



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Monday 13th October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Harvest Festival and lunch which was a wonderful success! The children performed fabulously and we are very grateful for the Foodbank donations that we also received. St Mary's Church is a registered Foodbank collection point and there is a box available in the foyer where items can be left between 10am and 3pm each day should anyone wish to donate again in the future.

EYFS Forest School session – Wednesday 15th October 2025

Our EYFS children will be working with Miss Kendall on Wednesday to undertake a range of outdoor Forest School based activities. The children are welcome to wear non-uniform for the day and we would recommend that they wear clothes that are suitable for getting muddy! The children will be spending time outside, regardless of the weather, so they will also need waterproof coats and suitable footwear (wellies are ideal which they should already have in school). If it is particularly wet, you may wish to send a change of clothes if needed.

Reception parent reading meeting – Wednesday 15th October 2025

For those of you with children in Reception, you should have received details about a short information session led by Miss Carruthers about how we teach reading within school. This will take place at 2.30pm on Wednesday 15th October and will also be followed by refreshments.

Easy fundraising – please support if you can!

Our PTA have signed us up on the Easy Fundraising platform, easyfundraising.org.uk. Easy Fundraising partners with a huge number of online shopping brands to donate a proportion of what you spend online to a specified cause at no further cost to the shopper. To support this, you just need to start your shopping from the Easy Fundraising website or app and ensure that you have selected our school as the cause you wish to support. There is a banner located along the school railings which contains further information and a QR code that you can use to get started! Happy shopping!

Takeaway breakfast – Friday 24th October 2025

You should have received a letter with further details about how to order a takeaway breakfast on this final day of this half term. All order forms need to be returned by Monday 20th October to allow time to purchase ingredients. Thank you!

Guitars

We are still awaiting a further update from the Westmorland and Furness Music Hub regarding the availability of a guitar teacher for our school. We assume that it is unlikely that we will be able to restart lessons before the October half term but hope to have more news soon!

School bus bay – IMPORTANT

As we have previously mentioned, our school bus bay needs to be kept clear for the school minibus at the start and end of the school day. It can be used to 'stop and drop' but should not be used to park or for the driver to exit the vehicle, even if for only a few moments. Our minibus driver, Laurence, is not legally allowed to reverse with children present on the bus and so needs an adequate amount of space to be able to manoeuvre. Please share this request with any extended family members or friends that assist in transporting to school and your support is very much appreciated.

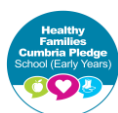
Dates for the diary:

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

Monday 13th October 2025 – Year 5 Tullie House Outreach session on Industrial Carlisle (in school workshop)

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)

Wednesday 12th November 2025 – School photographs

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