



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our recent fundraising non-uniform day for Children in Need. We are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic £147! We would also like to extend thanks to our families who were able to attend the Scholastic Book Fair and we are look forward to receiving a book voucher from Scholastic to be used to purchase new books for the school library.

Christmas card orders – shop reopening

You should have received an email that, due to demand, the Easy Fundraising online shop will reopen for a short period to allow parents to order additional cards and items using the designs that the children created in school. The shop has now reopened and will close on Monday 1st December.

School menu requests - 2 week notice period

We try to be as flexible as possible with amendment requests for our school lunches and can offer a jacket potato or baguette/sandwich option in addition to the main meal. Menus can be found on the school website and we are happy to discuss any specific requests that you may have. However, to ensure that we can meet all meal orders, we are introducing a two week notice period to allow us time to ensure we can accommodate requests. If you would like to make a change to any of the meal options or have any specific queries, please feel free to contact the school office and we can liaise with the kitchen for you.

Year 1 Forest School session – Wednesday 26th November 2025

Year 1 will be participating in a Forest School session with Miss Kendall on Wednesday 26th November. Much of the day will be spent outdoors, even if the weather is wet, so we suggest that the children come with waterproof coats, a change of footwear (wellies are ideal) and a change of clothing if required. We also recommend that the children wear non-uniform for the day and that they have clothing that is able to get muddy.

Parking outside school

We would like to remind parents not to park across resident's driveways or in a way that prevents them from safely accessing their drives. Residents require access to their properties at all times so your support with this is much appreciated.

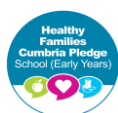
PTA Christmas Fair – parking

Following on from the parking requests, as this year's Christmas Fair approaches, please can we remind parents to consider their parking carefully if they are coming to attend the fair. Last year, we had some significant parking difficulties that resulted in multiple service buses being unable to travel through the village. Please can we ensure parking allows for vehicles to pass through safely and that the bus bay is also kept clear. This will allow space for cars to pull in to allow other vehicles to pass.

Photo/information sharing consent – Christmas events & newspaper photography

At our Christmas performances, we often produce a programme for the audience as a souvenir of the events. This normally includes a group photograph and then a list of the individual children's names and the parts they play. If you do not wish your child's information to be included in the programme, please let school know by Friday 28th November 2025. Similarly, we are usually asked by the local newspapers to submit a group cast photograph from our Christmas plays, usually taken at our dress rehearsals. We use our school photography consent forms to inform this so please also let us know by Friday 28th November if there is any change to the consent that we hold in school.

Dates for the diary:



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

Wednesday 26th November 2025 – Y1 Forest School session with Miss Kendall

Friday 28th November 2025 – Year 3&4 trip to Keswick Museum and Castlerigg Stone Circle

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

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