



WEEKLY SNIPPETS

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Walking round school over the last week, I've been so pleased to see our new starters settling in well; dance lessons, music lessons, art, science and so much more. It's great to see everyone enjoying their new classes.

On Tuesday, the first sessions of Forest School started. Year 5 and 6 had a great time in the sunshine. They worked in groups using bow saws.

Y4 have been busy making hedgehogs - make sure you ask about them.

Today was the first day for Rock Steady - we hope all involved had a great time.

On Tuesday, next week, Reception class parents are invited to meet Mrs Kershaw and the Reception teachers to find out more about how we teach phonics at SJB. Please come along - your children will do so much better with your support.

Thank you to Mrs Branton for organising the lantern making workshops in the hall. There will be more details about where to meet up (if you would like to walk with the school group). All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Earrings: To avoid confusion please note that **children may not wear earrings of any kind in PE**. Please ensure your child can remove their own earrings or send them in without earrings on PE days.

Please make sure you send a coat EVERY day - the rain on Thursday came on very suddenly.
Have a good weekend

Mrs Fletcher and the SJB team

Dates for Diaries - Week commencing: Monday 15th September 2025	
Mon	<p>Year 6 maths club- 3.15-4pm email invite- Mr Maher</p> <p>Year 3 and 4 multi sport- Coach Tom- 3.15-4pm</p> <p>KS1 Music Club (3:15 - 4:pm)</p>
Tues	<p>Year 6 grammar club 3.15-4pm- Mr Maher</p> <p>KS2 Choir 3:15 - 4pm.</p>
Wed	<p>Athletics club- 8am-KS2- by email invite only - Mr Maher</p> <p>Lantern Making Workshop 3:30 - 6pm</p>
Thur	<p>KS2- Rugby/dodgeball club 8am- Mr Maher</p> <p>Year 6 maths club 3.15-4pm- email invite- Mr Maher</p> <p>Recorder Club (3:15 - 4:pm)</p>
Fri	<p>KS1 and KS2 running club 8am- Mr Maher</p> <p>Year 5 and 6 multi sport 3.15-4pm Mr Maher</p> <p>Year 3 and 4 football- 3.15-4pm Coach Jack</p> <p>Ukulele Club (3:15 - 4:pm)</p>



Sir John Barrow Primary & Nursery School

Age Range 3 to 11 years

Open Afternoon

Tuesday 7th October 2pm and 5pm

We are holding an open afternoon for all parents and carers of children starting Nursery or Reception in 2026. If you would like to know more about Sir John Barrow School, this is a great opportunity to have a look round and ask any questions.

Please call or email school to book a place.
Tel: 01229 483960 admin@sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk



Ofsted 2023 - Pupils love their school. Some even used words like 'amazing' to describe it. Their strong relationships with staff help pupils feel safe, happy and secure.



Helping your child get off to a good start every day

It doesn't sound much but arriving in time for the start of the school day makes a huge difference. We know that sometimes it can't be helped but we all know how hard it is to walk into a room full of people by yourself.

Please speak to us if we can help you out. We have help make reward charts and give you stickers.

School starts at 8:45



THIS WEEK'S PLAY UPDATE:

Well done Year 5 for some super playtimes since returning to school. Amazing dens and structures have been built in the Loose Parts Play area - the children's creativity never fails to surprise us! We continue to offer as many choices as we can from physical play like go-karts to calmer art activities.

**The Golden Welly award
this week goes to...**



The Golden Welly celebrates respectful and kind behaviour at playtimes.



Your views are always welcome...

We are always looking to improve your child's playtime experience. If you have any thoughts on what we should invest our time and money into next, please send your ideas on email to the school office titled 'OPAL ideas'.



Just in case you didn't see last week: a huge thank you to **ABCarpets and Flooring** in Ulverston for our brand new, fully fitted Y4 carpet. Doesn't it look lovely!



Dates for Diaries

Lots more to follow, please keep checking.

15th September Y6 swimming starts

16th September 5pm reading/phonics meeting for parents and carers of children in Reception class.

26th September Y3 trip

6th October Y2 Harp Workshop

20th - 22nd October Parent/Carer meetings days and times tbc

20th October Y5 Horizon Studios Music Workshop

22nd October Y6 trip - Dock Museum

24th October Y6 trip Lake District

27th - 31st October Half Term

6th November (afternoon) Poetry Celebration

9th December KS2 Christmas production evening/time tbc

19th - 21st January 2026 Y5 Robinwood trip

4th - 6th March 2026 Y6 London trip

11th - 14th May 2026 KS2 SATS

Family Autism Information Advice & Guidance Service Review Survey

Currently provided by Carlisle Mencap

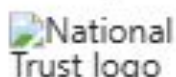
We are currently reviewing this service which supports families with a child or young person (0-19) who has been diagnosed with autism.

We are asking people to complete this brief survey to help inform future planning. It will only take a few minutes of your time. If you're a professional working with families please share this with them.

We would like to hear from you if you are:

- Seeking an autism diagnosis for a child or young person
- Currently in the process of an autism diagnosis
- Have a child or young person with an autism diagnosis

Survey closes Sunday 14th September



WIN! If you complete the survey, you will automatically be entered into a Prize Draw to win one of 5 Family Passes to [Sizergh Castle and Gardens](#), Kendal, from our friends at the National Trust.

Remember to add in your email address when prompted so we can contact you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FamilyAutism>



Ulverston Schools Table Tennis Competition!

- 📍 At GSK Sports Centre in Ulverston
- 📅 Wednesday 17th September, 6.30-7.30pm
- 🎾 All equipment provided. Just wear comfy clothes and trainer-type shoes
- 🏆 Free to enter and trophies to be won!

The usual adult's session will still be on, on the 17th, from 7.30-9.30pm – all abilities welcome. Cost is £5. An enjoyable, sociable evening with lots of support. And friendships made. But feel free to pop along early and support the kids!

