



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

January is flying by and we are already half way through the half term! It has been lovely to see our pupils welcome our new nursery children so warmly and we are looking forward to lots of upcoming opportunities for the children to work together across the school to continue to build our school community.

Whole School Project Day – Wednesday 11th February 2026

We are delighted to be holding one of our termly 'Whole School Project days' on Wednesday 11th February 2026. This is a day where the children are organised in to their colour teams across the year groups and get to spend the day with their team completing a range of collaborative activities. As it is a colour team event, the children are welcome to come into school dressed in non-uniform and many children choose to wear clothing or items in their team colours (although this is not compulsory). As you will see from the list below, some of the activities may be outside (including in all weathers) so the children will need waterproof coats and a change of footwear (wellies are ideal). They will also need clothing that they can be active in. This term, the activities are as follows:

1. Martial arts workshop with B5 Martial Arts
2. Forest School with Miss Kendall
3. Biscuit decorating with our school cook, Mrs Sam Proud
4. Prayer and reflection activities with NISCU

We have had a wide range of activities over the last couple of years, including animal handling, a variety of sport workshops, arts and crafts, science and much more! We are always on the look out for new workshop ideas so please do let us know if you are aware of any groups or activities that may be suitable. Our fabulous PTA kindly cover the cost of many of the sessions and our project days would not be possible without their fundraising efforts.

Children's Mental Health Week – Monday 9th February 2026

During Children's Mental Health week, we will be engaging with a range of activities and online sessions linked to this year's theme, 'This is my place'. The website <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> is a great starting point if any parents would like to know more about the week and there are links to the supporting charity 'Place2Be'.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10th February 2026

The annual safer Internet Day takes place during Children's Mental Health Week and we will be engaging in lots of discussion around this in our classes. Online safety has been a theme for our computing curriculum this term and the children have explored lots of strategies to help keep themselves safe online. If you are looking for support as a parent, the NSPCC website at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> and the Internet Matters website at <https://www.internetmatters.org/> are both really useful points of call for parents.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

Although it is a little way off, I thought it would be useful to give advance warning of World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026. During the week, we will be taking part in a range of book related activities and online webinars in our classes. On World Book Day itself, the children are very welcome to come to school dressed in a book inspired outfit if they wish. The outfit can be linked to either fiction or non-fiction or, if the children do not have an outfit available, they are very welcome to come to school in non-uniform.

Illness and medication

Just a polite reminder that, following an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea due to illness, children should not return to school until 48 hours have passed from their last episode. If a child requires any form of medication in school, we do request that this is only done when essential and should be prescription medication only. If medication is to be administered, there is paperwork that needs to be completed in the school office. Medication should be in its original packaging with the prescription labels evident. Your support and understanding with this is much appreciated.



Dates for the diary:

Monday 9th February 2026 – Children’s mental health week

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th February 2026 – Whole school project day

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th February 2026 – Year 6 parent’s evenings

Friday 13th February 2026 – School closes for half term

Monday 23rd February 2026 – School reopens

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th February 2026 – Year 6 ‘Voices for Equality’ workshop

Wednesday 25th February 2026 – Year 5 Anti Racism workshop

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book Day

Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th March 2026 – Year 5& 6 residential to Robinwood

Friday 20th March 2026 – Red Nose Day (non-uniform day)

Friday 27th March 2026 – Easter service at St Mary’s Church (children only)

Friday 27th March 2026 – School closes for Easter holiday

Monday 13th April 2026 – School reopens for summer term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher