



TEBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping ensure that the children have settled back into school so positively. The children are looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and have returned to school with excellent attitudes towards their learning. Routines across the school are already well established, and it has been lovely to see children demonstrating such enthusiasm, resilience and readiness to learn from day one.

Our school environment is also looking fantastic. The natural theme that we began developing last year is continuing to take shape throughout the school, creating calm, welcoming and inspiring learning spaces for all of our children. We are excited to continue building on this vision over the coming months.

Reading at Tebay Primary School

As many of you know, reading remains one of our key priorities at Tebay Primary School and we are continuing with several successful initiatives introduced last year.

Team Tebay Talk Time

Our **Team Tebay Talk Time** sessions will continue during lunchtime. Led by our wonderful Mighty Oaks, children will take part in discussions around British Values and what these mean in everyday life, both within our school and our wider community. These conversations help to develop communication skills, confidence and understanding of the world around them.

Team Tebay Reading Time

We are also continuing with **Team Tebay Reading Time**, where children from Year 1 to Year 6 read together with a partner. This initiative benefits both children involved. The developing reader gains additional support and practice, while the more confident reader develops leadership, fluency and communication skills.

Children are encouraged to share their own reading books, allowing staff opportunities throughout the week to listen to and support all readers across the school.

Whole Class Reading

In Key Stage 2, all children take part in **Whole Class Reading** sessions four times each week. During these lessons, children focus on reading fluency and comprehension skills. Teachers are able to listen closely to children read and provide targeted support as they continue on their reading journey.

Story Time and Quality Texts

To round off our daily reading provision, each class enjoys a carefully selected class text at the end of the day. This special time allows children to experience the joy of listening to stories read aloud and helps foster a lifelong love of reading.

Our English curriculum is also built around high-quality texts, exposing children to rich vocabulary and meaningful discussions about authors' intent, themes and deeper meanings within texts.

Simply put, we prioritise reading at Tebay Primary School because we know that strong reading skills unlock success across the curriculum and beyond.

Uniform

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that our uniform policy is followed so well. The children take great pride in their appearance and represent our school brilliantly.

We hope that the introduction of the school-provided PE kit has reduced some of the pressure and expense for families. The only additional requirement is that children have a pair of **plain black trainers** available in school for PE sessions. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. Could we also kindly remind families that children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.

School Council Elections

Over the next week, we will be voting for our new School Council representatives.

We would love to see as many applications as possible. Please reassure your child that if they would like support with their application letter, staff will be happy to help them in school.

For our younger children, we would be delighted to receive drawings or pictures showing why they would like to be part of the School Council.

We will keep everyone updated once the election results are announced.

There will also be other leadership opportunities advertised later in the term, particularly for our fantastic Mighty Oaks.

A Special Mention for Year 6

A huge shout out to our new Year 6 pupils. They have already stepped up to their responsibilities and are demonstrating excellent leadership qualities. They have set a wonderful example to younger pupils, and I have no doubt they will make a significant contribution to school life this year.

Dates for Your Diary

Tracy is currently finalising key dates for the school calendar, so please keep an eye out for this information coming soon. We know how helpful it is for families to have important events in their diaries as early as possible.

Our next major events are:

- **Friends of Tebay (FOTs) Meeting** – Wednesday 16th Sept at 3:30pm
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Friday 25th September (donations of cakes and biscuits would be gratefully received).

Please help spread the word about both events. We would love to welcome as many members of our school community as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and look forward to working together to provide the very best opportunities for every child at Tebay Primary School.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stars of the week:



Lilah – for always being a fantastic listener and helping keep the classroom tidy.
Koah – for returning to school with such positive behaviour and making a great start.
Grayson – for being resilient and having another go when something is tricky
Jasmine – for such a strong start to Year 3.
Rory – for consistently trying his hardest and participating fully in lessons.

Core values:

For showing respect through consistently good manners.



Harriet, Cassian, Imogen and Lewis.