



SEATON ST. PAUL'S C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4th September 2026

'Joy, Hope & Aspiration-Life in all its fullness'.

Attendance

This week our whole school attendance figure is: 97.6% 🍀

WELCOME BACK!

We have been delighted to welcome the children back to school this week!

Our new starters in Year 3 have settled in fabulously and there are lots of happy, smiling faces! We are delighted with the way they have all adapted to their new school and our expectations.

All the children seem very excited to be back in school and it is wonderful to see happy faces around school once again!

We will continue to produce a newsletter every week. Our newsletter will be uploaded (every Friday) on to Class Dojo and on to our Website too. Our weekly newsletters contain lots of important information and diary dates, so please take the time to read our newsletters each week, to help you keep up to date with what's happening in school.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs commence on Monday (7th September) and those of you who have signed up for any of our clubs, should by now have received a text message to let you know which club(s) your child has been allocated.

Clubs cost £3.50 each and payments for clubs are made via ParentPay. A charge of £3.50 will be added to your ParentPay account after your child has attended a session. We are happy for parents to pay weekly, monthly or half termly, all we ask is that all outstanding balances are completely paid in full by the end of each half term.

Payments for our breakfast club work exactly the same. You will be charged after your child has attended.

If you are collecting your child from any of our after-school clubs, please wait at the main entrance. The staff will release children from the main door.

Extended Childcare Provision

From Monday 7th September we are starting an initiative, to provide extra flexibility for families who need care later in the afternoon (once after school club has finished). This provision is in addition to our regular after school clubs, which will continue to run as they always have done.

Key Details of the new Provision:

- Timings: 4:30pm to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.
- Cost: £5.00 per session.
- What is included: A drink and a warm snack (such as toast or bagels).
- Trial Period: This service will run as a trial for 12 months. Its long-term future will depend on parent uptake to ensure the provision is financially viable.

How to Book:

To help us manage staffing and catering safely, places must be booked in advance. You will need to notify the school office via email by midday every Friday, if you require any extended sessions for the following week. In your email, you will need to state your child's name, class & which day you would like the extended provision.

admin@seaton-jun.cumbria.sch.uk

Confirmation 2026

Letters have been sent home today to all our Year 6 pupils, with information regarding the forthcoming service of confirmation. If your child (or any adults) are interested in being confirmed this year, please return your reply slip by Monday 21st September. These can be handed into the school office or returned directly to Rev Canon Ian Grainger.

Keyboard & Guitar Lessons

All music lessons will begin again next Thursday (10th September)! Don't forget to bring your guitar or keyboard to school! On arrival at school, children will need to take their keyboards or guitars to the Art Room, ready for their lesson later that day. Keyboards can be dropped off at the main reception first thing in the morning by parents, if they are too heavy for children to carry. The first term's guitar fee has now been added to ParentPay.

Mobile Phones

As a rule, children should not be bringing mobile phones into school. We realise that there are exceptional reasons where a child may need to bring their phone to school. If you feel that there is an exceptional reason why your child must bring their phone to school, parents will need to complete a permission form. You must state why your child needs to bring their phone into school; your request will then be reviewed by the Headteacher. Parents will be notified as to whether their request has been agreed or not. If you need a permission form, please contact the school office and we will send one home with your child. If your request is agreed, children will need to bring their phone to the school office at the start of the day and collect at 3.30pm.

Uniform

The children all look very smart in their uniform, but please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, so that everything comes home as it should! We can see that many of you have gone for embroidered initials on hoodies, so this will be very helpful! Please ensure that all long hair is tied back for school. Children can wear either black shoes or black trainers for school, but trainers must be plain black with no coloured logos or other colours. (No Converse-style footwear). Converse footwear is not suitable for PE lessons either, they do not have sufficient grip for playing sports. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

School Opening Time

Children should not be arriving before 8.40am in the morning and left to stand by the gates. If parents need to drop children off early, please use our breakfast club and then we know that children are safe and being looked after. We cannot be responsible for children before 8.40am.

School Lunches

Please remember that children who have a school lunch, must have a meal pre-ordered by 9.30am each day. Meals can be selected up to three weeks in advance. Children can get involved at home with their choices and ensure that they are selecting a lunch that they will enjoy. School lunches are £3.20 per day and need to be selected & paid for via ParentPay. Please note that even if your child is entitled to a free school meal, lunches will still need to be ordered on this system. Children can alternate between school dinners and packed lunches if they wish, but please remember to place your order! If no lunch is pre-ordered by 9.30am, children will only be able to have the sandwich & fruit option. If your child has not yet tried to our lunches, please give them a go! We have a delicious menu and it would be great if you could support our school kitchen! 🍽️

PE Days

On the day your child has PE, please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kits. We have found that this works really well and also reduces the amount of lost uniform and PE kits! Children should wear their PE T-shirt, PE Hoodie along with plain black or plain navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings (No logos).

Tuck Shop Friday

Every Friday we will be selling cartons of flavoured milkshake & Mrs Magill's home-made cakes at morning break time. Milkshake is 70p & cakes are 50p! Please, wherever possible, send children into school with the correct change.



Parking

Please can we ask our parents to be considerate to our pupils, parents, other drivers & residents when dropping off and picking up their child from school. The problem gets significantly worse in bad weather, when more children are being brought to school by car. We regularly receive phone calls from residents about cars blocking homes, private roads & driveways. There have also been cars parking immediately outside our school gates, at the point where the children regularly use the two footpaths – this is extremely dangerous for our children. We have also witnessed many cars pulling into the staff car park and using it as a turning circle, and putting our children at risk. Parents should not be coming on to the staff car park and should not park there at the end of the day when collecting children. The staff car park is for staff and visitors only. We will be monitoring this situation closely. (The only exception is for parents coming early in the morning to drop their child off at Breakfast club). We are dedicated to the safeguarding of all our children and very much appreciate your help & co-operation with this matter.



Baby News

We have some very exciting news to start off this academic year! Mrs Hughes safely delivered a beautiful baby boy during the school holidays! We send huge congratulations & are all looking forward to meeting Baby Louis very soon!

DIARY DATES FOR THIS HALF TERM

Swimming – Class 6R – Miss Crellin	Every day - w/c 14 th September
Swimming – Class 6J – Miss Carter	Every day - w/c 21 st September
Photographer to take individual school photos	Thursday 24 th September
Swimming – Class 5N – Mr Adams	Every day - w/c 5 th October
Swimming – Class 5O – Miss Jones	Every day - w/c 12 th October
Harvest Festival Services in St. Paul's Church	Thursday 8 th October Year 4 & 6 @ 11.00am Year 3 & 5 @ 2.00pm
Halloween Disco	Thursday 22 nd October
Break up for half term @ 3.30pm	Friday 23 rd October
School re-opens after half term	Monday 2 nd November

PE Days are as follows:

YEAR GROUP	PE DAYS
Year 3	Monday & Wednesday
Year 4	Monday & Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday & Friday
Year 6	Tuesday & Friday

SHOW & TELL ASSEMBLIES

We hold Show & Tell Assemblies, during our Celebration Assembly on a Friday. This is a chance for children to bring in any certificates, share out of school achievements, or simply share some good news with us. This is purely optional and there is no expectation for children to do this if they don't want to. Please see timetable below:

'Show & Tell Assemblies'

'SHOW & TELL' ASSEMBLY	YEAR GROUP
Friday 11 th September	Year 3 & 4
Friday 18 th September	Year 5 & 6
Friday 25 th September	Year 3 & 4
Friday 2 nd October	Year 5 & 6
Friday 9 th October	Year 3 & 4
Friday 16 th October	NO SHOW & TELL ASSEMBLY
Friday 23 rd October	Year 5 & 6

And finally.....

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time if you have a concern. We are a listening school here at Seaton St Paul's C of E Junior School and your feedback and thoughts on school are very important to us. We find that open and honest communication is always the best way.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend! 😊

Kindest regards

Mrs Lynn Carini
Headteacher