



Warbstow Primary Academy and Nursery

Small and mighty is the Warbstow Way

Head of School – Mrs L Measom

25th September 2026

Dear Warbstow Families,

It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastically the children have embraced our new school values of **C.A.R.E.** since the start of term. They have demonstrated these values in their learning, friendships and daily school life, and we are very proud of the positive attitudes they are showing.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed taking part in Bikeability training, developing their cycling skills and road safety awareness. We hope they will continue to practise and build on what they have learned. Puffin Class have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the school grounds during their Forest Friday sessions, while Kingfisher Class had great fun during a practical science lesson making 'poo' as part of their learning about the digestive system. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and engagement across the school.



We would like to inform families of a change to an upcoming INSET day. The INSET day originally scheduled for **Monday 12th April 2027** has been moved to **Friday 11th June 2027**. We hope this change will enable families to attend the Royal Cornwall Show.

Homework

Next week we will be sending out further information about homework and behaviour expectations. These will help us in working together to ensure that the children are having the best learning experiences.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

We are delighted to offer peripatetic music lessons with Mrs Ballard from Cornwall Music Service Trust. Lessons are available in keyboard, violin, cello and guitar, providing children with a fantastic opportunity to develop their musical skills and confidence. For further information, including lesson details and enrolment, please visit the Cornwall Music Service Trust (CMST) website. [Cornwall Music Service Trust](#)

Tempest Photographs

Next Wednesday 30th September, Tempest will be here to take individual photos. If you would like a family group picture, you are welcome to go to the Community Hall from 8.30am where the Tempest photographer will happily take pictures of sibling groups.

Census Day – Thursday 1st October

Next Thursday 1st October is Census Day. This is when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we have to report is the number of Reception, Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day. The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we receive for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We do not receive funding for the number of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the census days each year.

Our solution to this problem is to ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the hot meal on Census Day. Your child will then be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs. Please select a meal for your child via ParentPay.



Parent/Carer Support Forums

Aspire families are invited to join a series of free online Parent/Carer Forums this autumn, delivered in partnership with the Autism in Schools Team. These supportive sessions offer practical advice, information and strategies to help parents and carers support their child's development and wellbeing. They are open to all Aspire families and no autism diagnosis is required to attend. Further information and Microsoft Teams joining links are below.

Autumn Term 1- Anxiety & Masking

Wednesday 30th September 2026, 10-11.30am

Microsoft Teams meeting Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/357960549538987?p=yhuqLYUKTAdclj6V4X>

Meeting ID: 357 960 549 538 987 Passcode: ti9Bo6ie

Thursday 15th October 2026, 1-2.30pm

Microsoft Teams meeting Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/343585685005912?p=yV52h2qnzMOWG2jkbv>

Meeting ID: 343 585 685 005 912 Passcode: kS6A7mB2

Key Dates

30th September – Tempest Photographs

1st October – Census Day

13th October – Year 1 hearing screening

13th October – Harvest Festival – 2.30pm at the Community Hall

19th and 21st October – Parents Meetings

26th – 30th October – Half term

4th January – INSET

15th–19th February - Half term

26th March – Good Friday

29th March –9th April – EASTER BREAK

3rd May – Bank Holiday

31st May-4th June – HALF TERM

11th June - INSET

23rd July – INSET

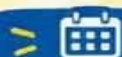
26th July – SUMMER BREAK

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility England

New rules mean more families could now be eligible for free school meals.



From the start of academic year **2026 to 2027**, your child will qualify for free school meals if your household receives **Universal Credit**, regardless of household earnings.



Eligibility for expanded FSM will be checked annually.

Who can now qualify?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if your household receives:



Universal Credit

All household earnings qualify for expanded FSM.



Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)



Guarantee element of Pension Credit



Certain families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to the relevant rules.



Targeted FSM remains linked to the £7,400 annual household earnings threshold and can qualify families for additional support such as Pupil Premium and HAF.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils also receive universal infant free school meals.

How to apply

You can check if you're eligible and apply online at:



www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



Your local authority or school will check your eligibility.



Eligibility is checked annually.



You may need to provide information to verify your claim.



Eligible children can receive free school meals; targeted FSM may also unlock other support.

These changes apply to England.



If you think you might be eligible, please visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

It only takes a few minutes to check what support may be available.



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HALLOWEEN

School Disco



FRIDAY
23RD OCTOBER



SCHOOL HALL



3:30 - 4:30PM

ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME



TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED
FROM SCHOOL THE WEEK BEFORE

£2

ENTRY INCLUDES
A BAG OF SWEETS
AND A DRINK



BRING SPARE CLOTHES
TO SCHOOL

— FANCY DRESS IS OPTIONAL —

