

Penruddock Post!



Penruddock Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 2025 – Issue 5

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back after our Easter break. Hopefully you've all had a good long break and enjoyed munching on your Easter chocolate!

The weather has been lovely over the holiday and we are hopeful this will continue as we have a few upcoming sporting events this term.

A huge thank you to FOPS for organising the Easter coffee afternoon at the end of term. I'm sure those of you who were able to attend will agree it was a lovely event enjoyed by children and visitors alike. FOPS are currently working on our behalf to source grant funding to replace our fort. We are hopeful we may be able to access a lottery grant but will still be short on the funding needed. If anyone knows of any income streams we could tap into please let us know in the office or speak to Steph, Helen or Laura.

This half-term is a short one but will be action packed as ever. We look forward to spending it with your children.

Best Wishes

Mrs Hazel Johnson

SPORTING EVENTS

We have a number of sports events coming up this term. These include:

Tag Rugby Years 3-6

Come and Try Tag Rugby Year 2

Tennis Years 3-4

PE AND FOREST KIT

A polite reminder that children should have their PE kit in school every day as PE session days can vary in the week. If kit needs washing this is best done over the weekend to ensure it is available every day in the week.

Forest School is continuing on site for the rest of the year so please check the school website to ensure your child has suitable forest clothes on the correct days.

SWIMMING

Children in Years 3-6 will be completing their intensive swimming week at Woggle Goggle again this year. Last year, we found this intensive approach extremely beneficial for all the children who made excellent progress within the week. The children will travel to and from school via bus each morning from 19th 23rd May at 9am. Letter to follow.



PENNY'S TRAVELS

Following Penny Bear's recent travels to Africa and Kilimanjaro, she has now begun her new adventures with children from the school. This term she had an exciting trip to London and various day trips with Dylan. She has been to London to see the sights and he took her to the Imperial War Museum and the Back to the Future Musical. She also visited the Lakes Aquarium, trekked up Souter Fell and went to watch Carlisle United play football. Thank you Dylan for giving her such a great time. Pictures attached!



Her journey will be plotted onto our world map each term. I wonder how far we can travel with her in this country and abroad? Let me know if you are travelling anywhere interesting at half term. Names will be drawn from a hat to choose her next destination.

STAFFING

You may notice a few new faces around school this half term in addition to the more familiar usual ones! We are delighted that Mrs Guy is at school this term on her teaching placement in KS1 as part of her teacher training degree which she began in September. We are delighted to support her with her training but are adjusting to having her with us in a different role. Subsequently a combination of our other support staff will be covering her usual duties.

Unfortunately Mrs Wilson is still absent from school and so her hours are being covered by supply support staff until she is able to return.

We are delighted to welcome Lucy back to us for PE delivery and after school club on Tuesday's.

SUN PROTECTION

As we experience unusually sunny weather so early this term, please remember to send your child to school with adequate sun protection, sun hat, water bottle etc.

Many thanks



SATs

Statutory Assessments begin this term with Year 6 SATs in May, Year 4 times table assessment, and Year 1 phonics assessment in June and a variety of internal monitoring assessments across the term. Our children are all working very hard and we are delighted with the progress they have made. We are confident that they will do their best but if you have any concerns please speak to your class teacher.

MUSIC TUITION

We are delighted to continue music tuition in guitar and violin again this term.

If you would like your child to take up a place please contact the school office for details. Ukulele club will continue over lunch time as usual.

PARKING

Parking continues to be a problem outside school at drop off and pick up times. A reminder that parking between the crossing points and opposite the zig zags is not permitted at these times as it blocks the view for safe crossing and is dangerous when children are crossing the roads.

The PCSO's are aware of the issue and will be making spot checks over the coming term.

There is plenty of safe parking along the road towards the Motherby turn.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our clubs this term are as follows:

Clubs are available to all our children but places are limited. To cover the costs of running the club we ask that families pay for the half term in advance. Places are still available in many of our clubs and can be booked via Parentpay. It would be lovely to see more children attend to ensure our clubs remain financially viable.

Monday	running	3.30-4.40pm
Tuesday	Sports Club with Lucy	3.30-5.15pm
Wednesday	Football with CUFC coach	3.30—5.15pm
Thursday	Crafts with Mrs Wilson	3.30-4.40

Early Morning Club is available each morning from 0810 @ £2.50.

No need to pre-book just turn up.

Polite reminder that children are supervised on the playground each morning from 0840. Thank you

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school to date is 96.53%. This is above the county target so a huge thank you to everyone for ensuring your children attend school regularly and that when this is not possible you inform us quickly to let us know

A reminder that county have stepped up their attendance monitoring service and term time holiday will be identified by the new team and is likely to receive a fine. Parents who choose to take children out in term time must complete a request for absence form.

Officers are also quick to identify any patterns of absence and this may also lead to follow up from the team.

When attendance falls between 90% and 95% county requires school to notify parents so that higher attendance can be maintained.

Important dates for your diary:

For further updates to the school calendar, visit www.penruddock.cumbria.sch.uk

- 28 April** **Water Safety Assembly**
- 1 May** **Come and Try Rugby Y2**
Behaviour and Consequences Assembly
- 2 May** **UCC Headteacher visit to see Y5**
- 8 May** **Open the Book Assembly**
- 12-16 May** **SATs week**
- 19 May** **KS2 swimming/PE lessons at Woggle Goggle—see separate letter**
- 21 May** **Stay & Play for toddlers and parents**
- 22 May** **Open the Book Assembly**
- 23 May** **End of Half Term**
- 2 June** **Start of Summer Term B**
- 10 June** **Mixed Dynamos Cricket Y5&6**
- 18 June** **Multi Sports KS1**
- 19 June** **Open the Book Assembly**
- 24 June** **Girls Dynamo Cricket Y5&6**
- 26 June** **Parents Evening**
- 27 June** **Youth Climate Summit—Selected Children**
- 3 July** **Secondary Transition Day**
Open the Book Assembly
- 8 July** **Dynamos Y3&4 Cricket Festival**
- 9 July** **Swimming Gala at Greystoke**
- 18 July** **End of Summer Term**