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Bransty School Values

This academic year we are introducing a new values scheme within school which has been voted on by all stakeholders in our school community; there are seven value hexagons. (please see below)

We have 2 new displays in the main hall which link to these school values; they show a learning journey of children who meet the different values and have been celebrated.

Staff will give children hexagons if they see them showing one of the values.



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📖 ✨ **DOLLY PARTON DAY IS COMING TO BRANSTY!** ✨ 📖

On **Friday 25th September**, we're celebrating a very special **Dolly Parton Day** across school! 💖 🎵 📖

Throughout the day, our children will learn a little more about the wonderful **Dolly Parton** – not only her music and incredible life story, but particularly her **love of books, reading and giving every child the opportunity to discover the magic of a story.**

We'll also be finding out about **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** and the amazing work it does to put books into the hands of young children. 📖 ✨

And the best bit? **There's nothing special to buy or prepare!**

We're simply asking every child to:

📖 **Bring their favourite book to school**

It can be funny, adventurous, magical, factual, well-loved or brand new – just a book that means something to them.

During the day, children will have opportunities to **share their favourite books with friends, talk about why they love them and discover some new favourites too.**

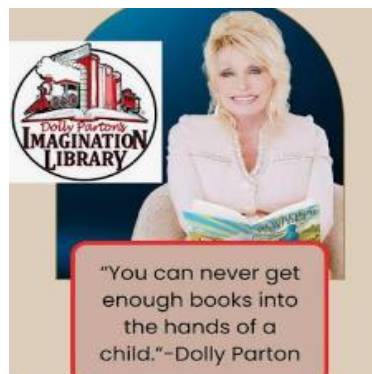
Because sometimes all it takes is **one brilliant book and a little imagination to take you anywhere!** 🌈 ✨

We can't wait for a wonderful day celebrating **books, imagination, kindness and a love of reading.**

📅 **Friday 25th September**

📖 **Bring your favourite book**

💖 **Together, we make a difference.**



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Halloween Discos

We will be hosting Halloween Disco's on Wednesday 21st October 2026 in the main Hall.

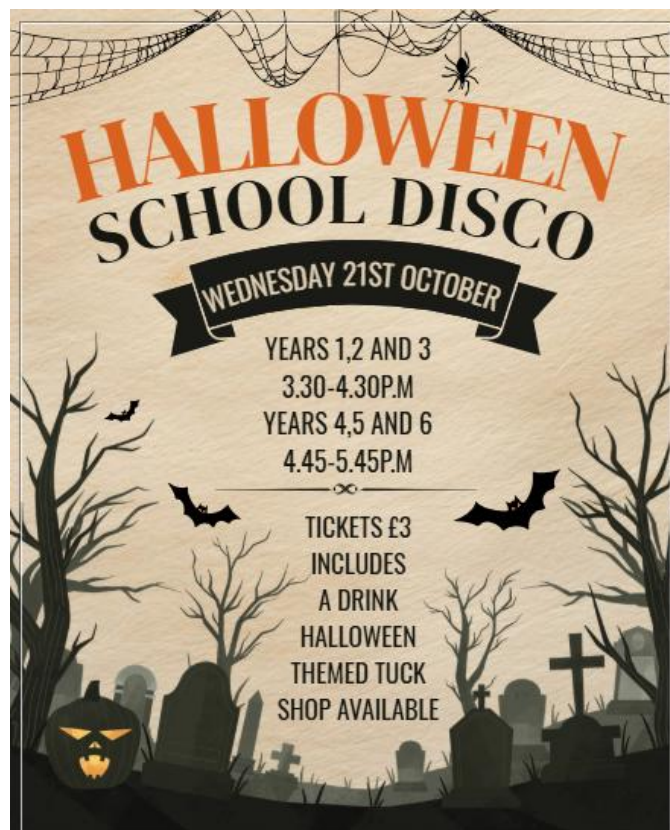
Years 1, 2 and 3 will be straight after school until 4.30p.m (they can bring clothes/dressing up costumes to change into)

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be 4.45-5.45p.m (they will go home after school as normal and return for the disco)

Tickets are £3.00 and payable on Arbor and the closing date is Friday 16th October 2026 to purchase tickets.

Children will get a drink included in their ticket price.

There will be Halloween themed games and music and the CPTA will have a Halloween themed tuck shop selling goodies.



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Sensory Halloween Disco

On **Wednesday 21st October 2026** we will have an alternative disco option available to those children with additional needs who find normal discos overwhelming. It is a relaxed disco for those who prefer a quieter environment and especially suitable for those children with sensory needs.

This will take place within the school day between **2 and 3p.m.**

Numbers for this are very restricted so we keep it calm and quiet.

Tickets are for sale on Arbor; please message Mrs Walker if you would like to put your child's name down for the low key sensory disco.



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Year 6 Pupils; Secondary School places September 2027

Children currently in Year 6, who are due to transfer to Secondary School in September 2027, can apply for a Year 7 place online at: www.cumberland.gov.uk.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2026. If your form is late, it may seriously affect your chances of being allocated a place at one of your preferred schools.

The local secondary schools will be having taster days/open evenings during September/October; details of these have been sent out to all Year 6 parents/carers. Please see the dates we are aware of:

Westlakes Academy	Thursday 17th September 2026 4.30-6.30p.m
St Benedict's School	Thursday 24th September 2026 5.00-7.30p.m
St Bees School Taster day	Tuesday 29th September 2026 9.00a.m -1.00p.m
The Whitehaven Academy	Wednesday 30th September 2026 from 5p.m 6.45p.m for Bransty School
Cockermouth School	Thursday 1st October 2026 5.30-9.00p.m

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Swimming

Swimming sessions will start the week after next for Year Groups 1-6. Each year group will go swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks.

Please note that swimwear must be worn under uniform to school on the days your child is going swimming to aid in a fast changing process due to the time constraints of the sessions.

Children will not have time to wash their hair after each session.

We advise drying swimwear and towels each evening and washing them fully at the weekends.

Girls are permitted to wear 'tankinis' but NOT bikinis to aid with using the toilet during the day before the swimming session.

No aerosols are permitted.



Year 6	Weeks commencing 14th and 21st September 2026
Year 5	Weeks commencing 28th September and 5th October 2026
Year 4	Weeks commencing 2nd and 9th November 2026
Year 3 / 4	Weeks commencing 16th and 23rd November 2026
Year 2	Weeks commencing 11th and 18th January 2027
Year 1 / 2	Weeks commencing 25th January 2027 and 1st February 2027

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AUTUMN TERM

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Weeks commencing Monday 21st Sept 2026	Swimming sessions Year 6
Tuesday 22nd September 2026 10am -2.00p.m	Library Bus Visit
Thursday 24th September	Y6 Open Evening St. Benedict's
Weeks commencing Monday 28th Sept and 5th Oct 2026	Swimming sessions Year 5
Wednesday 30th September 2026	Year 4 Rivers Field Trip
Monday 5th October 2026	Y6 Evacuee trip– Carlisle
Tuesday 6th October 2026	Y5 Science show– Lakes College
Wednesday 7th October 2026 11.30	Nursery and Reception Parent/Carer lunch
Tuesday 13th October 2026	Nasal Flu Spray immunisations
Wednesday 14th October 2026	Year 4 and 5 Levels Trip
Wednesday 21st October 2026	Halloween Discos
<u>Friday 23rd October 2026</u>	<u>Break up for Half Term</u>
<u>Monday 2nd November 2026</u>	<u>Children back at school</u>
Wednesday 4th November 2026	Individual/Sibling Photos
Weeks commencing Monday 2nd Nov and 9th Nov 2026	Swimming sessions Year 4
Thursday 5th November 2026	Whole school wheelchair basketball
Thursday 12th November 2026 11.45	Year 1/2 Parent/Carer Lunch
Friday 13th November 2026	Children in Need Day (Date Change)
Monday 16th– Friday 20th November 2026	Year 5 Bikeability
Weeks beginning 16th Nov and Monday 23rd November 2026	Swimming sessions Year 3 / 4
Monday 23rd November 2026	Class Photos
Tuesday 24th November 2026	Year 4 Levels Trip
Tuesday 1st December 2026 11.45	Year 2 Parent/Carer Lunch

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Week commencing 7th December 2026	KS1 Christmas Plays Christmas Discos
Wednesday 9th December 2026 10a.m	The Peddler– Choir Christmas Carol singing
Friday 12th December 2026	Christmas Dinner Day (Wear Christmas Jumpers)
Week commencing 14th December 2026	Christmas Trips/parties
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Christmas Carol service (TBC)
<u>Friday 18th December 2026</u>	<u>Break up for Christmas 1.30p.m</u> <u>(Wear Christmas Jumpers)</u>

SPRING TERM

Monday 4th January 2027	INSET Day
<u>Tuesday 5th January 2027</u>	<u>Children back at school</u>
Weeks commencing Monday 11th Jan and 18th Jan 2027	Swimming sessions Year 2
Weeks commencing Monday 25th Jan and 1st Feb 2027	Swimming sessions Year 1 / 2
Wednesday 27th January 2027	Young Voices—Years 5 and 6
<u>Friday 12th February 2027</u>	<u>Break up for Half Term</u>
<u>Monday 22nd February 2027</u>	<u>Children return to school</u>
Wednesday 24th February 2027 (pm)	Year 4 Beacon trip
Thursday 4th March 2027	World Book Day
Wednesday 17th March 2026	UDance, Carnegie Theatre
Friday 19th March 2027	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)
<u>Thursday 25th March 2027</u>	<u>Break up for Easter</u>

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Dates 26-27

SUMMER TERM

<u>Tuesday 13th April 2027</u>	<u>Children return to school</u>
Tuesday 13th April 2027	Year 4 Levels Trip (pm)
Wednesday 28th—Friday 30th April 2027	Year 5 Residential York
<u>Monday 3rd May 2027</u>	<u>Bank Holiday Monday</u> <u>School Closed</u>
Week commencing 10th May 2027	Year 6 SATS week
<u>Friday 28th May 2027</u>	<u>SPORTS DAY-COPELAND STADIUM</u> <u>Break up for Half Term</u>
<u>Monday 7th June 2027</u>	<u>Children return to school</u>
Tuesday 8th June to Friday 11th June 2027	Year 6 London Residential
Monday 14th June 2027 (pm)	Year 4 Levels Trip
Friday 18th June 2027	Back up sports day
Thursday 24th June 2027	KS2 Summer Showcase
Monday 28th June 2027	Whole school walk
Wednesday 30th June 2027	Move up to day—TBC
Tuesday 6th July 2027	Year 6 SATS results day
Monday 12th July 2027	Reports sent home
Tuesday 13th July 2027	Open Afternoon Years 1-5
Wednesday 14th July 2027	Year 6 Leavers Bash
<u>Friday 16th July 2027 1.30p.m</u>	<u>Break up for Summer Holidays</u>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE PROVISIONAL AND
MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**