



Monday 21st September

Dear North Lakes School Community,

It is hard to believe we are already starting week four at North Lakes! I'm delighted to share some wonderful updates from our school community.

Last week marked the launch of our Pupil Voice groups, and staff were thrilled by the enthusiasm and commitment already on display. Our Community group have created 'secret spies' – children who actively look out for positive behaviour around school. Those spotted displaying our values receive a special card and enter a prize draw each Friday. The Mini Police group welcomed PCSO Emily, who worked alongside them to develop a short play about respectful behaviour in our community. Meanwhile, our Environment group have been busy tidying their new garden and brainstorming ideas to enhance other spaces around school. The Positivity group wrote wonderful affirmations on the playground for everyone to enjoy at home-time, and our Democracy group have been learning about our new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham, whilst holding some engaging debates around school uniform. Our Healthy group and Reduce, Reuse and Recycle groups are also reflecting on further initiatives to implement. I'd encourage you to ask your child which group they're part of and what they're working on – they'll love sharing their ideas with you!

Windermere class, attended the Cumbrian Games last Thursday. Mrs Cark reported that the children demonstrated our school values of teamwork and resilience beautifully, taking part in athletics and golfing activities at Sheep mount stadium. They tried new skills, had tremendous fun – including hammer throwing – and proudly received their medals in assembly today.

Staff Updates: We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Holmes at the end of this half term as she embarks on a new adventure. Miss Holmes has been an integral part of the North Lakes family for ten years and will be greatly missed. We also said farewell to Mr Hodgson at the end of summer term. We are however delighted to announce that Mrs Morrissey gave birth to a healthy baby boy last week – which is wonderful news!

A quick reminder that **asthma letters** were sent home last week. Please return the form and check the expiry date of your child's inhaler to ensure we have the most up-to-date information.

This week, Year 4 are enjoying daily swimming lessons, so please ensure your child has their swimming costume and towel each day.

Next Tuesday, 29th September, we're hosting our Curriculum Evening from 5pm to 6:30pm, and we'd love to see you there to learn more about what we're teaching.

Finally, a polite reminder to book school meals twenty-four hours in advance, which helps us ensure we can provide all meals ordered.

Please also note that motorcycle or motocross helmets have restricted vision and can cause accidents in our playground – if your child rides a scooter, please ensure they wear a regular bicycle helmet instead.

As we approach busy drop-off and collection times, I'd ask that you park responsibly and respectfully with consideration for our local neighbours.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Save the date!

- 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.

