 304 9029  
hdft.spoc0-  
19cumberland@nhs.net

### School Nurse Clinic

We can help your child  
feel heard, build  
resilience, and grow with  
confidence if they are  
struggling emotionally.



We're here to help with  
any concerns about your  
child's sleep, toileting,  
diet, or development—  
supporting them to grow  
feeling comfortable,  
confident, and happy



**Anger**

**Anxiety**

**Worry**

**Diet**

**Development**

**MAODS** on stage  
BRINGING THE WEST END  
TO WEST CUMBRIA

**PRESENTS**

# **Nativity!** **The Musical**

**BOOK AND LYRICS BY  
DEBBIE ISITT**

**MUSIC BY  
DEBBIE ISITT AND NICKY AGER**

**ORCHESTRATIONS BY GEORGE DYER**

**25TH - 28TH NOV 2026**

**SHOWING AT THE CARNEGIE THEATRE, WORKINGTON**

**BOOK ONLINE AT**

**MAODSTICKETS.COM**



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