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Read to the Beat!

On Friday morning Rosie, Megan and Georgia from Year 6 relayed to the rest of children in school the details of this years 6 week Reading Challenge at Whitehaven Library; ***Read to the Beat!***

The challenge is free and the girls explained how to join, what the challenge entails and that they will receive a medal, and certificate once it has been completed.

The Summer Reading challenge is a great way to encourage children to continue their reading during the holidays; it starts on **11th July**.



The children who received platinum reward for their reading (reading 4 times a week for 33 weeks) got a certificate and some sweets and will enjoy a trip to the cinema on Monday.

Mrs Stephenson also talked to the children about the changes to the way reading will be once we return in September. We will no longer be using the Accelerated Reader tool but encouraging the children to '**read for pleasure**' where they will choose books based on their interests rather than an accelerated reader score. More information about this will be shared in September upon our return.

Work Experience Students

This week we have had the pleasure of 9 work experience students; many of whom were Bransty Primary school pupils only a few years ago! They have been an exceptional help at a very busy time of the academic year and we will wish them all the best for Year 11!

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Year 1 and 1/2 trip-Allonby

On Monday the children in Years 1 and Year 1 / 2 enjoyed a trip to Allonby beach. They had fun taking part in a scavenger hunt, a litter pick and making beach art. They then came back to school where they enjoyed a Moody Cow Farm milkshake and a cookie!



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Year 6 Parent /Carer Lunch

On **Wednesday 8th July** it was Year 6's turn to host their parent/ carer lunch. There was a great turnout and we hope all the Parents/ Carers who joined us enjoyed their meals and this special time with their children, especially as it was their last year here as Bransty Bees!

We will continue with parent/carers lunches next academic year; more details will be sent out once we return in September.



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Nursery Sports Day

On Friday the nursery children had their sports day; they had an amazing afternoon and all did so well in a range of races including beanbag on the head, running and egg and spoon.



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Summer Fair

On Friday we had a great turnout for our Summer Fair; there were some fantastic stalls including items handmade by our very own pupils!

A special thank you to Mrs Feasey who was a great sport allowing the children to throw wet sponges at him!

A huge thank you to our CPTA who we would not be able to run these events without. **A whopping nearly £600 was made from this event for school funds! THANK YOU!**



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WOODBANK COMMUNITY
CHURCH HAVE HAD AN
IDEA!



BRANSTY SCHOOL **SERVE DAY**

BARRY & NATALIE APPLEBY HAVE NOW BEEN THE PASTOR OF WOODBANK
CHURCH AND A PART OF THE BRANSTY COMMUNITY THROUGH THE SCHOOL FOR
5 YEARS!

AND THEY HAVE ACTUALLY HAD AN IDEA!

WE WANT TO BLESS BRANSTY SCHOOL WITH A **SERVE DAY** AND WOULD LIKE TO
INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN IN TO GET SOME SIMPLE JOBS DONE THAT THE SENIOR
TEAM HAS GIVEN US SO WE CAN CARE FOR THEM THE SAME WAY THEY HAVE FOR
US!

WE ARE HOSTING THE SERVE DAY ON **19TH JULY 2026** BETWEEN **2 PM AND 6 PM.**

IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FROM AN HOUR TO THE WHOLE TIME, WE WOULD LOVE
TO HEAR FROM YOU!

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE WHATSAPP BARRY ON 07301 502508

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School annual reports

The staff will be sending out your child's annual report on **Monday 13th July 2026**.

The reports reflect the work covered this year and include data for specific year groups covering testing periods too.

As we did last year, we are sending all reports out electronically via your email address. Many parents and carers share this as a preferred method and it enables you to keep a record more easily.

Please can you check that your email address is up to date with the main office so we can be assured everyone receives the report on this date.

Can we also ensure we have information about duplicate reports going out to more than one Parent or Carer if that is required.

Open Afternoon

Parents and Carers are invited into school next **Tuesday 14th July** for the last part of the school day (**from 2p.m**) to come into classes so the children can share their exceptional work and you can see their work on display and in their books.

The teachers will be on hand but no formal meetings and discussions will take place.

This is for pupils and families from Reception to Year 5 only as Year 6 invite their parents in for a special occasion the following day.

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Term Dates 26-27

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

2026-27 (190 pupil days)

(dates agreed jointly by Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness Councils)



SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		
Total Days				21

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
Total Days				17

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				
Total Days				21

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	
Total Days				14

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
Total Days				19

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
Total Days				15

MARCH				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		
Total Days				19

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
Total Days				15

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				
Total Days				19

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		
Total Days				18

JULY				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
Total Days				12

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
Total Days				190

 Bank Holidays
 Other Holidays
 Suggested INSET

The 190 day school year identified above makes **no** provision for the additional 5 days non-contact time for which full-time teachers are contracted. Therefore, any INSET days should be arranged outside the above school term dates or outside pupil hours. The following dates are suggested as dates that could be used for INSET: Tuesday, 1 September 2026 & Monday, 4 January 2027, **plus three** others to be locally determined.

School year 2026 to 2027

Term	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	Wednesday 2 September 2026	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer	Monday 12 April 2027	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027	Friday 16 July 2027

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Dates 25-26

SUMMER 2

Monday 13th July 2026	Platinum Reading Reward Trip-Gaiety Cinema (a.m) Reports sent home
Tuesday 14th July 2026	Open afternoon Years 1– 5
Wednesday 15th July 2026 4.30-7p.m	Year 6 Leavers Bash
<u>Friday 17th July 2026</u>	<u>Break up for Summer 1.30p.m</u> NO BEEHIVE AFTERSCHOOL PROVISION ON THIS DAY

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND
MAY BE SUB- JECT TO CHANGE

Dates 26-27

Tuesday 1st September 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 8.45a.m	Children return to school

We will send out next years date in the first newsletter of the new academic year and will continue to update them as the year progresses. We hope this helps prepare!