

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



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WEEKLY SNIPPETS

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Next week is an important week for all the children here at school as we begin to start thinking about getting ready for next year and the exciting new opportunities for everyone in September!

For some time now we have been talking to our Y6 children and helping them get ready for their move to secondary school with class discussions, visits from secondary staff and of course next Monday and Tuesday they will be spending two full days at their new schools - good luck to each and every one of them!

Within school, we will be having our 'move-up morning' on Tuesday next week. This is when the children have the chance to meet with their new class teacher and show them just how ready they are for next year! I know that for most children this brings a healthy mix of nerves and excitement! Staff really value meeting the children and getting to know them ready for the new year!

Thank you for your support in helping us all survive the heat this week!

Mr. Reddy and the SJB Team!

THANK YOU to our wonderful PTA for organising our Summer Fair today!

Dates for Diaries
Week commencing:
Monday 29th June 2026

MON	<u>Multi Sports Y3&Y4</u> 3.15pm-4.00pm Coach Tom
TUES	
WED	<u>Athletics Club-</u> All KS2 welcome! Open to any Year 2 who would like to give it a try before next year. 8.00am Mr Maher
THUR	<u>Rugby/Dodgeball Club- KS2 - 8.00am</u> Mr Maher FINISHED <u>Performing Arts Club-</u> 3.15pm-4.15pm Mrs Daley
FRI	<u>Running Club-</u> KS1 & KS2 - 8.00am Mr Maher <u>Football Y3 & Y4</u> 3.15pm-4.00pm Coach Jack - <u>Multi-Sport Y5 & Y6</u> 3.15-4.00pm Mr Maher - cancelled due to a rounders event at Dowdales.

SJB: Staffing and Classes

September 2026



As you will know, we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Fletcher at the end of term after 18 years of dedication here at SJB! We are also saying good bye to Mrs Sainsbury who will be working for the OPAL organisation from September as well as Mrs McKenna who will be missed by all the Early Years children when she retires too...

Classes next year will once again be full, busy exciting places for the children to learn with lots of things we do very well remaining the same alongside us trying a few new things too – especially around the way we teach maths and English! We are all excited about the new year and we hope the children are too 😊

Class Teachers:

Nursery: Mrs Stewart

Reception: Miss Sadler

Year One: Mrs Kershaw

Year Two: Mrs ~~Branton~~/Miss Booth

Year Three: Mrs Daley

Year Four: Miss Davison

Year Five: Mrs Holmes

Year Six: Mr Maher

Dates for Diaries

Lots more to follow, please keep checking...

29th and 30th June: Year 6 Transition to UVHS

30th June: Moving up morning

30th June & 1st July: Mary Poppins Performance at UVHS
- Please note change of date

2nd July: Y1 & Y2 Trip to Holker Hall

3rd July: RockSteady Performance

7th July: Y5 Art Day - Felting

8th July: Year 2 visit to Sir John Barrow Cottage

9th July: Year 4 Gill Banks Trip

15th July: Y5 & Y6 Trip to Grasmere - please note change of date

16th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly 10.00am

17th July: Break up for Summer holidays



THIS WEEK'S PLAY UPDATE:

Needless to say our shady den making areas and water play have been popular this week! On Monday we had a visit from Orcina who have given generously to our playground improvements. They loved seeing how much fun the children have and they share in our excitement for the new performance and forest schools shelter to be installed over the summer!

Our double Golden Welly winners are...

Year 3 & 5



Baby Doll Donations

Please send any old baby dolls and dolls clothes to the office.



Summer Events at your local library

The Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 4 July in all libraries.

We have a summer of fun lined up at your local library. Including music workshops based on The Hungry Caterpillar and Diary of a Wimpy Kid!

Sign your child up to the Summer Reading Challenge at any time in July/August and they will receive incentives for each book they read.



Click on the QR code to see events linked to the Summer Reading Challenge





What you need to know about...

AGE RATINGS



What are they?

'Age Ratings'

A game's age rating can be used by adults to make an informed choice as to whether or not a game is suitable for their child. The PEGI (Pan European Game Information) system rates games and, instead of indicating the level of ability required to physically play a game, it indicates the suitability of content for that age group. 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18 are the labels that can be awarded to games and a variety of content descriptors such as violence, bad language and fear are used to further clarify why the label was assigned.

16 & UP ONLY

12-15

Know the Risks

18+

Inappropriate content

The biggest and most obvious risk of not following the age rating system is that children may view or hear age inappropriate content. Many games now include scenes of a violent or graphic nature which could be upsetting or considered too intense for younger players.

Peer pressure

Peer pressure has a large role to play in age ratings being overlooked. Children don't want to be the ones left behind and can put their parents under pressure to allow them to play a game beyond the recommended suitability, especially when all of their friends are playing it or body.

Level of 'Kudos'

Playing a game with a label that is higher than their age can be viewed by some children as a challenge and to gain a good reputation among friends. Kudos is awarded to the child playing the age inappropriate game resulting in more children wanting to follow suit.

Free Platforms

In order for a game to be released on popular platforms, such as PlayStation and Xbox, game developers must pay for a PEGI rating. However, smaller development teams are sometimes reluctant to pay these fees and games are often released on other platforms, such as Steam, without any age restrictions.

FREE

Spot the Signs

Being vague

Be aware of children being vague around the content of what they want to play. If they are unwilling to supply you with information about what the game is about, this can be an indicator that you wouldn't allow them to purchase it if you knew.

Unofficial sites

There are plenty of indie games that can be bought using online stores that don't necessarily have age restrictions. If you notice your child using sites such as GOG or itch.io rather than official channels such as the Google Play store, they might be accessing games that aren't officially rated but still aren't age appropriate.

Unfamiliar terminology

Your child might start using phrases or terminology that is new to them or mimicking actions that they have learnt from a game without realising their inappropriateness.

Wanting to be secluded

Be aware if suddenly your child wants the move the device that they play their games on into a more secluded area of the house away from adults. It is a good idea for your child to play online games in shared area where you can see the screen.

Be aware of spending

Setting up accounts with online stores require bank account details. Keeping an eye on your bank balance means that you will be able to tell if there has been a new purchase and can provide you with an opportunity to ask about what new game they've purchased.

Safety Tips

Do your research

If you've noticed a new game that your child has downloaded then use quality resources to make sure that your knowledge is up to date. Online websites, such as National Online Safety, can provide you with the information you need.

Review parental controls

Review your parental controls on the stores where you buy games from. Most sites allow parents to set passwords to block games with certain age restrictions from being downloaded.

Encourage open dialogue

Encourage open dialogue with your child. You don't want to be in position where they won't talk to you if something has made them feel uncomfortable in a game because they are worried they will get in trouble for playing the game in the first place.

Discuss ratings

Talk to your child about why the game has been awarded a certain label. Debate the positives and negatives of playing a game and decide on some ground rules together.

Our Expert Heather Cardwell



Heather Cardwell is a practising Online Safety Lead and senior school leader who is passionate about safeguarding online and educating children around online risks. She has over 10+ years as a Computing Lead and has successfully developed and implemented a whole school approach to online safety in schools, delivering online safety training to both school staff and parents and helping to roll-out a bespoke online safety policy across her local network of education settings.

The bridge

Annual Open Day

In partnership with

Barrow Fulli

04.07.26

10:00am - 3:00pm



Help us celebrate a year of The Bridge! Join us for a day of free, fun activities including art workshops, dance performances, live artists, STEM activities, plus more collaborative activities with our partners.

Try it, Make it, Bridge it.

The Bridge,
Portland Walk,
Barrow-in-Furness,
LA14 1DB

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

FUN • FRIENDS • ACTIVE DAYS

WEEK 1



MON – LITTLE BALLERS
FORD PARK 1PM



TUES – MULTI SPORTS
LOW FURNESS 9.30-12.30



WED – MULTI SPORTS
ST MARYS 9.30-12.30

WEEK 3



MON – LITTLE BALLERS
FORD PARK 1PM



TUES – ACTIVITY DAY
ST MARYS 9.30-3



THURS – GIRLS FOOTBALL
ULVERSTON PARK 10AM-12PM

WEEK 4



TUES – MULTI SPORTS
ST MARYS 9.30-12.30



THURS – ACTIVITY DAY
LOW FURNESS 9.30-3

WEEK 6



MON – LITTLE BALLERS
FORD PARK 1PM



TUES – ACTIVITY DAY
LOW FURNESS 9.30-3



WED – MULTI SPORTS
ST MARYS 9.30-12.30



THURS – GIRLS FOOTBALL
ULVERSTON PARK 10AM-12PM



HP ACTIVITIES

Community | Inclusion | Engagement



**BUILD
CONFIDENCE**



**MAKE
FRIENDS**



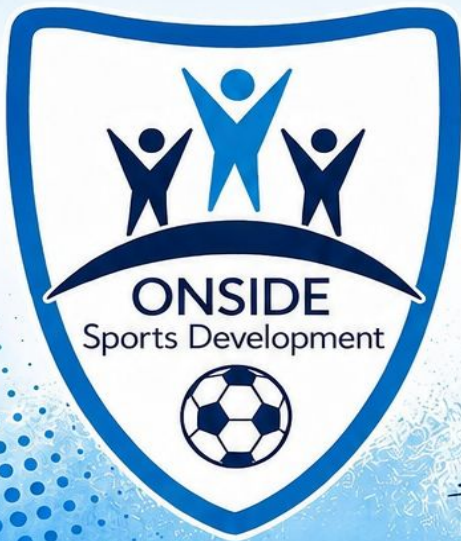
**STAY
ACTIVE**



**HAVE
FUN!**



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ONSIDE SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

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9AM – 3PM



MULTI SPORTS

WEEK 1 ST BERNARD'S MON 20TH – FRI 24TH JULY

WEEK 2 UVHS MON 27TH – FRI 31ST JULY

WEEK 3 ST BERNARD'S MON 3RD – FRI 7TH AUG

WEEK 4 UVHS MON 10TH – FRI 14TH AUG



FOOTBALL ONLY CAMP

WEEK 5 ST BERNARD'S MON 17TH – FRI 21ST AUG

WEEK 6 UVHS MON 24TH – FRI 28TH AUG



£20

PER DAY

£80

FOR THE WEEK

50%

SIBLINGS DISCOUNT



CONTACT GAV ON
07887 940150

TO BOOK!



Smart Body Sports

Super Summer HAF Holiday Activities

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to invite your child to join us this Summer for our fun-filled HAF Camps at **Sir John Barrow School**, Specially created for children aged 4–11 years. If you're looking for a safe, engaging and enriching way to keep your child active and smiling during the holidays, our Summer camps are the perfect place to be.

As an Ofsted registered provider, we pride ourselves on delivering high-quality childcare that gives parents complete peace of mind. Your child will be supported by our team of qualified, DBS-checked staff who are experienced, caring and passionate about creating positive experiences for every child. We are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment where all children feel welcome, valued and encouraged to be themselves.

Each day is packed with exciting multi-sports activities to keep children active and build confidence, alongside enriching experiences that spark curiosity and creativity. Whether your child loves being energetic outdoors, getting creative with crafts, or making new friends, our camp offers the perfect balance of structure, fun and freedom to explore.

Venue: Sir John Barrow School, Argyle St, Ulverston, LA12 0BD

Week 1: Monday 27th – Friday 31st July 2026

Week 2: Monday 3rd – Friday 7th August 2026

Time: 9am-3pm Ages: 4-11 years

Includes Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks

Spaces are limited and fill quickly, so we encourage early booking to avoid disappointment. We would love to welcome your child to what promises to be a super special summer break.

HAF FREE & PAID PLACES: We offer both FREE HAF and Paid places on camp, Simply scan the QR code below with your phone or visit www.eequ.org and enter the camp venue.

Best Wishes,

The Smart Body Sports Team
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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Does your child receive means-tested Free School Meals?

Did you know they can enjoy free, fun-packed activities and nutritious meals during the Easter, Summer, and Winter holidays through the HAF Programme? For more information, please visit our website by scanning the QR Code below.

What is the HAF Programme?

Funded by the Department for Education (DfE), the HAF Programme supports eligible children and families during school holidays. Holidays can be tough — HAF steps in with free, enriching activities, A healthy, tasty meal every day and opportunities to learn, play, and connect with others.

Attendance:

- Up to 4 days at Easter
- 16 days in Summer
- Up to 4 days in Winter

Note: The programme does not run during half-term holidays.

To check eligibility and get a booking code, please email:
HAF@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



Include:

- Child(ren)'s full names
- Dates of birth
- Parent/guardian name and contact details





We Want Your Feedback!

Did you have issues accessing HAF? Tell us about it so we can help!!

We have created a HAF Access Barriers Questionnaire for parents and carers who may have experienced difficulties accessing Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programmes. The aim is to gather feedback to help improve the service, and the responses are **completely anonymous**.

Scan the QR code to complete the short survey.

Thank you for helping us grow and improve HAF for everyone!

