



# Friday 15th May 2026 Newsletter

## Flookburgh C of E Primary School

Our children have shone brightly this week – whether they have been demonstrating high levels of learning, engaging maturely and kindly with student visitor or showing calm and confidence in the SATs. There is so much to be proud of – Flookburgh is flying!!

### School photos

Please remember that the photographers will be in school on Tuesday – smart uniform and hair. If you have out-of-school sibling photos to be taken, please come to the main entrance at drop off instead of your usual entrance.

### School team for September & Open Day

The budget is being finalized and approved by Governors early next week. We hope to share our school team and class structure for next year by the end of the week.

Please continue to direct people to our Open Morning on Weds 20th May – we need to be bold and proud about sharing our school with other people. There are so many exciting and enriching developments happening.

### Temporary absences

Unfortunately, Mrs Horne badly damaged her shoulder over the weekend and has been signed off work for a few weeks. Mr Wright will lead the provision and cover for Wainwright class. There will be no Singing Club next week.

Mrs Shaw will also be away from school for the next month, with Mrs Keith stepping in to support learning in Hilltop Class. We wish her well as she recovers from ill health.

### **University of Cumbria Students**

This week we have had the privilege and benefit of hosting a cohort of Postgraduate teaching students in school – learning about assessment and how this supports children’s learning.

Next week, Mr Okwu will join Wainwright Class on his placement for seven weeks, and Mr Jones will join Dove class. It is exciting that the school’s capacity to develop the next generation of teachers is recognized by the university.

### **SATs week**

The Y6 children sat their end of key stage statutory tests this week. They have been brilliantly prepared for the week by Mrs Horne. The children were calm, confident and feel they have shown their best throughout the week. We are really proud of their efforts.

### **Multiplication and Phonics checks**

The Y4 children and Y1 children will be doing their multiplication & Phonics checks in the week s after half term. Please continue to support them in their practice on Times Tables Rock Stars and reading daily. It will give them the very best chance to show what they are capable of.

### **Chartered College of Teachers visitor**

Jen Crittenden, project leader for an international learning program our school is involved, and former pupil of Flookburgh School, visited us on Wednesday. She was excited to see how the school is moving forward and commented on how much the children are thriving and moving forward with their learning.

### **Half term & Clubs**

The school break starts on Monday 25th May. The children should return on Monday 1st June. The new clubs list is now available on Arbor for after half term -please sign up. The clubs will start in the week beginning 8th June and run for five weeks – no clubs in first and last week of the half term.

*Phil Wright*

**School Lunches:** The cut-off time for ordering school lunches is Friday mornings (9AM) . If no school lunch is ordered before this time your child/ren will require a packed lunch for the

week. Arbor will allow you to order after this cut off time - Please do not as it will not be seen.

## Class pages

### Hill Top Class

Hilltop have been very busy learning how to clean their teeth to keep healthy. They have enjoyed using real toothpaste and practicing on the babydolls in the water area. The babies are looking very sparkling now! The children have continued to make observations of the caterpillars and were excited to see that two of them have made cocoons. In Drawing Club this week, we read 'Michael Recycle' and the children have been making their own creations from cars, helmets to rockets from all the recycling items collected. The children have become really engaged with their writing and the Nursery children were keen to join in too. In the outside area the children have enjoyed using the new pegs to make their own dens. The children even helped make a great rain cover with the student visitors to shelter from a heavy downpour. A very fun filled week!

### Dove Class

#### **Dove Class**

I have been blown away by our determination and enthusiasm this week! So fantastic to see such keen learners.

We have particularly enjoyed fractions this week (not so tricky for us!). We have loved group items equally and talking about what a unit and non unit fraction might mean. We have seen the importance of knowing our times tables to support us in our fractions. We have enjoyed lots of fun remixes of songs on youtube - I am sure they can show you at home if you ask! We have been looking at 2,3,4 and 5 times tables - I just couldn't stop them!

Important information:

- PE is every Wednesday and PE kits should be kept in school, please can earrings be taken out or covered - if your child is at running club please can their kit be brought back in
- Please can all uniform be labelled (I have lots of unlabelled jumpers and cardigans in the classroom if anyone is missing some!)
- Please can reading folders come in to school everyday
- Homework will be sent out Friday and checked on a Thursday. Please check your child's reading folder for any books and homework







## Bluebird Class

The end of another busy week!

In maths, we have become cafe business owners. We have been practising out column addition, subtraction and multiplication skills to complete orders and solve scenarios that happen our cafe. Unfortunately, our trip to Grange had to be cancelled on Thursday as our train was cancelled. This was obviously disappointing however the children channeled this disappointment into letters of complaint to Northern Rail.

In Science, we have explored how pollinators have an important part to play in plant reproduction and how seeds germinate. We have a selection of pea seeds sellotaped to our window which we are eagerly watching to see how they germinate. Our whole class has really enjoyed our rounders PE lessons and I was very proud of the teamwork displayed this week. In Computing, we have programmed our micro:bits into exercise trackers. We logged our activity when doing star jumps and then transferred this to a spreadsheet to be able to see the data.

Important information:

- PE will continue to be on a Tuesday and a Thursday (please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school)
- Homework will be set on a Friday and should be in for the Wednesday
- Please make sure that reading folders are brought in everyday.

## Wainwright Class

What a busy week, I cant believe how much we have crammed into just 4 days!

In science, we have examined the structure of the heart and explored how blood flows around our body. We debated the question of whether all animals have a circulatory system and concluded that although we think all vertebrates do, each animals vessels of blood look different because they all have different shaped bodies.

We also are coming to the end of our topic on Crime and Punishment in History. Children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the punishments of the ages and the development of this country's laws. This week, we looked at the birth of the current policing system, thinking of how technology has improved modern law enforcement since the Victorian Era.

***Wainwright Class:***

- Homework will continue to be given out on a Monday and be collected on a Friday
- PE days are Monday and Wednesday (please make sure your child has their full kit- including trainers- in school)
- Y6 are welcome to come to school for 'breakfast' at 8:30am on the mornings of the SATs test.
- Wainwright Class will be attending another music workshop at Cartmel Primary school on Wednesday 20th May. A letter will be sent out on Friday, but children need to be dropped off at Cartmel Primary school at 8:45am on that morning and they will then be transported back to school before dinner.

## Wrap-around Care Club

Following recent feedback from parents, we are pleased to share that we have been able to extend our after-school wraparound care to include our upcoming Reception children who will be joining Reception in **September 2026**.

Bookings can now be made using the **Arbor app**, or by calling the school office.

If you would like to book your child/ren into any of our sessions, please contact the school office or book via Arbor.



## Upcoming Events...

**Summer Term:** Key Dates

11-14th May	SATs week
Tues 19th May	Class & Individual photos
Weds 20th May	Open Morning (9:30 -11:00am)
Mon 1st June	Return to school after half term
1-3rd June	Wainwright Residential
8-12th June	Phonics Screening & Multiplication Check
Mon 8th June	Y6 Diocesan Transition Day
Thurs 11th June	Open Morning (9:30 – 11:00am) & Life Education Day
Weds 17th June	Y6 Transition Multi-skills/Leavers service in Kendal
Fri 19th June	Dress-up FOFS fundraiser
Tues 23rd June	Y6 Transition Day @ CPSS
Weds 24th June	KS2 Cluster Athletics
Fri 26th June	Sports Day & Summer Fair (TBC)
Weds 1st July	Sports Day Back-up – pm only
Weds 8th July	Open Morning (9:30 – 11:00am)
Thurs 9th July	Wainwright Performance - 5:30pm
Thurs 16th July	Leavers Service
Fri 17th July	Last Day of Term
Mon 20th July	First Day of Summer Holidays

Dates may be amended or added throughout the term so please keep checking back!

## Friends of Flookburgh School



**Autumn Disco 2025** - We managed to raise an impressive **£125.50!** The children had fun, some great snacks and music (courtesy of DJ Culbert). Thank-you to all our helpers!

**Christmas 2025** - We're delighted to share that the current total for our Elf Dash stands at **£1,840.00 with £369.84 coming to FOFS.** Thank you for your generosity!

**Easter Family Bingo 2026** - Thank-you for the fantastic support, in total we raised **£637.00!**

### Arbor

We are now moving towards using Arbor for all school communication, trips, and clubs. To support this transition, please note the following:

**Outstanding Balances:** Please ensure any outstanding balances on ParentPay are cleared before the end of September.

**Communication via Arbor:** Messages that used to be sent via text message will now be sent via our in-app messaging on your Arbor profile.

**App & Notifications:** To make sure you receive all updates, please download the Arbor App and enable notifications.

**Urgent Messages:** Any urgent information will still be sent directly via text message.

**Support:** If you experience any issues with setting up or using the Arbor App, please visit the school office and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support in helping us make communication more efficient and cost-effective.

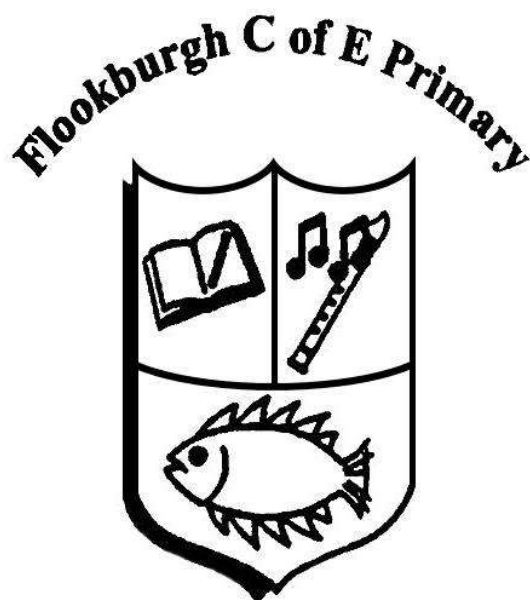
**School Lunches:** The cut-off time for ordering school lunches is **Fridays at 9:00am**. Any school lunches ordered after this time will not be seen or processed.

**Wrap-around Care:**

If you would like to book your child onto one of our **Breakfast Club sessions (Nursery–Year 6)** or **After School sessions (Reception–Year 6)**, please book via **Arbor** or call the school office and leave a voicemail. Phones will be checked before **3:00pm** and bookings will be confirmed.

Thank you.

[Contact Us](#)



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