



## OPAL Playtime



We are delighted with the OPAL playtimes that we have set up for our pupils. OPAL stands for **Outdoor Play And Learning**. Pupils can enjoy a scooter park, reading area, sand pit, mud kitchen, team games, a den-building area, and much more.

Our pupils really do enjoy these areas, and as a school we work hard to ensure they are safe and well resourced. I am aware, however, of some recent damage to equipment that pupils have brought into school. All areas are supervised when children are using equipment, but unfortunately some items — including personal belongings — can get damaged during play.

School cannot take responsibility for any personal equipment that is damaged in school. We would like to remind parents that we have bikes and scooters available for pupils to use. So if your child does not want to risk damage to their own bike or scooter, they can still fully enjoy the play areas using the equipment provided by school.



New Marske Primary School

## Welcome to Arbor

Arbor is our primary method of communication with parents. The most efficient way to stay updated is through the Arbor messaging app. We use this service to share important information, so please ensure you have the app installed and check it regularly.

Arbor is also used for email communication, so it's important that your email address is up to date on the system. If you're having any trouble logging in or accessing Arbor, just let the school office know and we'll be happy to help.



## Free School Meals



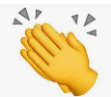
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council is now accepting Free School Meals applications for year 7 pupils transitioning from Primary school and for all families that are receiving Universal Credit.

From September 2026 every household with children at school receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals. Families who do not receive Universal credit but are on a low income may also be able to claim.

To find out more about Free School Meal entitlement and to make a claim, please use the following link [www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/fsm)



## Phonics and Multiplication Checks



Well done to our Year 1 and Year 4 pupils who have taken important tests this week. Year 1 pupils completed their Phonics Screening Check, and Year 4 pupils took their Multiplication Check. These checks are taken by all children in these year groups across the country, and we are really pleased with the positive way our pupils approached them.

Although we do not yet know the official results, our pupils worked incredibly hard and showed great determination. Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting the children during this important part of their time in primary school.

## **Appointments**

Please can we politely ask parents to make appointments for services such as opticians or the dentist out of school time. We understand that some appointments cannot be rearranged such as a hospital appointment. However, if you are able to choose the time, please ensure that routine appointments do not impact learning time.