



Monday 14th September

Dear North Lakes School Community,

What a busy and exciting start to the autumn term we've had! I'm delighted to share some wonderful updates from school.

Our Year 3 children have really settled into their new class with Mrs Greenwood, and it's been lovely to see them flourishing. We've also been making some important changes to how we give children a voice in school. Following discussions with the pupils, we're excited to announce that our pupil voice groups have been updated and now include: Democracy, Environment, Positivity & Well-being, Community, Health and Mini Police. The children have chosen which group they'd like to be part of, and this week we're meeting in our Pupil Voice Groups to consider the things that 'bother' us and how we can work together to action change. It's wonderful to see our pupils taking an active role in shaping our school community. Our next step will be to invite parents to attend these groups.

We launched Golden Time on Friday – a thirty-minute celebration session each week where children enjoy some well-deserved choice time after all their hard work. The activities on offer have been brilliant, ranging from Dance and Art to Sports, our school newspaper, and old school games such as French skipping and Cat's Cradle. The children are loving it!

We're grateful for our continued partnership with the Children's Centre, and we've attached a flyer with details of their offer. Dione, our school cook, has been busy planning and cooking delicious new meals now that our school dinners are in house. Dinners can be booked on Arbor, and over the next few weeks we'll be sending home a questionnaire to find out what families would like to see on our menus. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, Westmorland and Furness Council have shared a link to apply – it only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Looking ahead, our VIP assemblies begin this week. Each week, children from our classes are invited to be 'VIPs', wearing a special silver hoodie whilst their classmates write a list of reasons they're special. Families are invited to join us on Fridays to hear why the children are special – please watch out for an email from the school office with details.

I'd also like to remind you of a few important notices. Our school uniform policy requires plain black trainers or plain black school shoes with black soles. PE kits should be brought into school each Monday, and we'd appreciate your support in ensuring your child has the correct uniform with labels. This Tuesday, we also have Wheelchair Basketball taking place for every class therefore, children will need their PE kits for this event.

Our Curriculum Evening takes place on Tuesday 29th September from 5pm to 6:30pm. Our school choir will be singing, samples of our school dinners will be available, and the Scholastic book fair will be open. Our Harvest Assembly will be on Wednesday 7th October in the school Hall, where we'll be collecting tins and dried foods for the Salvation Army – families are warmly invited to join us.

Yesterday, Coach Lucy and Coach Robbie took part in the Great North Run in aid of charities close to their hearts. It was a very warm day and both of our coaches put an incredible effort into both fundraising and running. A big congratulations to both Robbie and Lucy, you are both inspirational!

Finally, do remember that we have a wonderful wrap-around care offer available on Arbor. Mrs Peart runs sessions from 8:00am to 8:45am and from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, with a drop zone at 8:30am to 8:45am. Please contact our school office if you'd like further information.

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Save the date!

- This Tuesday – Wheelchair Basketball.
- Curriculum Evening: 5–6:30pm on 29th September 2026.
- Harvest Festival and assembly 9:00am Wednesday 7th October.
- Year 3 and 4 Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 13th October and Tuesday 20th October.
- Year 5 and 6 Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 22nd October.

