

# Low Furness CE Primary School

*'Learning Together Through Faith'*

## DATES FOR DIARIES - AUTUMN 1ST HALF

- **04/09/24** - Children back to school
- **05/09/24** - Year 5 Cyclewise
- **06/09/24** - Year 5 Cyclewise
- **06/09/24** - No praise assembly
- **Week beginning 09/09/24** - Reception children starting
- **12/09/24** - Starbooks Reading Cafe.
- EYFS & KS1 9am - 10am
- KS2 10am - 11am
- **Week beginning 16/09/24** - Nursery children starting
- **17/09/24** - Class drop in sessions 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- **19/09/24** - First Swimming session - Year 5 & 6
- **27/09/24** - No Praise assembly. Rushbearing
- **29/09/24** - Rushbearing in Church
- **02/10/24** - Tempest photography.  
8.30am - 9am  
Families/Younger & Older siblings invited.
- - 9am onwards - Individual photographs plus siblings in school
- **03/10/24** - Harvest Festival in church - TBC
- **10/10/24** - Hello Yellow day - All children invited to wear yellow
- **W/C 21/10/24** - Parents evening appointments this week. Further details to follow
- **23/10/24** - Year 5 Class assembly - 10.10am
- **25/10/24** - Break up for half term
- **4/11/24** - Children back to school. 2nd half term.



## Welcome back

Welcome back to school and our half termly newsletter. It is with much delight that I begin my role as Headteacher of Low Furness CE Primary School.

I hope that you all had a lovely Summer and that your child/children are feeling full of energy and ready to come back to school. We are looking forward to welcoming them all back on Wednesday 4th September. Please note the start dates for our Reception and Nursery children are slightly different. Doors open at 8.45am and children should be in school by 8.55am.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the parents and children joining us this year, both our Reception and Nursery children and those joining in other year groups. It is an exciting time for those new starters but I know it can be an anxious time for parents too; please remember that we are here to answer any questions and to help your child settle in.

I would like to say a very big thank you to all parents, families, staff and governors who have been helping over the Summer holidays prepare for the new year ahead and for already making me feel very welcome. Low Furness really is a special school and I cannot wait for an exciting year ahead.

Mrs Rowland-Smith

AUTUMN TERM 2024		
<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF-TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 4 September	Friday 20 December	Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November
Number of school days in term – 73		

SPRING TERM 2025		
<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF-TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 7 January	Friday 4 April	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
Number of school days in term – 59		

SUMMER TERM 2025		
		Good Friday – 18 April Easter Monday – 21 April
<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF-TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 22 April	Friday 18 July	Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May
Number of schools days in term – 58		Early May Bank Holiday Monday 5 May

Number of days in year – 190

INSET Days/Sessions

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 sessions should be arranged either outside the above school term dates or outside pupil hours.

The following dates are suggested as dates that could be used for INSET: -  
Monday, 2 September 2024  
Tuesday, 3 September 2024  
Monday, 6 January 2025  
Plus two others, to be locally determined.

**Cyclewise** - Year 5 children will need a road worthy bike in school ready to complete their Cyclewise on Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th September  
Bikes can be kept in school over night and we will safely store them in our school hall.  
Please can all bikes be collected from school at the end of the day on Friday.

**Starbooks Reading Cafe - Thursday 12th September**

Please join us on Thursday 12th September for an informal coffee morning and Starbooks reading cafe in our school hall. This will be an opportunity for you to meet me, engage with staff, and join your child in enjoying a book of their choice. To support us in this event, please could I kindly request that your child brings gently used books for our book swap into school by the end of the week. Children will have the opportunity to select a book from our book swap collection. If there are any volunteers who would be willing to help, please let the school office know. Thank you.

- Reception & KS1 - 9am- 10am
- KS2 - 10am - 11am

**Uniform**

<https://www.low-furness-primary-school.co.uk/for-parents/school-uniform-and-jewellery/>

**Start times**

Our school doors open at 8.45am. All children must be in school by 9am. Any children arriving after 8.55am will be recorded as late. It is very important that children arrive at school on time as they miss valuable learning time.

**Holidays & attendance**

Please note that holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. Further information and changes recently made by the Government to attendance in school will be shared on our school app.

**Procedures for absences** - We please ask that all absences are reported to the school office via telephone (01229 588708) before 9.30am to explain why your child is absent. If we are not contacted and we are unable to contact you, we will have to follow the safeguarding steps in our attendance policy.

**Drinks in school**

Your child will be given access to their drinks bottle throughout the day. Your child will need to bring with them a drink in a clearly labelled plastic drink bottle every day (no glass bottles). Please only send in water or diluted fruit juice only. We do not allow fizzy drinks.

**No nuts**

As we have children with nut allergies in school, please do not give your child peanut butter or Nutella in their packed lunches. There should be no nut related products.

**School lunches.**

Please ensure that school lunches are ordered by 9.30am via School hub. Lunches can be ordered up to two weeks in advance.

**Clubs**

Our after school clubs will begin the week commencing Monday 16th September. Further details to follow.

**Emergency contacts**

Please do contact the school office if any emergency contact details have changed.

**Medication** - We can only administer prescribed medication in our school. The medication must be in the original container with the prescription label for your child clear. All medication must be handed into the school office by an adult and an administering medication form must be filled out and handed in with the medicine before we can administer any medicine. These are available from the school office and we will also make these available on our school app.

**Swimming** - This term Year 5 & 6 children will be Swimming. This is due to start on Thursday 18th September.



## School to home communication

We are very excited to share with you some exciting news about how we will be communicating school news, newsletters, calendar dates and other key information with you all. Please download the school jotter app onto your device and search for our school: Low Furness CE Primary School. This will be our main form of communication for all school to home information. In order for us to improve and make the app personal to you, we need to tick 'Allow third party access' in your school records. We only use this permission to share basic contact information with essential service providers. Please let the school office know if this is not acceptable.



**School Jotter**

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- School calendar access
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## Safeguarding at Low Furness



- **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Clare Rowland-Smith, Headteacher
- **Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSL):** Tracey Tracey, Senior teacher and SENCO
- **Link Safeguarding Governor:** William Ross

As a school and as individuals we are committed to maintaining a culture of listening and respecting pupils, keeping them safe and making them feel safe in the knowledge that there are always sympathetic adults they can talk to. Please contact a member of our Safeguarding team if you have any concerns.

If you are worried that a child is at risk of immediate harm, please contact:  
Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Hub on 0300 373 2724 or via email on:  
safeguarding.hub@westmorlandandfurness.gov

You can also use the following link if you require any further information on Safeguarding:  
<https://cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/westmorlandfurness/westmorlandprofessionals/default.asp>

# Low Furness - Our Mission Statement & Values

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## **School Development Plan 2024-2025**

As we begin a new academic year, we are currently working hard on putting together our new school development plan for 2024-2025.

To develop this further, I would really appreciate your thoughts and ideas on what is currently working well at Low Furness and ideas to improve.

Please complete the following Google form and submit by Friday 13th September.

Thank you.

**[Google form - Parental contributions to our School Development Plan](#)**

**[Low Furness Parental contributions - School development plan Google Form - Please click here](#)**

Our Vision  
Through our Christian ethos and core values, the school's mission is to provide each unique child with an enriched education so that they become well-rounded, caring and confident individuals who live life in all its fullness within their community and God's world.

Dear Lord,  
Bless our school,  
That by working together and  
playing together.  
We may learn to serve you  
And to serve one another  
Amen.

