



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

YEAR 6

Welcome to Year 6! We are really looking forward to spending this year with such a fantastic group of children and we are looking forward to supporting them during their final year at High Hesket CE School. There will be lots of transitional activities taking place throughout the year and the children will also have a range of opportunities to develop their wider responsibility and independence.

Who's Who

The teaching staff in Year 6 are Mrs Harvey, Mrs Howe and Mrs Winspear. Mrs Harvey's teaching days are Thursday and Friday. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 6 will be taught by Mrs Howe. Mrs Howe is an experienced KS2 teacher, having taught in the Carlisle area for 19 years. She is delighted to join the team at High Hesket and looking forward to working with you all. Mrs Winspear will be in class most mornings and will be covering the class on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be available at the end of each school day if you should need anything or you would like to say hello! As always, if you would like to discuss anything about your child's experiences or progress, please do get in touch and we can arrange a time to chat. Our email addresses can be found at the end of this newsletter.

What my child needs in school each day:

Water & snack

As you will know, we encourage the children to have a refillable drinks bottle in school, which should contain water only. The children are also welcome to bring a healthy snack, which we do ask does not contain any nuts due to allergies in school.

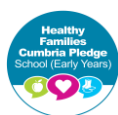
PE including swim / gym

This half term, our PE day will be on a Tuesday and we will be attending gymnastics lessons at Richard Rose Morton Academy, along with Year 5. On Tuesdays, children should come to school dressed in their PE kits. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be removed or covered. We will also be completing a week of intensive swimming at Woggle Goggle in Penrith which will start on Monday 20th October and we will have a swimming session every day for the full week. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Please could all children bring an empty 500ml single use water bottle to school on Monday 8th September? This is for an activity that forms part of our PSHE lesson that afternoon. It will be used as part of a craft-based activity so needs to be one that doesn't need to be returned.

Homework

The children will be given spellings on a weekly basis linked to the rules we be exploring in our spelling sessions. We will be sending home a printed list for each half term with the spellings and these will also be added to Google Classroom. The children will be tested on the spellings from the previous week on the following Monday. These will commence in the week beginning Monday 8th September. In addition to this, we ask that the children read regularly at home, ideally on their Accelerated Reader book although children are also welcome to read books from home. Once they have finished their book, they should login to Accelerated Reader and complete the quiz. Weekly practice on Maths Shed and/or Times Tables Rock Stars/Timestables.co.uk will also support what the children are learning in class, as these allow for consolidation of core skills and strategies. The children should already be familiar with these platforms but please let us know if you need any login details.



Important Dates and Events:

Captains / Vice captains / School council

In Year 6, we try and provide the children with lots of opportunities to take on additional responsibilities. These may be in the form of librarians, lunch time buddies, Collective Worship monitors and many other roles that arise throughout the year. For many years, we have had house teams (red, yellow, green and blue) and we have a nominated Captain and Vice-captain for each team. These are voted for by their team mates and the voting process will hopefully be taking place next week. For any children who wish to put themselves forward for the role, they are invited to prepare a short speech which they will share with the rest of their team mates across the school. A private vote then takes place and the two candidates with the most votes will become Captain and Vice-Captain. A class vote for two school councillors will also take place. We are always so impressed with the efforts that the children put in to the preparation and we know that they are much sought after roles. Unfortunately, we cannot allocate the roles to every child who would like to be captain and we do try and prepare the children as much as possible for any disappointment that may arise. We also endeavour to try and find wider roles throughout they year so as everyone has the opportunity to showcase their skills in a range of different ways.

Year 6 trip to Carlisle

Later this half term, we have booked for the children to visit Carlisle Courts as part of our PSHE topic. We will also be walking around Carlisle City Centre to complete the Carlisle Street Art trail which will complement our Art & Design work back in school. We will be sending out a letter with further details about the trip shortly.

Key Stage 2 SATs

You may already be aware that children in Year 6 undertake Statutory Assessment Tests towards the end of the school year. This year, SATs week will take place between Monday 11th May and Thursday 14th May 2026.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 15th September 2025 – PTA meeting at 3.30pm in school

Monday 22nd September 2025 – Fairtrade Fortnight (activities in classes)

Friday 26th September 2025 – Harvest festival and Harvest lunch

Wednesday 15th October 2025 – Year 6 trip to Carlisle Courts and the street art trail

Friday 24th October 2025 – School closes for half term

Yours sincerely,

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