



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Monday 22nd September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

The term is in full swing! Our classes have thrown themselves into their curriculum work and it is fabulous to see how well they have adapted to their new year groups. A reminder that our class pages on the school website contain information about what is being taught in each class this year, as well as other information that you may find useful.

Parent governor election

The election process for our parent governor vacancy has recently concluded and we are delighted to announce that Mrs Rachael Tulip has been reappointed into the role. We are very grateful for the support of all our governors and the details of our governing body can be found on our school website.

Whole school project day – Thursday 9th October 2025

This term's whole school project day will take place on Thursday 9th October 2025 and we are already very excited about the activities on offer! This time, we asked the School Council to find out what the children are keen to have as their project day workshops and we are delighted to have been able to take on lots of their suggestions. For those of you new to the school, project day is an opportunity for the children to work in their house colour teams and complete four activities across the course of the day. It is lovely to see the children mixed up across the year groups and to see how brilliantly the older and younger pupils interact. We use the sessions to work on the children's collaboration, resilience and team work skills. The children are welcome to wear non-uniform for the day and many of them also choose to wear items or accessories in their team colour. If your child is new to the school and you are unsure of what colour team your child has joined, please do get in touch and we can let you know this information as they will remain in the same team for the duration of their time at the school.

This project day, the activities are as follows:

- A football skills session with No Limit Football Coaching
- Animal handling with Claire's Cool Creatures
- Craft workshop with Just Messin'
- Harvest prayer spaces with NISCU

EYFS Forest School session with Miss Kendall – Wednesday 15th October 2025

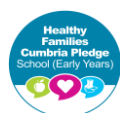
Nursery & Reception will be participating in a range of outdoor activities with Miss Kendall on Wednesday 15th October. The children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and will require clothing that is able to get wet and muddy as they will be outside in all weathers!

Takeaway breakfast – Friday 24th October 2025

Our kitchen staff will be providing takeaway breakfast rolls on Friday 24th October 2025 for a small fee as a treat to end the term! They will be on sale from 7.45am from the school hall and any profit made will go towards school funds. A letter with more details and an order form will be sent out nearer the time.

Climate 180 – Wednesday 24th September 2025

We are delighted to have been successful in securing some funding to engage with the Climate 180 programme which includes access to an ambassador who will come into school and support us in how we can maximise the use of our school grounds to ensure climate sustainability. Next Wednesday 24th October, we will be welcoming our Climate 180 trainer for the afternoon who will spend some time with our school council and will also deliver some training to the school staff. The training will begin towards the end of the school day, so to maximise the time, we will be trying to release as many staff as possible just before home time. On this day, Year 1 and Year 2 will both be released from the Year 1 classroom door so **Year 2 parents should collect their children from the bottom of the school steps by the main gate.**



Guitars

We have requested an update from Westmorland & Furness Music Hub about the availability of a guitar teacher as we were expecting to have been able to offer sessions this half term. They are currently finalising their recruitment processes and have promised to be in touch shortly. Thank you so much for your patience!

Value of the term

This term, our focus will be on our value of 'community'. This will be the main focus for our whole school Collective Worship sessions.

Raffle prizes

The PTA are beginning preparations for our Christmas Fair raffle. They are hoping to be able to secure some donations of prizes from local businesses so would be very grateful if anyone knows of anyone willing to contribute. Please do get in touch if you can help!

Dates for the diary:

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

Wednesday 1st October 2025 – Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church at 11am followed by Harvest lunch

Thursday 9th October 2025 – Whole school project day (non-uniform and/or team colours welcome)

Monday 13th October 2025 – Y3&4 intensive week of swimming at Woggle Goggle

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

Wednesday 15th October 2025 – EYFS Forest School session with Miss Kendall

Wednesday 15th October 2025 – Reading meeting for Reception parents at 2.30pm

Thursday 16th October 2025 – Year 6 mock trial workshop

Thursday 16th October 2025 – PTA Beetle Drive event

Monday 20th October 2025 – Y5&6 intensive week of swimming at Woggle Goggle

Friday 24th October 2025 – Takeaway breakfast

Friday 24th October 2025 – School closes for half term

Monday 3rd November 2025 – School reopens

Thursday 6th November 2025 – Outdoor Classroom Day

Monday 10th November 2025 – Anti bullying week

Tuesday 11th November 2025 – Remembrance service at St Mary's Church (pupils only)

Friday 14th November 2025 – Children in Need (non-uniform)

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November 2025 – Parent's evenings

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 – EYFS Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y1&2 Christmas performance at 2pm

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 – Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 – Y1 Forest School session with Miss Kendall

Thursday 4th December 2025 – Year 1&2 Christmas performance at 9.15am and Year 3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

Friday 5th December 2025 – PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 9th December 2025 – Year 3-6 trip to Theatre by the Lake

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Christmas lunch and parties

Thursday 18th December 2025 – Toy day

Friday 19th December 2025 – Year 5 Carol Service for whole school (families of Year 5 welcome to attend)

Friday 19th December 2025 – School closes for Christmas holiday

Wednesday 7th January 2026 – School reopens for Spring term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher