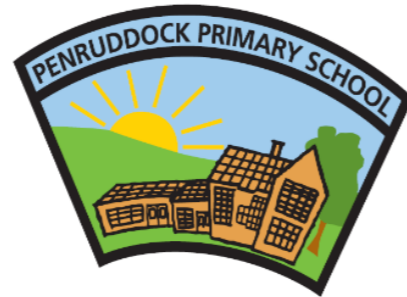
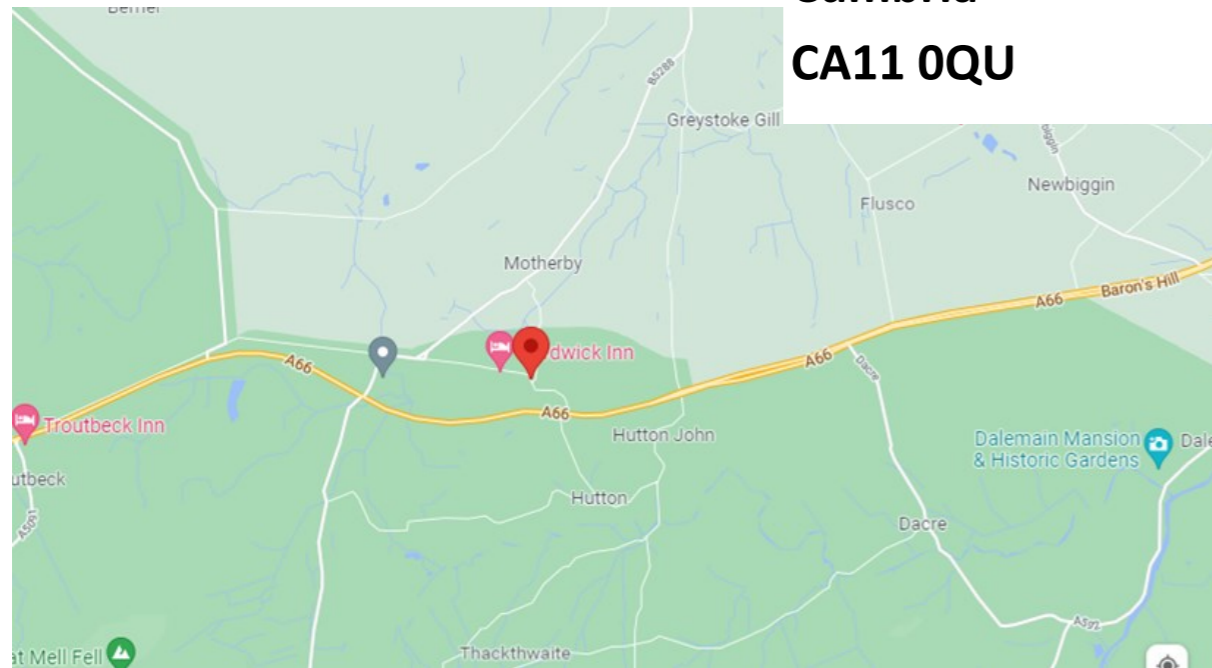


Where to find us



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Penruddock Primary School

Welcome



Penruddock School is passionate about learning and prides itself on the quality of education it offers. Academic excellence is important to us as is our commitment to pupil well-being and creativity. The curriculum is varied, exciting and develops independent learners equipped with the skills and confidence to take on the challenges of the 21st century. Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff provide a caring and stimulating environment in which children thrive. As a result our children are happy, focused learners and their behaviour is excellent.

We value everyone at Penruddock and respect is central to our ethos. Pupils, staff and governors enjoy excellent relationships with our local community and share many special events throughout the year, such as Harvest and Easter services, Coffee mornings and our Summer Sizzle.

We hope this prospectus will be helpful to you when choosing the best school for your child. We would love to share our passion for learning with you and would be pleased to show you around our school. We are very proud of all we do and welcome visits from prospective parents and carers at any time during the school year.

Our Core Values

Inspirational Curriculum

At Penruddock School we offer a broad and balanced range of subjects in line with the National Curriculum and Early Years Curriculum. Our curriculum is contextual to meet the needs of our learners and our community. We value and embrace all subjects and have a strong commitment to outdoor learning and pupil well-being.

Equality

A comforting and safe atmosphere fosters a love of learning and, through collaboration, we build empathy and respect for the ideas and beliefs of others. Every member of the school community is respected, as we are committed to providing all our children with the same opportunities irrespective of race, gender, creed or colour.



The school lives out its vision to be a caring community, where every child is nurtured. Ofsted 2020



Other Activities

In addition to the varied range of subjects offered through our curriculum, we also offer a varied range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities. These include:

Arts

- Brass tuition
- Woodwind tuition
- Artist in residence workshops
- Guitar tuition
- Craft Club
- Choir
- Ocarina
- Recorder

Enrichment

- Regular sharing assemblies
- Forest School
- School day Trips
- Specialist visitors
- Residential outdoor pursuits trip
- Residential city tour (York)
- Community coffee mornings
- Fundraising events

Events and Festivals

- Harvest festival
- Christmas Production
- Easter Service
- Leavers Events
- Summer Sizzle
- Carlisle Music Festival at Carlisle Cathedral

Sports

- Netball coaching
- Hockey coaching
- Badminton coaching
- Multi skills coaching
- Wheel chair basketball
- Fell walking
- Cross country
- Penruddock Rounders Festival

Promoting Excellent Behaviour

At Penruddock we believe that outstanding performance can only be achieved in a safe, secure environment where children feel happy, motivated and keen to achieve. High standards of behaviour grow from mutual respect and an understanding of our own rights and those of others. Behaviour applies not only to codes of conduct but also learning behaviours within the classroom and includes independence, interdependence, respect and motivation. These codes of behaviour are applied and understood by all members of our school community and ensure our school is a happy, industrious and secure learning environment for all.

Pupil Leadership

School Houses

School houses and House captains are an important element of our daily school life. When children first join Penruddock they are assigned to one of our four houses (Windermere, Derwentwater, Ullswater and Ennerdale). They earn team points for their houses through hard work, polite behaviour and showing respect for others.

Year 5 children are elected into House Captain roles to monitor house points, receive the House Cup and captain the team at inter house competitions including sports day.

School Council

School councillors are elected from each year group to represent the views and opinions of their class in school council meetings. They plan and run school events such as charity coffee mornings but also play a part in decision making across school by running mini audits and gathering pupil opinions. When appointing new staff, school councillors often help with the interview process by meeting prospective candidates and feeding back to the Headteacher and Governors.

Sports Crew

Sports Crew is made up of year 6 pupils. They are responsible for updating all classes about forthcoming sporting events and reporting results following sport competitions. They manage the school sports equipment, and support staff to run sports day and school based competitions such as the Penruddock Annual Rounders Festival.



Partnership

We believe that a strong sense of community is at the heart of learning. We value a strong partnership between home, school and the local community and together we share a common aim: to support and enrich the development of every child.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We offer a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities which includes sports, music and outdoor education. All our pupils are encouraged to take part and to discover their own interests, skills and talents.

Effective leadership and Management

The Headteacher, Governors and staff work collaboratively to ensure that all learners achieve their very best whilst at Penruddock School. Our dedicated staff work hard to motivate and inspire our children through innovative and exciting curriculum delivery. Standards of teaching and learning are excellent and levels of achievement are high across the school.

Our School

Our school premises are well cared for and well equipped with an interactive whiteboard and networked computers in each classroom. We have ipads and laptops available for use across each class throughout the day. For children starting school in our early years there is a good sized covered play area adjoining the early years classroom. We have a large playing field, forest area and pond for use in outdoor learning and a newly refurbished library to support our reading curriculum across school.

School Organisation

Our children are grouped into three classes:

Blencathra

- Nursery aged 3+ to 4 years
- EYFS aged 4-5 years
- Year 1 aged 5-6 years
- Year 2 aged 6-7 years



Home School Partnership

We value a strong partnership between home and school as we believe this contributes significantly to every child's success. Every year children, staff and parents sign our Home School Agreement, setting out foundations for a strong working relationship between home and school.

Parents are invited to meet with teachers whenever necessary and are encouraged to do so if there are concerns or worries about any aspect of their child's education. Appointments can be made through the school office. In addition, formal reporting takes place three times a year at the end of each full term and parents are invited to meet with teachers at progress meetings afterwards to discuss the report with the child's teacher.

We have a dedicated Parent/Teacher association, The Friends of Penruddock School (FOPS) who promote cohesion and co-operation between home and school through their fundraising efforts and contribution to school life.

Parent governors are elected onto the governing body by parents when a vacancy arises. Parent Governors assume all usual governor duties and responsibilities.

Newsletters are sent out regularly to keep parents up to date with school life and forthcoming events and information letters are also sent out regularly throughout the term as required. All letters are available to view online on our website. Parents can request paper copies of letters but usually all mail is sent out electronically to reduce paper waste.

Parent help in school is always valued and there are many opportunities throughout the year when extra support with activities is welcomed.

Disability and Equality

All children and adults at Penruddock School are valued and respected irrespective of race, age, disability, culture or gender. We work hard to ensure that our school operates within the laws of equal opportunity and racial equality and our school complies with the recommendations set out in the Equality Duty Act.

Forest Schools

We are proud to have introduced the Forest Schools Programme to our school in 2021. Forest School offers our children regular opportunities to achieve and develop their knowledge and experience of the world, and builds confidence and self-esteem through hands – on learning experiences in a local woodland environment. Each session is led by a qualified Forest School leader and may include conservation projects, woodland identification, camp craft skills, tool safety and shelter building.

Standards of Achievement

On order to ensure all children achieve their best during their time at Penruddock School, we monitor and track their progress carefully in lessons through teacher assessment and formal assessment tasks at key times in the year to confirm judgements. Our children complete all statutory assessments at key milestones as defined by the government including Standard Assessment tests (SATs) at the end of year 2 and Year 6.

Gifted and Talented and Special Educational Need and

Disability

Many children experience difficulties within their learning at some point during their school years; equally there are those who progress more quickly than their peers. As a small school Penruddock is able to track progress of children very carefully and identify quickly when differences develop within a child’s learning.

Our inclusive curriculum ensures that all children access all areas of learning through differentiated tasks so that all children achieve well, are challenged and make progress within each lesson. Where children exceed or fall behind expected rates of progress, parents are invited into school to discuss their child’s learning and put early intervention or extension in place to help children achieve their best. In addition, and in consultation with parents and carers, class teachers liaise regularly with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator and, when necessary, additional support is provided by teachers and support staff in school following advice from external specialists. In these instances, individual education plans are drawn up in partnership with agencies, home and school to direct learning and monitor progress even more closely for the individual.



Helvellyn

- Year 3 aged 7-8 years
- Year 4 aged 8-9 years

Skiddaw

- Year 5 aged 9-10 years
- Year 6 aged 10-11 years

Mixed age classes are a strength of our school, as they allow us to accommodate individual needs irrespective of age. Younger children experience wider opportunities in a secure environment sooner and more able children are offered a broader curriculum to take account of their needs.

Our teaching team is supported by experienced teaching assistants who enrich learning in every classroom. All classes are supported by at least two adults throughout the week. We consider a real asset to the school that in addition to responsibility for leading and managing Penruddock, our Headteacher also teaches part time.

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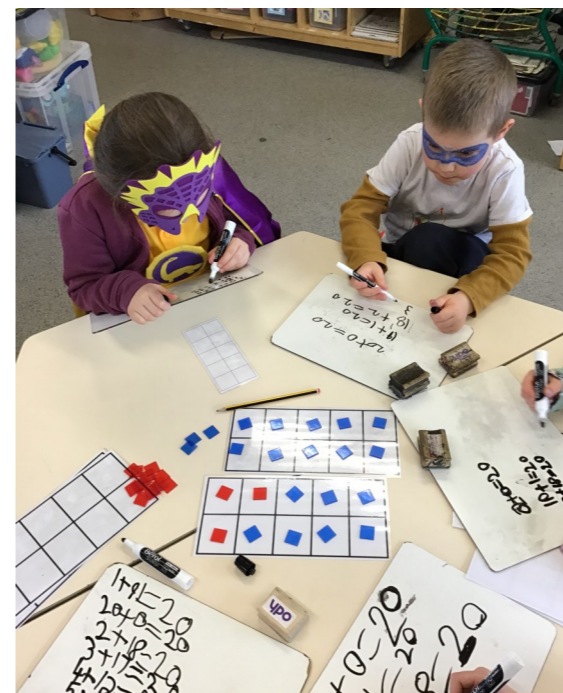
Admissions

Children are welcomed to Penruddock Primary School from the September following their 4th birthday and at any time up to the end of Year 6 and our standard admissions number is 10. We are pleased to be able to also offer nursery provision in our early years department when numbers allow. Children are accepted to nursery from 3 years.

School admissions are managed by Cumbria County Council and the criteria for entry are identified in the county council leaflet ‘Starting School in September’ which is released early in the school year.

Copies of the booklet can be obtained via the Cumbria County Council website at

www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions



The School Day

Children are supervised in school from 8.40 am each morning and registration is at 9.00am, although children are permitted on site from 8.40am. The morning is split into two sessions, divided by supervised break time at 10.30am. Lunch is at 12.00pm until 1.00pm. Afternoon school runs until 3.30pm with a short break from 2.20pm – 2.30pm. Assembly runs for 15 minutes each day but times vary across the week.

Morning Club

Morning Club operates before the school day from 8.10am every morning for families who require additional child care. Further details can be obtained from the school office or found on our website. There is a charge for this service.

After School Club

We offer a variety of after school extra-curricular clubs. These vary through the week and over the year. We work in partnership with a range of external providers who offer exciting active play activities outdoors when possible. Forest/Garden club is also popular as is craft club. Times vary through the week and there is a charge for this service. Further details can be found via the school office or through our website.

School Uniform

Penruddock School Uniform is smart and affordable and can be purchased easily within the local area. Second hand uniform is also available through our Pop up Shop on Friday school pick up or via our facebook page and office. Children wear red jumpers or cardigans embroidered with the school logo and yellow polo shirts with grey trousers or skirts. Our PE uniform comprises of black shorts with red sports shirts and black plimsolls or trainers.

Lunchtime

As a Healthy Eating School, Penruddock is committed to promoting healthy eating. Hot meals are cooked on site and are provided every day at reasonable prices. The meals offer a healthy balanced diet and the menu is provided and updated regularly with a choice of mains including sandwiches, pudding and side options. Meals are free for all infant aged children up to the end of Year 2. Parents and children have the flexibility to choose and pay for their meals on a daily, weekly or longer term basis via our online payment system. Some children prefer a cold packed lunch that they bring with them each day although packed lunches must be prepared in line with our healthy eating policy.



The Curriculum



English, maths and Science are central to our challenging and varied curriculum. They are taught in distinct subjects but are also key to our thematic units of work such as 'Blue Planet' or 'Down the River to the Sea'. Inspirational themes are used to deliver the foundation subjects such as Geography, History, ICT, Design Technology, Art, PE, Music and French. This inspirational and innovative approach to learning is key to developing independent and imaginative thinkers who embrace challenge and think creatively. It motivates our children to succeed and promotes consistently high standards of achievement and behaviour across school.

Older pupils are avid readers. They talk passionately about reading. Several pupils told inspectors that they find it hard to put their book down. Ofsted 2020



PE

We recognise the importance of physical skills for developing coordination, tactics and team work within our children. We offer a range of specialist sports coaching throughout the year such as badminton, netball, tennis and hockey as well as multi skills for our younger children. In addition, as part of the School's Sports Partnership, we work closely with other local primary schools to access specialist facilities and provide a range of high quality sporting opportunities and competitions for our youngsters throughout the year.

French

Modern Foreign Languages are an important element of education today. At Penruddock we utilise the specialist French speaking skills of one of our teachers to deliver French to both our junior classes. We enrich our curriculum by including French speaking within our weekly routines when possible and consequently our children achieve well and enjoy learning to write and speak French with confidence.

Music

Essential skills of co-operation, co-ordination and listening are just a few of the many important skills developed through music. Music lessons are delivered in class regularly and in addition whole class recorder and ocarina sessions are delivered to Class 2 and Class 3. Individual brass, woodwind and guitar lessons are delivered by external specialists to individuals keen to learn to play an instrument at an additional cost. Our choir and instrumentalists are proud to perform in our concerts, services and productions in school as well as compete in local festivals and competitions.

