



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

March has arrived already and, as this is a short half term, we are already beginning our preparations for Easter. We have an Easter service to look forward to at the end of term and there are several key events upcoming in this term, such as World Book Day and Red Nose Day. It will be a busy few weeks!

A sad farewell to Mrs Marley!

We are sad to be saying goodbye to one of our wonderful Senior Teaching Assistants, Mrs Marley, who has been a very valued member of our staff team. She is leaving the school to begin a new adventure at a specialist residential centre and her last day will be Friday 20th March 2026. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well as she will be very much missed!

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

This Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of activities in our classes. The children are very welcome to dress up in book related outfits if they wish but non-uniform is equally welcome. Mr Armstrong will be in to teach his weekly PE sessions on World Book Day so EYFS, Year 5 and Year 6 will either need costumes that are suitable for an active session or can bring a change of clothing/footwear for the session. No other classes will be involved in PE on this day.

Tom Palmer author visit – Friday 13th March 2026

A reminder that we are looking forward to welcoming Tom Palmer to school on Friday 13th March 2026. He will be delivering an assembly to children in Reception to Year 6 and will then hold workshops for Years 3-6. An order form to purchase books prior to Tom's visit has been sent home and, anyone who would like to buy a title, should return this to school by the **end of today**.

PTA fundraising scratch cards

A huge thank you to those of you who have taken part in the PTA scratch card fundraising. As mentioned in the previous letter, anyone wishing to take part should sell all of the squares on the provided card at £2 per square and each square represents the name of a hedgehog. Once the card is full, the answer can be revealed and the winning participant receives a £20 prize from the money collected. Please return any remaining money to school by **Friday 27th March** and, for returning the card, each child will receive a small chocolate treat. **If you have not yet received the chocolate treat, please contact the office as there are not names recorded on the cards.**

Year 2 Forest School Day with Miss Kendall – Tuesday 17th March 2026

Our Year 2 class will have a Forest School Day with Miss Kendall on Tuesday 17th March 2026. It is likely that they will be outside for much of the day, regardless of the weather, so please ensure that your child has waterproof items and a change of footwear (wellies are ideal). The children are also welcome to come in non-uniform for the day (clothing that is suitable for muddy activities) and, if it is particularly wet, you may wish to send in a spare change of clothes.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March 2026

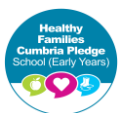
To raise money for Red Nose Day, the children are welcome to dress in non-uniform form on Friday 20th March 2026 and donations are very welcome (suggested donation £1) for Comic Relief. Our PTA is also hosting an afternoon tea on this day with any profits made being split between High Hesket CE School and Comic Relief. A letter with more details is being sent out shortly.

Dates for the diary:

Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book Day

Friday 6th March 2026 – Year 3 & 4 Cyclewise session

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



Friday 13th March 2026 – Tom Palmer author visit

Monday 16th March 2026 – Year 6 vaping workshop with CADAS (more information to follow)

Tuesday 17th March 2026 – Year 2 Forest School session with Miss Kendall

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

Friday 20th March 2026 – PTA afternoon tea

Tuesday 24th March 2026 – Year 3&4 trip to Vindolanda

Wednesday 25th March 2026 – Year 5 & 6 RSE sessions with the school nurse (more information to follow)

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