

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



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WEEKLY SNIPPETS

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Exciting news!

We are delighted to inform you that the new Head Teacher of Sir John Barrow School will be Mr David Reddy. We are still finalising details regarding the start date and will keep you updated. In the meantime, I will continue as Acting Head Teacher.

Mrs Fletcher and the SJB Team

PS: the updates from this week are on the next page.

From Mr Reddy:

'I am absolutely delighted to have been chosen to be the next headteacher at SJB! As a dad of three daughters who all attended SJB; I know all children and their families are the most important part of the school and I can't wait to get to know everyone. As a local headteacher who has worked successfully in partnership with the school; I know I am joining an experienced and talented team who really care. As a member of the local community; I will be looking for opportunities to continue to keep SJB at the heart of its community and grow and develop further relationships – for everyone's benefit. I look forward to meeting children, staff and families very soon!'

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At the beginning of the week, we had a super-cool assembly from Rock Steady and we are delighted that so many children have signed up for the music sessions. I can't wait to hear the sound of those guitars and drums when the lessons start. On Wednesday, Year 5 went to the Ulverston international Music Festival. They took part in a workshop and listened to a professional string quintet performing Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Please ask your children about it.

Storytelling has got off to a great start in Years 3 and 5. Over lunch today some children from Year 5 told me all about their favourite stories from this morning.

Year 2 spent the afternoon exploring the local area on Wednesday afternoon. There was lots to see and Mrs Branton and Mrs Holmes said the children had been very well behaved. Thank you to all the adults who came along to support.

Year 6 have had a great time this week creating collages based on their new book that celebrates the life of Wangari Maathai.

Have you thought about becoming a school governor? We have places on our governing body. It's an excellent way to be involved in the development of our amazing school. Please ask in the office and check your emails for further information.

Thank you for your understanding this morning - I am pleased to report that the office roof has been inspected and all is well!

Finally, good luck the children taking part in Ulverston Fell Race and playing netball at St Mary's Gala.

Have a good weekend

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Anthony Wright the school photographer will be coming into school on Monday 9th June to take class and team photos.



SJB Key dates for Summer Term:

- 9th June - Class & Group photos
- 9th -13th June - Phonics Screening Check
- 18th June - Year 1 & 2 trip to Wildlife Oasis
- 20th June - KS1 and Reception Sports Day
- 26th June - Y3 trip to Hadrian's Wall
- 26th and 27th June - Matilda at UVHS
- 30th June and 1st July - Year 6, UVHS transition day
- 1st July - Moving up morning
- 4th July -Summer Fair
- 7th July - Reception Trip to Brockhole
- 7th July - **Year 5 and 6 Trip to Keswick**
- **10th July AM - Storytelling Safari - details to follow**
- **12th July AM - Storytelling Event - details to follow**
- 14th July - Y6 Haverthwaite party
- 17th July Y6 leavers' assembly am and pizza at school 4pm
- TBC: Lots of leavers' parties,
- Friday 18th July - Last day of term. Finish normal time. After School



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We have vacant Governor posts.....



**School
governors
make a
difference**

....can you help?

- Are you able to attend meetings during the school term?
- Are you interested in helping to deliver the best possible education to help SJB children achieve their full potential?
- Do you see yourself acting as a 'Critical Friend' to the School Leadership Team, to help create positive school improvements?

In return you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are making a real difference.

You will have the opportunity to use and improve a range of highly transferable skills, work with new people and apply your knowledge and experience to benefit our local community.

No experience is needed as training is available.

**If you are interested in the role, please email Mr John Barrett,
Chair of Governors: jbarrett@sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk**

Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you!

PTO for details on the role of school governors



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What do school governors do?

- Governors work together as a team, making collective decisions to ensure that all pupils receive an education that empowers them to learn and achieve their full potential.
- Governors define the school's strategic direction through setting annual improvement plans focused on priority development areas.
- Governors raise standards across the school by regularly monitoring performance against agreed targets.
- Governors oversee the school's budget and a three-year 'value for money' balanced financial plan.

What skills are needed?

No special skills are required. The only essential requirement is a keen interest in the strategic management of the school and in the education of the pupils, as well as the time and willingness to get involved. The following are very welcome: professional experience and/or qualifications and/or soft skills (e.g. interpersonal skills, team-working, the ability to constructively challenge and data interpretation). These will be very useful to consolidate the Governing Body's expertise. No experience of the role is required - training is provided in a variety of ways: at GB meetings, from a buddy governor, online resources and group events with other governors from local schools.

Who can be a governor?

You can if you are aged 18 or over and have a minimum of 6 hours a month to spare. It is not necessary to be a parent of a child in school, or to have any connections to SJB. The most important things which a volunteer can bring to the role are time, commitment and enthusiasm. Many local employers are willing to allow employees time away from work to carry out governor business or training.

What are the benefits of being a school governor?

There are many varied and valid reasons why people take on the role. It is mutually beneficial – children benefit from better life chances and the community these are the next generation of Ulverston adults; it also gives you the opportunity to develop new skills and to fine-tune existing skills.



THIS WEEK'S PLAY UPDATE:

Our big news this week has been the arrival of our table football! We've loved how children across all year groups have been playing happily alongside each other whilst scoring goals! In the coming weeks we will have more exciting games arriving as well as extra go-karts. There's no golden welly this week due to half term, but we look forward to seeing which year group will win on Monday.



Donations - Can you help?

We are still looking for donations of baby dolls and pushchairs. Please let the office know if you have any of these items. If you are interested in offering practical skills like painting or cleaning to help maintain our playground please also give your name to the office.



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Bay Cycle Way's 10th Birthday Challenge

June-August 2025



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Ulverston Table Tennis Club – new session!

From April until the end of August, we are offering free coaching to school-age children, on a Wednesday.

- 📌 At GSK Sports Centre in Ulverston, it will be from 6.30-7.30pm. Your parent/carer will need to stay.
- 📌 All equipment provided. Just wear comfy clothes and trainer-type shoes.
- 📌 All our coaches are safeguarding qualified.
- 📌 Come along and see if its for you. Or check us out on FB 'Table Tennis in Ulverston'
- 📌 The usual adult's session will be from 7.30-9.30pm – all abilities welcome. Cost is £5. An enjoyable, sociable evening with lots of support. And friendships made. (A summer league is being announced soon – but its all fun!)



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SUNDAY 13 JULY

10AM-1PM



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