



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! Christmas chaos is just around the corner and I am sure it will soon start to get very hectic! Hopefully, this newsletter will outline some of the key upcoming events but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Seasonal flu outbreak information / nasal flu immunisation

We have been asked to circulate the accompanying letter from the Local Authority which contains information about the current seasonal flu outbreak and how to help prevent the spread. The nasal flu immunisation team have been in to school today to administer the spray to those children whose parents provided consent via the NHS portal.

Remembrance Day 2025

We will continue to sell items from the Royal British Legion (varied items with a suggested donation of £1) at the start of next week. Reception – Year 6 will also be attending St Mary's Church on Tuesday 11th November to take part in a remembrance service led by Reverend Allison. Unfortunately, Year 3&4 will be unable to attend due to their gymnastics session at Richard Rose Morton Academy but they will mark the 2-minute silence at the end of their session. **Year 6 will not need PE kits on this day.**

School photographs – Wednesday 12th November 2025

A reminder that our school photographer will be with us on Wednesday to take individual and family group photographs. As mentioned previously, 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. **PE kits are not required on this day.**

Children in Need – Friday 14th November 2025

To raise money for BBC's Children in Need campaign, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14th November 2025. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their own clothing and donations towards Children in Need are gratefully received (suggested donation £1).

School Money reminder

It would be greatly appreciated if parents can reconcile any outstanding amounts from previous terms on their School Money accounts. Please do let us know if you would like any assistance with this.

Guitar lessons – Thursday 13th November 2025

For those parents who expressed an interest in their child starting guitar lessons, you should have received a letter with further details of the sessions which are due to begin on Thursday 13th November 2025. If you have not received this letter, please let us know and we can make sure one is sent out for you. The arrangements for piano lessons are still being finalised and further information about these will be sent out later this term as we expect piano sessions to begin in January.

Parent's evening appointments

Earlier this week, we circulated a letter with booking arrangements for our parent's evenings on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November. If you have not received this, please let us know as the deadline to return these is Monday 10th November 2025.

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

A reminder that, 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. Please feel free to pop round to the hall door if you would like to take a look. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or payments can be made online through the provided QR code. School will receive a proportion of all sales which can be used to buy new books for the library.



Christmas theatre trips

We have booked for Years 3-6 to visit The Theatre by the Lake performance of "The Wizard of Oz" on Tuesday 9th December 2025. Transport to the performance is very kindly paid for by the PTA but we do ask for a parent contribution towards the tickets of £12 per child. We need to confirm numbers with the venue shortly so will be adding this to School Money next week. **If you do not want your child to attend, please let us know by Monday 17th November 2025** so as we can ensure we have catered for the correct number of pupils. It is always a fantastic performance which the children really enjoy!

In addition to this, we have recently confirmed that children in EYFS – Year 2 will visit Penrith Cinema on Wednesday 10th December 2025 to attend a showing of Zootropolis 2. A letter with further details will be sent out shortly.

Switch off fortnight – Monday 10th-Sunday 23rd November 2025

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be participating in 'Switch Off Fortnight' which is a campaign designed to encourage children to think about ways in which they can save energy. Children will be reminded to turn off lights and to consider others ways in which they can play a part in energy saving actions. Feel free to join in at home!

Year 1 Forest School session – Wednesday 26th November 2025

Year 1 will be participating in a day of outdoor activities with Miss Kendall on Wednesday 26th November 2025. As the weather is so unpredictable, the children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and will require clothing/footwear that is able to get wet and muddy! It would be advisable for the children to ensure they have a change of waterproof footwear in school that day (wellies are ideal) and, if it is particularly wet, they may also wish to bring a change of dry clothing just in case.

Dates for the diary:

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 10th December 2025 – EYFS-Y2 trip to Penrith Cinema

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