

Morland Area C of E Primary, Pre-school and Mini-Morlanders Nursery



Autumn 1 2026



Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely summer and are refreshed for the new academic year . We have had a busy summer hosting holiday club and choristers and lots of maintenance work completed. Thank you to all staff and volunteers for making this such a smooth process.

PTFA

Our next PTFA meeting is to be confirmed. We are now officially a PTFA – remember F stands for friends so please encourage wider family, friends and community to come along. We are always grateful for support so we can avoid passing costs onto parents. Children can attend after school club for free.

pta@morlandarea.cumbria.sch.uk

Starting school Sept 2027?

Parents and carers can now apply for school places for Sept 2027.

Applications opened on **2 September 2026** for:

Children starting reception class

Children moving to secondary school

www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-school-place-or-change-schools

Free School Meals Eligibility Changes

From September 2026, all families receiving Universal Credit can apply for Free School Meals, regardless of income. This includes working families who receive Universal Credit top-up payments. Families must still apply, as eligibility is not awarded automatically.

Parents and carers can check their eligibility and apply online via the Westmorland and Furness Council website:

Free school meals and clothing vouchers | Westmorland and Furness Council <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>



Staffing for Autumn 1

Class 1: (Pre-school and Reception)
Mrs Beth Davies, Mrs Bridget Jackson, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Morris, Miss Hills

Class 2: (Year 1 & 2) Mrs Monteverde, Miss Richardson, Mrs Burton

Class 3: (Year 3 & 4) Miss Anderton, Mrs Douthwaite, Miss Byers, Mrs Burton,

Class 4: (Year 5 & 6), Mrs Thornton, Mrs Douthwaite, Miss Elliott,

Please only contact teachers on school e-mails and only if there is a unique reason about your child. Generic e-mails about e.g. spellings will be covered by general e-mails from class teachers. E-mails should be scheduled to be sent within in the core working day (8am to 6pm). Teachers are with children 8:45am to 3:15pm and spend mornings preparing for lessons and after school planning, preparing and marking so have limited time to respond to individual e-mails. General queries should be sent to admin@morlandarea.cumbria.sch.uk

Social media (facebook, Instagram, whatsapp etc) should **not** be used as a contact for school staff.

Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your Diary

07/09/26

Applications for school council, sports leaders, school council, Farming club, collective worship group

07/09/26

Assessment week

08/09/26

Debra Capstick NISCU Collective worship

09/09/26

Westmorland show (Farming Club)

15/09/26

Ruth and Stephen Collective Worship

16/09/26

Flu vaccine YR to Y6

17/09/26

QEGS entrance test Y6 if registered

Class 4 Gymnastics PM

School council

Morland Football/Netball competition 4pm-6pm

22/09/26

Ruth and Stephen Collective Worship

24/09/26

Class 4 Gymnastics

28/09/26

Class 1 JAM

29/09/26

Ruth and Stephen Collective Worship

Gary Russell C3 Roman Talk

30/09-02/10/26

Y5 cyclewise training (Y4 TBC)

2/10/25

Reception Horse-riding PM

05/10/-09/10/26

Ghana Week

06/10/26

Ruth and Stephen Collective Worship

08/10/26

Class 4 Gymnastics

09/10/26

Class 1 Harvest assembly 9:00am

Reception Horse-riding PM

13/10/26

Ruth and Stephen Collective Worship

14/10/26

Parents evening 1

15/09/26

School council meeting

Class 4 Gymnastics

16/10/26

Reception Horse-riding PM

19/10/26

Class 1 JAM

20/10/26

Ruth and Stephen Collective Worship

Class 1 Book Morning

22/10/26

Parents evening 2

23/10/26

Reception Horse-riding AM

Sponsored walk 12:00pm

HALF TERM 26th Oct -30th Oct



Football/Netball Tournament

We are holding our annual Morland Area Football/Netball competition on Thursday 17th September 4pm-6pm- so please come along and support. PTFA will be providing refreshments so will need volunteers to help.

Sponsored walk

We are currently planning our annual sponsored walk for 23rd October in the afternoon. We will very likely be asking families to walk together as we did last year. We will be sending sponsor forms home soon.

Safeguarding/mobile phones

Just a reminder that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones/smart watches into school. Please also remember that if parents/carers/wider family come into school for 'educational' events e.g. book mornings/playgroup/ stay and play that no photos are to be taken. The **2026 version of Keeping Children Safe In Education** reinforces the Department for Education's expectation that schools should be "**mobile phone-free environments by default.**"

Attendance

A reminder about attendance. Term time holidays cannot be authorised, and our attendance is monitored externally by Westmorland and Furness Local Authority. They are the body holding the school to account and who implement sanctions.

Autumn Term After School Clubs

Monday- Homework/Games/Netball (Y3-6)

Tuesday – Craft/football (Y2-6)

Wednesday –Gardening and

Thursday – KS2 football/Craft

Friday – Film

Please book on the Arbor APP or contact the office if you would like to book.

Packed lunches

To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with statutory food standards for school meals, packed lunches should not contain the following:

PROHIBITED LUNCHBOX ITEMS

Confectionery & Sweets —

Chocolate bars, sweets, chewing gum, marshmallow treats, and chocolate-coated biscuits or cakes

Sugary, Fizzy & Caffeinated

Drinks — all children in school are provided with water. Please do not send juice/cordials.

High-Fat & Processed Savory

Snacks — such as regular salted potato crisps and highly processed high-sodium items like sausage rolls, pies, and pasties should be limited.

While the school food standards are strict, healthy eating is about balance. The following items are generally permitted in moderation (e.g., no more than twice a week):

Plain, un-iced cakes and biscuits: Flapjacks, fruit shortbreads, plain biscuits, gingerbread, or hot cross buns (provided they do not contain any chocolate coating, fillings, or confectionery).

Savoury crisp alternatives: Plain savoury crackers, breadsticks, rice cakes, oatcakes, or baked vegetable crisps containing lower fat and sodium levels than standard potato crisps.

If your child would like to transfer to our delicious home cooked school meals please contact the office.

For ideas on healthy packed lunches click on the link – if a login in is needed

User – Morland

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[A Healthy Lunch - Parents Information - PhunkyFoods](#)