



Friday 8th May 2026 Newsletter

Flookburgh C of E Primary School

Another learning filled week has passed! Lots of bits and pieces to catch you up on 😊

SATs Week

Next week is the week designated nationally for the statutory Y6 tests. Our children are ready and raring to go. Year 4 will join Year 5 to use their literacy and numeracy skills to start planning their London adventure in September with Mr Wright, and Y3 will get some focused time with Mrs Culbert.

Student teachers

On Wednesday and Thursday, another group of students from the University of Cumbria will join us, to see how we use assessment to refine the learning provision we make for the children. Hosting the students not only supports the next generation of teachers but also creates a sense of aspiration for our children.

Bluebird in Grange

As part of the RE curriculum for Bluebird class, they are heading to Grange on the train, to do a survey about the different types of church in Grange – hoping for good weather!

No Cross-country next week

Unfortunately, Miss Butler and Mr Wright are unavailable next week for cross-country club therefore it will not run (pardon the pun).

The following week however, we will run from school to Haven around the headland. Please collect the children from Haven at 4:00pm – we will leave school early to leave plenty of time to get there. Ice-lollies at the end!

Gardening Developments

In the next few days, we will be ordering a new polytunnel to restart our school garden. This is kindly being funded by donations from the Lancastrians in London and Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation, and know-how and contacts from FoFS.

We now need to the tools and benches for the children to work with, and wondered if anyone had trowels, spades, pots, potting benches, hoes, rakes, gloves etc that might be donated to school. Please speak to the office if you are able to help with this. Maybe you have some plants that have already been propagated that could be used to get the children started?

At the moment, we are introducing gardening through after school clubs but from September, alongside Forest School, we intend for this to be part of the curriculum and part of the weekly provision.

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](#)

Orange, apples, bananas, pears! All things juicy and healthy have been the theme in Hilltop Class this week. We have tried and tasted new fruits from our Drawing club book - Handa's surprise. Many children have been brave to try fruits they haven't tried before. They have loved squeezing lemons and limes to make fruit juice and have made menu's, served fresh fruit and vegetables in the healthy food cafe. The children have explored different seeds found in different fruits and used tools to take them out, examine and sort them by size. They have also experimented with printed fruits and vegetables in the painting area, making wonderful patterns. What a fun week!

Dove Class

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Another busy week - It has really flown by with having the Bank Holiday off! It has been lovely to hear what you have all been up to over the longer weekend. This week in maths we have been exploring fractions, looking at halves, quarters and thirds. We have found it really fun and have enjoyed the visual aspect of using shapes and colouring in parts of a whole. We have continued with our Humpty Dumpty story 'After the Fall' and have enjoyed creating our own stories for our chosen nursery rhyme characters... what happens next?! It is great to allow them creative freedom to come up with their own endings for.

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

This week seems to have flown by.

In maths, we started to explore decimals starting with tenths and the children have grasped this really quickly. In english, we have been looking at how we can use subordinate conjunctions to write more complex sentences and how we may use these in our independent writing on Friday. In Science, we have looked at how water is transported

around plants. We explored the celery plant and attempted to make show water transportation by making blue and purple leaves.

In Geography, we discovered the different ways we could adapt our school to make it more bee and pollinator friendly. We joined our Geography and Computing lessons this week to use data loggers to investigate the temperature at different locations around our school grounds for the best places to put a bee/bug house. The children made their own maps of the grounds and then made suggestions on their map for areas we could make changes to support bee conservation.

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.

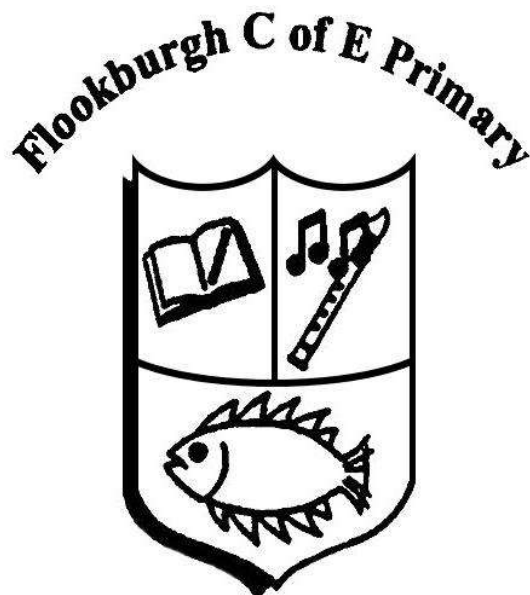
School Lunches: The cut-off time for ordering school lunches is **Fridays at 9:00am**. Any school lunches ordered after this time will not be seen or processed.

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.

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