



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Although it has been a longer than usual term, it has flown by and we are already entering the first half term break! Thank you to everyone who attended our recent fundraising events, such as the PTA Beetle Drive and today's takeaway breakfast, as we are very grateful for your support. The next term will be filled with preparations for Christmas and there are lots of events to look out for in the 'dates for your diary' section.

School photographs – Wednesday 12th November 2025

Our school photographer, Heidi, will be on site during the morning of Wednesday 12th November 2025 to take individual and family group photographs. If there are any siblings who are not yet of school age who would like to be included in family group photographs, please let us know and we can arrange for you to have these taken prior to the main session at 8.45 by arriving at the external school hall door.

EYFS staffing – w/c Monday 3rd November 2025

Miss Carruthers, our EYFS teacher, is going to be off site for the week commencing Monday 3rd November. We are excited that she will be undertaking Forest School training and we are hoping this will mean we can deliver an increased number of Forest School sessions once this is completed. In her absence, Miss Digedan will be covering in EYFS for the week.

British Legion Poppy Appeal / Remembrance Service

From Monday 3rd November 2025, we will be selling a selection of items to raise money for the British Legion poppy appeal until Tuesday 11th November 2025 (whilst stocks last). The items include: fabric wrist bands, poppy reflectors and snap bands and we recommend a donation of £1 per item. Please note there is limited stock of each item so they will be on a first come, first served basis and we also have a box of traditional poppies which can be purchased for a donation of your choice. The children will also be participating in a whole school service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 11th November with Reverend Allison where we will be planting our recycled plastic poppies at the front of the church.

Y5&6 Wheelchair basketball – Wednesday 5th November 2025

On Wednesday 5th November, our Year 5 & 6 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a wheelchair basketball session during the course of the day. As this will be an active and fast paced activity, we recommend that the children come to school in their PE kits for the day.

Scholastic Book Fair – Tuesday 11th November - Friday 14th November 2025

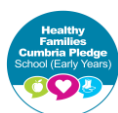
From Tuesday 11th November 2025 to Friday 14th November 2025, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the hall each day after school from 3pm until 3.30pm. There will be a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books on sale and there are always some great bargains! At the end of the book fair, school does receive a proportion of the takings to purchase books for the school library so we are very grateful for any sales!

Outdoor Classroom Day – Friday 7th November 2025 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

After half term we will be participating in International Outdoor Classroom Day. This year, due to other commitments in school, we will be holding this on Friday 7th November 2025 which is the day after the official Outdoor Classroom Day takes place. The children will be completing activities outdoors for at least part of the day so we do ask that the children come prepared for all weathers. They are welcome to wear non-uniform for the day and should also have waterproof coats and a change of footwear available. Many thanks!

Christmas Card orders – DEADLINE 30TH OCTOBER 2025

You should have received a flyer from Easy Fundraising with a Christmas Card design that your child has produced. If you would like to order any cards or other items, the deadline for doing so is **Thursday 30th October 2025**.



Attendance FAQ

The Local Authority have updated their FAQ regarding school attendance procedures and fixed penalty notices. These have been sent out alongside this letter for your reference. Please note that we are only able to authorise absence in very exceptional circumstances and it is highly unlikely that a holiday will be considered exceptional. Our attendance policy can be found on the school website if required.

PE days for after half term

EYFS – Monday and Thursday

Year 1 – Thursday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3&4 – Monday and Tuesday (Gymnastics at Richard Rose Morton Academy)

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday and Thursday

Dates for the diary:

Friday 24th October 2025 – School closes for half term

Monday 3rd November 2025 – School reopens

Wednesday 5th November 2025 – Wheelchair basketball for Y5&6

Friday 7th November 2025 – Outdoor Classroom Day (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Monday 10th November 2025 – Anti bullying week

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

Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th November 2025 – Scholastic Book Fair

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

Wednesday 26th November 2025 – Y1 Forest School session with Miss Kendall (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

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 26th November 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