

Shine Together ☆☆☆

Issue 59

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



Attendance this week: 96.8% 😊

13th February '26

National Apprenticeship Week – We are very proud of our two apprentices, Miss Thompson and Miss Sloan and the progress they have made along their apprenticeship journeys. Today they have been making group presentations at Gen2 as part of a college competition for National Apprenticeship week. Good luck to you both!



Chinese New Year – The children in After School Club have been enjoying Chinese New Year themed activities this week in the lead up to a Chinese

banquet after school last night. They tried chicken noodles, spring rolls and fortune cookies. The children ended the afternoon with a sweet eating chopstick challenge. It certainly slowed them down!

Traffic Issue - It has been brought to our attention that sometimes drivers are performing a three-point- turn on the road outside school, especially near the junction. Yesterday, this resulted in a near-miss as someone was crossing the road at the time.



Please remember to follow the Guide for Parking at Our School on the website [Traffic & Parking | Bridekirk Dovenby CE Primary School](#)

Golden Certificates...

Golden Jumpers this week were awarded to Jonty in reception for his phonics work, and Xandre in Yr1 for his efforts in maths. The children in the other year groups received their Accelerated Reader certificates.

All our latest information is on our website here: [Latest News | Bridekirk Dovenby CE Primary School](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23rd February – Back to school

Mon 23rd – After school choir until 4pm

Tues 24th – Ukulele lessons for year 3's

Tues 24th – Guitar lessons

Tues 24th – Reception Multi Skills After School Club for those signed up on Arbor.

Tues 24th – Yrs4/5/6s Archbishop's Young Leader's Award after school club for those signed up on Arbor.

Fri 27th - Woodwind lessons

Looking ahead...

Friday 27th Feb – Whole School Cricket Engagement Day

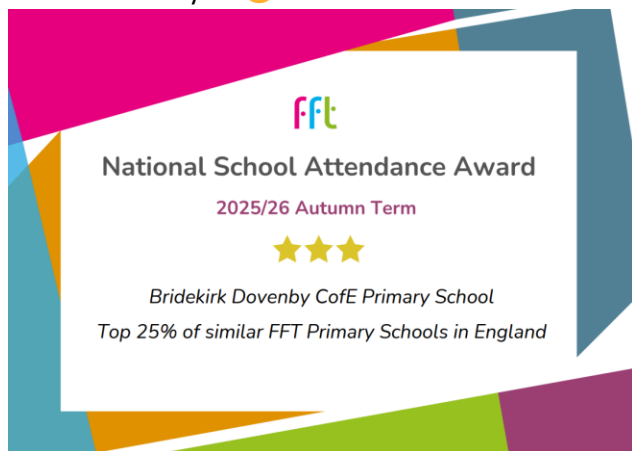
5th March 6pm – Full Governors' meeting

18th March – Yr5 Trip to Cockermouth School for an Arts Event

Thursday 26th March 9am – Easter Service at St. Bridget's – All welcome

Latest News

Book Fayre – Thank you for supporting the book fayre this week. Your children enjoyed choosing a book for themselves so we hope they've chosen well! It's been a great success and school will receive lots of new books in return. Thank you 😊



FFT National School Attendance Award and visit from our Attendance Officer – We are delighted to learn that our attendance for the Autumn Term was in the Top 25% of similar Primary Schools in England. That's a brilliant achievement, well done everyone. We have also received a visit from our council Attendance Officer this week and a number of families will be hearing from us and them as a result of this visit.



Toys – Some children have been bringing toys into school which has then caused some problems with sharing, and things getting lost/misplaced. Please can we kindly ask for your support with putting a stop to this. Thank you

Bridekirk Dovenby 10km Race - Enter now!!
Entries are open here [Events Up North - Entry System & Race Timing Solutions - Bridekirk Dovenby 10K](#). Please help us spread the word and share the race information with your friends.

Sponsorship opportunity – If you know anyone who would like to sponsor our Bridekirk Dovenby Race please get in touch using bridekirk10k@gmail.com

Marketing volunteer – If you are good with Facebook and marketing in general, we are looking for someone to help with the marketing of the race, again please get in touch. Thank you

More details will be released soon about other volunteer opportunities.

Climate Warrior Challenge - Sport and Mental Health – As the Winter Olympics kicks-off in Italy, discussion turns to the carbon emissions of the games, the carbon footprints of the sponsors, and the negative environmental impacts of spectator travel. Many see the irony in winter sports being compromised by our changing climate and yet the carbon intensity of the events exacerbating our climate crisis.

Let's head outside to the park – play football, set up an obstacle course, design a race-track ... drink hot chocolate under a tree, or spot animal prints in the mud ... take time away from our digital devices.

HAPPY HALF TERM 😊

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."*

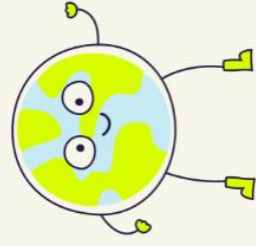


Ditch the devices, and head outside!

It's time to get outside - games in the park,
instead of games on devices.

Ditch the devices
challenge!

Our increasing use of digital technology isn't
good for climate change - related carbon
emissions are growing year-on-year. Have
you ever thought about the energy needed
to power the cloud, stream a film, or play a
video game?



Get outside and kick around a football,
practice your 'keepie-uppies', design an
obstacle course, sip hot chocolate under a
tree, spot animal prints in the mud?



YOUNG
CLIMATE
WARRIORS

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



Tuesday 17th February – Tent Club - 14:00 – 15:00
Rosehill, Moresby, Whitehaven, CA28 6SE - Free

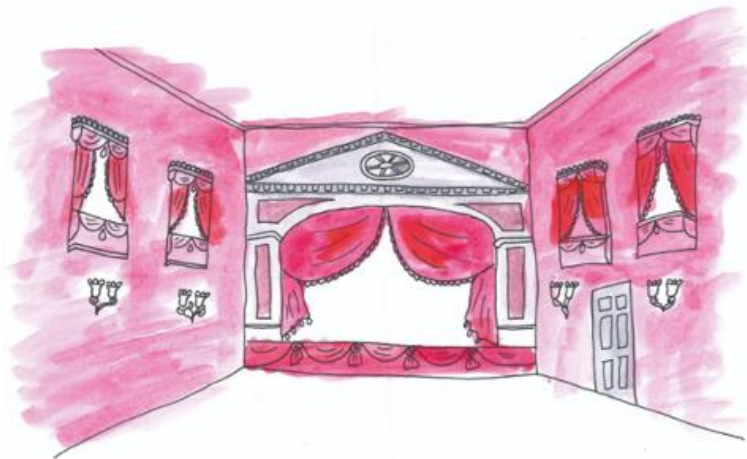


Welcome to Tent Club! Here, you can build the most elaborate den you can imagine, create a revolutionary masterpiece, all while making new friends. Tent Club is your space to explore new ideas, be noisy, and have fun. It isn't just for little ones, though: Adults get the chance to rest, try out new crafts and have conversations with other adults.

We offer a selection of healthy snacks, hot drinks, and squash. This session is open to all ages but is particularly attractive to children of primary school age. We can offer support with transport if required.

Children must be accompanied.

Wednesday 18th February – SumArt To Do – 10:00 -12:00 & 13:00 - 15:00
Rosehill, Moresby, Whitehaven, CA28 6SE
£4 per person
[Book your place HERE](#)



Join us and Handpicked Productions to build a puppet theatre, and the puppets to go in it. We will then play together with the selection of unique characters, tell stories, use our imaginations, and have fun. We will be guided by professional artists in a safe, welcoming, and open-ended creative space. The price is £4 per person (adults and children alike).

 **Genius** 
HOLIDAY CLUBS

SPRING 2026

ARTS & CRAFTS

SPORTS

HOT MEALS

TRIPS

WHEN: MON-TUE, 16TH & 17TH FEBRUARY

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM

**WHERE: Christ Church Community Hall, South Street
Cockermouth, CA13 9RU AGES: 8-16**

VISIT: WWW.GENIUSTUITION.CO.UK/cockermouth



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February Half Term

Drop-in Family Crafts

Daily 14-22 February, 1-4pm

Sea Legs Puppet Theatre: Henry Clutterbuck & the Musician of Bremen

Thursday 19 February

Roman Re-enactors

19 & 20 February

PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie

Friday 20 February, 2pm

Plus brand new exhibitions **Gladiators of Britain** and **Uncovering Roman Carlisle: Where Worlds Met**, a very special **Tullie Mouse Roman trail** and appearances from the mouse himself.

Find out more at tullie.org.uk/february-half-term-2026



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CHANCE CAMP

OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS
CAMPS ARE BACK FOR 2026!

🕒 Ages 4 - 14 years old

📍 Cockermouth Rugby Club

🕒 9am - 4pm

100%
RECOMMEND
(Facebook reviews)

"Highly
recommend!!"

"What a great
camp, the girls had
the best time"



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BETTER

Help shape services for families in your community

Become a Parent or Carer Champion

Share your experiences, ideas and feedback with the Family Hubs team – and help make a real difference for local families.

As a Champion, you can:

- Influence how local services are designed and delivered.
- Make sure families' voices are heard.
- Meet other parents and carers in your area.
- Help create positive change in your community.



Interested?



Email parentandcarerchampions@cumberland.gov.uk

Chat to one of the Family Hubs team, or complete the quick form using the QR code.



How much time will it take?

We know family life is busy! Meetings are every 6 weeks, and you can join online or in person. If you can't make one, that's absolutely fine.

Who can be a Parent and Carer Champion?

Anyone who is:

- A parent, carer or guardian of a child or young person.
- Living in Cumberland.
- Keen to improve local family services.
- No experience needed – just your voice and ideas!





Are you exploring an autism assessment for your child?

Do you have any questions?

Would you like information, support, advice and signposting?

Would you like to chat with the autism assessment team?

These drop-ins are for parents/carers of children and young people:

- Who are waiting for an initial appointment or;
- Have been seen by the Community Paediatrician or;
- Are on the 'multi agency assessment team' (MAAT) pathway or;
- Are awaiting the outcome of their assessment

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Who is available</u>
11 th February 2026 1pm until 3pm	Maryport Family Hub, Ennerdale Road Maryport CA15 8HN	Navigator, Sensory OT & SEND IAS