

'Start of Year' Newsletter

Mr Storey's Half-Termly Round-Up



"Pupils say they love being in school and that other pupils are friendly, kind, understanding and helpful" (Ofsted 2022)



"The school feels busy, vibrant and welcoming and the pupils are polite and respectful of one another" (Ofsted 2017)

Achieve, Believe, Create, Dream Together, developing a love of learning.

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. The children have returned looking incredibly smart and have settled into their new classes exceptionally well.

A big welcome goes to the new children and families who have joined our school community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you quickly feel at home at Cullercoats Primary School.

We hope all of our families enjoyed a lovely summer and had the opportunity to relax, spend time together and make special memories. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Save The Date...



Parents Evenings will take place on:

Tuesday 13th October 2026

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Nursery dates TBC

Information on how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher will be sent out in due course.

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S DETAILS

As we begin the new academic year, we kindly ask parents to complete our online [Student Information and Data Collection Form](#) This will help us ensure that the information we hold for your child is accurate and up to date.

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, it is more important than ever that schools hold accurate and up-to-date medical information for all pupils. We therefore ask parents to update us, paying particular attention to any allergies, medical conditions, and emergency contact details.

For pupils who are prescribed an adrenaline auto-injector (EpiPen) for severe allergic reactions, the school must have **two in-date auto-injector pens** available on site at all times. Please ensure these are provided to school and replaced before their expiry date.

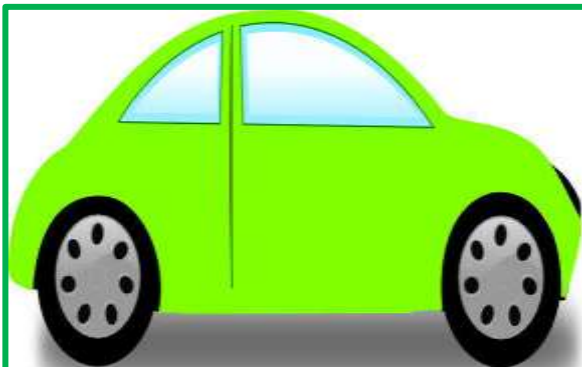
Thank you for taking the time to complete the form and helping us keep your child's records up to date.

Lunchtime Football Sessions

We are pleased to offer a lunchtime football programme for our Key Stage 2 pupils. Sessions take place each day from **12:30pm to 1:00pm**.

For those children who would like to take part, please can they come to school wearing **trainers** on their allocated day, as outlined below:

Day	Year Group
Monday	Year 5 & 6 Boys
Tuesday	Year 5 & 6 Boys
Wednesday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Girls
Thursday	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Girls and Year 4 Boys
Friday	Year 3 & 4 Boys



Polite Parking

I would like to remind all those car users who transport their children to school to park appropriately away from the main school entrances around the vicinity of the building respecting the access required by our neighbours.

A park and walk approach are beneficial to active travel, getting your steps in through physical activity and mental well-being with the added bonus of reducing congestion.

Dogs

I would like to remind parents to not bring pets, particularly dogs, onto the school grounds or tie them to the school gates (as we recently viewed on CCTV).

Whilst we are a pet-loving school, not all of our children are comfortable around animals and therefore to reduce their anxiety, we respectfully ask you to keep your pet supervised and outside of the school grounds.



Mobile Phones and Smartwatches

We understand that some Year 5 and 6 pupils walk to and from school independently and may carry a mobile phone for safety reasons. Mobile phones are permitted in school only if they are handed into the school office **switched off** before registration and collected at the end of the day. For younger children, as parents regularly pick up their child we see no reason for their child to have a device in school.

Smartwatches, including devices such as Xplora watches, have similar functions to mobile phones, including messaging, photography and audio recording. We therefore ask that these devices are also handed into the school office on arrival.

Any mobile phones or smart devices found in classrooms or cloakrooms will be held in the school office and can be collected at the end of the school day.

Parent Helpers

Our educational visits and activities outside of school are already underway, and these valuable experiences would not be possible without the support of our wonderful parent volunteers.

As part of our commitment to pupil safety and in line with Benedict's Law, we ask all parent helpers to familiarise themselves with our Allergy and Anaphylaxis Guidance (on display in the office notice board and will also be emailed to confirmed helpers) before supporting any school visit or activity.



Attendance

Our whole-school attendance is typically around **96%**, and regular attendance is vital for children's education, progress and wellbeing. While we understand that illnesses and medical appointments are sometimes unavoidable, we encourage all pupils to attend school whenever possible. Attendance below **90%** is classed as **persistent absence** and can have a significant impact on a child's learning and development.

If your child is absent, please inform the school office by leaving a voicemail on the absence line: **0191 823 1013**.

Please note that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. Requests for leave of absence will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.