



Cumberworth's Half Termly Newsletter



Spring 1

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What an exciting and purposeful few weeks we've had! Our children have been incredibly busy engaging in activities that not only enrich their learning but also support our broader educational goals.

Mental health and wellbeing have been at the forefront of Children's Mental Health Week this week, where we went on our Winter wellbeing walk to observe seasonal changes since Autumn and participated in a fascinating VR workshop exploring climate change. These experiences helped our children understand important global issues while supporting their emotional resilience.

Our commitment to sustainability continues with our Eco Green Flag award bid. Children have been involved in fantastic activities like the Fair and Funky workshop on reusing, birdbox painting and gardening sessions. These hands-on experiences have taught valuable environmental lessons.

We've also had some brilliant community and learning experiences. The Rock Kidz workshop focused on kindness and generosity, while our whole school trip to Huddersfield Town Football Club - guided by ex-player Andy Booth - was a fantastic opportunity to learn about local sporting history.

Other notable events included Year 4's Road Safety session, Year 1's Multiskills event with pyramid schools, and our NSPCC Number Day. We capped off the half term with an after-school disco, raising funds for future enhancement days.

Have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd February.

Science Day

As part of British Science Week, we will be taking part in a school Science Day on **Friday 20th March**.

There will be no Stars Worship on this day. Children can come dressed in any Science themed costume.

The theme is curiosity and children will work with a child from a different team to rotate around 4 activities in each classroom throughout the day.

Children can bring a Science themed book from home to share with a friend at reading for pleasure time.



Staffing updates

Ms Threlfall will be leaving Cumberworth today after covering in Team Taj Mahal since April last year. Miss Houghland will be returning w/b 23rd March on a part time basis. Mrs Claxton and Ms Robinson will cover this class in the interim.

Mr Ginders our Caretaker will not be resuming his post. We will be advertising for a cleaner/caretaker over half term.

Mrs Smith our lunchtime supervisor and sunshine team member on a Tuesday has taken the difficult decision to resign from her post on the grounds of ill health. Mrs Fisher will replace her position on Tuesdays.

Residentials

Staffing for the Year 3 & 5 residentials in May and June respectively will be:

Cliffe House – Mrs Buckley & Mrs Thackra (daytime only)
Mrs Claxton overnight.

Castleton (Yr 5) – Mrs Claxton & Ms Robinson

Congratulations to Poppy who has been accepted into a tournament in the Northeast on Tuesday 24th February.

This is an incredible achievement as many that entered had a higher ranking than Poppy.





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We will be celebrating 100 years of Winnie the Pooh on this day.

Children will not be required to dress up on this day, instead children should come in clothes they can walk and take part in activities in the '100 Acre Wood' in (the woods in Cumberworth).

All teams will take part in a session with Bigfoot Arts as below:



NEW FOR 2025: 100 YEARS OF WINNIE THE POOH (EYFS, KS1 & KS2)

Celebrate a century of A.A. Milne's beloved characters with our brand-new programme exploring friendship, identity and seeing the world through different perspectives.

Through storytelling, drama, character exploration and simple storyboarding, pupils will step into the Hundred Acre Wood to discover the unique strengths that make each character who they are.

A warm, imaginative day of empathy, creativity and classic Pooh wisdom.

KS2 will take part in The Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz featuring questions pitched by football heroes and authors.

KS1 and EYFS will take part in an online author event about the book The flower Thief where the children will join bestselling author and illustrator, Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater, to celebrate the coming of spring. Expect an engaging storytime, some fun creative activities, and a super silly draw-along session all about beloved characters Squirrel and Bird.

Teams will have the opportunity to go to the '100 Acre Wood' and complete a character hunt and play pooh sticks (woods from wellbeing walks) and then create a map of their 100 Acre Wood.

At lunchtime we will screen another online event in the dinner hall about How books are made.

At 3pm Reading for pleasure will be in Key Stages with Taj Mahal pairing up with a child from Colosseum and Redeemer pairing up with Machu Picchu. Children are welcome to bring a book from home into school for them to share in this session.

Home challenge: All children will come home with a blank lolly stick the week before to turn into a book character. If you are feeling more adventurous, maybe you could use a stick from a walk to turn into your favourite character!

We look forward to spending World Book Day with your children!

Eco Warriors

The Big Plastic Count For one week in March, thousands of people will be counting every piece of plastic packaging they throw away. Together, we'll uncover the true scale of the UK's big plastic problem and call on the government to do more about it. You will be receiving a letter with a link to your child's class soon.



Fair-Trade Conference

Our school parliament will be visiting the Fair and Funky Fair-Trade conference on Friday 13th March, at Tolson Museum, here they will be taking part in the following workshops:

learning outside the classroom with The National Education Nature Park

SCRAPtastic recycling workshops with fairandfunky

powerful poetry with award winning poet, Rose Condo

exploring the Suma Wholefoods biodiesel truck

chocolate tasting with world leading chocolatier



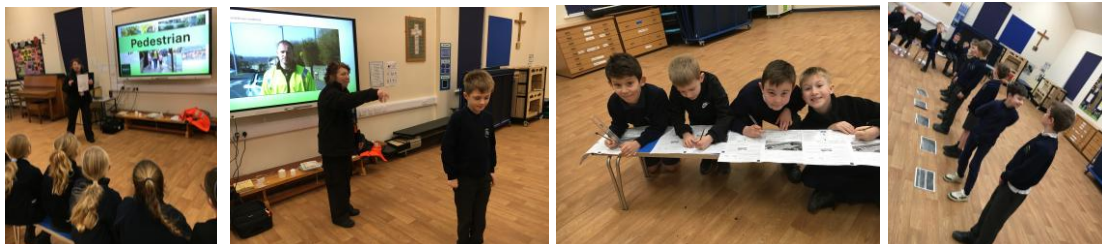
Huddersfield Town Stadium Tour



Year 1 Multi Skills



Year 4 Road Safety



Rock Kidz



Children's Mental Health Week



NSPCC Number Day





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Reminders

- Snacks at morning break should be healthy ones such as fruit, vegetables, cheese or yogurt. Crisps, biscuits and chocolate will be sent home, and a healthy alternative offered.
- PE Kit - should be plain black/navy bottoms and plain black/navy hoodies/fleece. Grey and white hoodies/sweatshirts are not part of our school PE uniform or colourful leggings.
- A reminder that nail varnish should not be worn in school unless on a themed/non uniform day. Earrings should be studs only, not hoops which should be removed or taped over at home for PE sessions. No other jewellery should be worn, and children will be asked to remove this at school and put into bookbags moving forwards.

Diary Dates

February:

Tues 24th - Y3 football tournament 4pm

Fri 27th – Half termly overviews out to parents

March:

Tues 3rd- Taj Mahal trip to Yorkshire History Museum

pm - West Yorkshire finals x country

4pm- Y4 football tournament

Thurs 5th – WORLD BOOK DAY

Fri 6th – EYFS/KS1 – Road Safety morning

w/b 9.3.26 Assessment Week & The Big Plastic Count

Mon 9th - 3:30pm – Parliament Meeting 5

Tues 10th - 4pm – Y5 Football Tournament

5pm – Relationships and Sex Education parent consultation with Mrs Buckley

Fri 13th – 9:30am Team Redeemer online author event with Read Holmfirth

2:30pm Mothers Day afternoon tea

Tues 17th - KS2 trip to Magna, Sheffield

4pm – Girls football tournament

Weds 18th – Y5 Bikeability

Mayor visit to school

Thurs 19th – Y5 Bikeability

Fri 20th – Science Day

Mon 23rd - Hand to Mouth in all day – RE Day

Tues 24th - Miss Houghland returns to work in Taj Mahal

Film Night 3:30 – 5pm

Weds 25th – 9:30 am Easter Worship for Parents

Thurs 26th – Star in the Jar treat -non uniform and soft toy to school

Fri 27th – Kirkwood Hospice Bunny Hop fundraiser

Break up

School reopens at 8:45am Monday 13th April 2026